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November 28.

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Orders you may receive from Lieutenant Colonel Forbes.
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land at Nagapatam you will deliver the Compties to the
Storekeepers at that place and make the best of your
way to Bengal.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

John Hindlestone

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John Hindlestone

I having been represented by Mr John Living that
his Brother Mr William Living, Paymaster of Madras, is

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Mr Living
has been directed
to act as

as Paymaster at
Mellard in his Room.

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in so bad a state of health that it is become necessary
for him to visit Madras without delay, in Order to
have proper Assistance, it is Agreed that leave be given
to Mr. William Living to come to Madras for the
Recovery of his Health and that Mr. William Cran
be appointed to act as Paymaster and Treasurer of the
Revenue of the Assigned Countries of Mellard and
Sevapully, from the Return during Mr. Living's
Absence.

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Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord

President and Governor &c. &c.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I was last Night

Your Letter of the 21st ultimo. advising

me of the Arrival of Sir Richard B. and
Conway — which is a most event and will
doubtless give a favorable change to our affairs — I
applied to you for leave to resign the Command of
this place previous to my receiving information of
Colonel Sang of your Orders regarding the Staff
in a frontier Garrison like this. You can easily
imagine the necessity of the Commanding Officer
receiving the first intelligence. Besides the
people consider it as a diminution of his Authority.
I beg pardon for mentioning this. My present
wish is that you will permit me to join
Regiment to which I properly belong. Colonel

From Colonel Mearns
asking leave to join
his Regiment

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is arrived at Soagody - and will be here tomorrow -
and Tippoo is advancing towards Aramare cooty - which
lies in the direct road to Palliachowry - which place
it is reported Colonel Humberston has taken - he was
before at the 19th - I am of opinion Tippoo will push on
immediately to meet him.

I have the honor to remain with respect
My Lord and Gentlemen

Yours most Obedt^{ly}
& faithful Slave

Signed

C. Nixon

The Honble Company's Ship Satham having receiv-
ed our Board the Detachment ordered to the Southward
under the command of Colonel Forbes, is now despatched
with the following Letters and enclosures -

Captain Spencer Cochrane
Commanding at Negapatam -
Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee, to inform you that
Lieutenant Colonel Forbes with two Companies of His
Majesty's 103rd Regiment and a number of the Company's
Troops equal in the whole to 300 men rank and file now
proceed in the Ship Satham to Negapatam in order
to reinforce the Army under Colonel Sarge.

There has been sent on Board 25
days provisions for the Troops of which if they land at
Negapatam the surplus will be delivered to the
Storekeeper there -

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& Nixon
Satham
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Some Stone are also sent on the Latham
accompanying List.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt
& humble servant

(Signed)

John Rudwick

To James Morley Esq.

Resident at Anjer

Sir

Anjer Colonel
Forbes will proceed
with 900 troops on board
the Latham to Anjer
and if any objection
being there at
Latham.

Lieutenant Colonel Forbes of
Majesty's 102nd Regiment embarked on the
Latham for Negapatam with 500 men
and four pairs of troops in order to reinforce
the Southward under Colonel Lang - should
found impracticable to land the troops
Colonel Forbes is instructed to proceed
to Anjer where we request you will
every assistance he may find to will
agreeably to the instructions to enable
We are, Sir, very respectfully,
Sir

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We are, Sir, very respectfully,
Sir

Your most Obedt
& humble servant

(Signed)

W. Cartney
Secty Committee

To Lieutenant Colonel Nixon

Sir

Colonel Nixon,
in force appointed

We have received your letter
of the 20th ult. requesting and promising to send
to resign

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to the Command of
Trichinopoly in consequence
of his resignation

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the Command of Trichinopoly - We have accordingly
accepted your resignation and appointed Major Bruce
to relieve you in that command

We are

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Macartney Esq.

Select Committee

signed {

To John Sullivan Esq.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

As Mr John Sullivan
Esq. has delivered
to the Mysore Agent
must receive the
ratification of the
Governor General &
Council, enclosed a
copy from this
Government with
power to them to
suppress or deliver

We have received your letter of
the 2^d Instant enclosing copy of a fowle which you
have executed on the part of this Government and delivered
to the Agent of the Rana of Mysore

We have great pleasure in assuring
you that we entertain a just sense of your zeal and
unwearied exertions for the public service, and we
desire that you will avail yourself of every advantage
that can be derived to the Company from the steps
you have already taken, but until we receive the
approbation of the Governor General and Council the
Business must be considered as incomplete as far
as depends upon this Government we approve and
ratify the fowle you have executed, but without the
further ratification of the Governor General & Council
of Bengal it can have no real stability.

We shall immediately forward to them
Copies both of the fowle, and of your letter, and in
the mean while we send you a fowle from our

Respect

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President and the select committee which we empower you either to deliver or suppress as you may judge most advisable.

We wish to know the names and number of the Rana's friends in the different Countries that we may eventually endeavor to derive the utmost benefit from their force and resources.

We take it for granted that you write frequently to the select committee of Bombay, as it is very material that they should be apprized of the situation of things to the Southward, and what [if any] cooperation their Army may expect in the intended attack of Hydr Ally's possessions on the Malabar coast.

We approve much of the Idea of taking Sindigul and proor should a proper occasion present itself, but Colonel Lang's principal Object [as we have written to him] must be the protection of the Southern countries, and he will of course be careful not to advance so far as to leave them exposed to real danger.

There is reason to believe, that the French expect very considerable reinforcements from the Islands - as yet we are ignorant whether or not Sir Edward Hughes has done any thing to frustrate these expectations, and while we remain in uncertainty on so material a point it will be advisable to proceed with caution, and to rely chiefly on the Bombay Army for offensive Operations in the Enemy's Country - The same uncertainty and our

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distance from the scene of action will not admit of our prescribing any precise line of conduct we reflect therefore with the greater satisfaction on the abilities and long experience of Colonel Sang, which we doubt not will enable him to adapt his conduct to the contingency of events to act against our enemies at once with caution, and spirit, and make the proper distinction between unnecessary risk, and justifiable enterprise.

We observe with infinite satisfaction the harmony and confidence which subsists between you and Colonel Sang and entirely approve of your having requested of him to be present at your interview with the Mysore Agent which preceded the execution of the fowls - Relying on the continuance of that good understanding between you, we have in this letter considered the points which belong to your respective provinces as they really are connected with each other, and we desire Colonel Sang will look upon those parts which relate to his duty in the same light as if addressed immediately to himself.

We are

Sirs

Fort St. George

28. Nov. 1882.

Your most Obedt.

humble servants

/signed/ { Macartney & Co
Select Committee

P.S. - There being a want of saddles for the Cavalry with the Main Army we desire you will send by the first good opportunity as many as can be spared.

M.

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John Sullivan Esq.

Resident at Sanjore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have resolved to grant the Reverend M^r. Swartz an Allowance of half Batta-

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedt

humble Servant

Signed

John Hudleston

The following letter from the President was dispatched to James Fenwick Esq.

Dear Sir,

Having desired General Stuart to

inform me of the number of Bullocks that would be necessary to equip the Army properly for the field, he has in consequence, acquainted me, that he thinks 5000 carriage

Bullocks, will be required for the next campaign in addition to the number the Army has at present & that they should be of a smaller kind, than those, hitherto sent from the Northward as it has been

found by experience that they will answer much better for service than large Bullocks. The General also recommends that as fast as the Bullocks, are procured, they may be trained to carry about the

weight of 20 sters of Rice each - that they be provided with proper saddles well stuffed, and lined in the inside with gunny / this lining having been found to save the backs of the Bullocks

and that the Bullocks should be well fed

To M^r. John Sullivan,
M^r. Swartz allowed
half Batta

Fort St. George
29 November 1812.

To M^r. Daniel
Desiring him to give
Orders to M^r. Hudleston
to provide 5000
Carriage Bullocks
involving the
disposition recommended
by General Stuart

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Both at the place, they are provided at and also on the Road, so that they may arrive at the Army in good condition. General Stuart has proposed further, that Mr. Galt's Deputy Commissary of Stores, and some Bullock Masters, belonging to the Army, may be sent to the Northward, to judge of and to mark the fittest places for the Service, and to inspect the Saddles &c. - and as these propositions have been approved by the Select Committee, I have to request you will give Directions to Mr. Westcott, to provide forage Bullocks answering to the before mentioned description without loss of time, the number not exceeding 5000 including those he has already. It is to have saddles provided for them accordingly. I am extremely desirous that the Army, should be speedily equipped for the field of Imakhe. No doubt that Mr. Galt with the assistance of Mr. Westcott, will soon be able to return with the number of Bullocks, stated to be necessary for the intended purpose.

I have the honor to be, with great
Respect and regard,

Dear Sir

Your most Obedt.

Dovvy Subalternant
Mauritius

George Westcott Esq.

Sir

Enclosed you will receive Copy of a Letter I have written to Mr. Daniel, expressing the Number of Carriage Bullocks necessary to be provided as soon as possible for the Army, and the particulars to be observed

To Mr. Westcott -
on the same subject

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observed in doing it. I place the greatest Reliance
on Your Caution for the speedy accomplishment
of this essential Object and that the Bearers Mr.
Falls who is appointed to receive the Bullocks
from You, will be enabled to return to the Army
without loss of time.

I have the honor to be with great

Respect

Sir

Your most Obedient and
very humble Servant

Macartney

I enclose the following Letters -

To Mr. William Craze,

Sir

I am directed by the ^{right Honble the} President
and Select Committee to inform You that Mr.
William Living Paymaster of Madras having their
permission to come to the Presidency for the recovery
of his health they have been pleased to appoint you
to act as Paymaster of the Revenue of the
Assigned Countries of Madras and Swampullee from
the 1st of January, during the Absence of Mr. Living.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Huatteston

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To Mr. Craze -
I pointing him to
act as Paymaster at
Madras in the room
of Mr. Living.

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To Mr. William Loring

Sir

Mr. Wm. Loring
granting him per-
mission to come to the
Presidency

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President and select committee to acquaint you that
you have their permission to come to the Presidency upon
Mr. Dumas arriving at Melore who is appointed to take
charge of your employ during your absence. I am

Sir

Your most Obedt.

Servant

John Herdman

S^{ry}

The Secretary received from General Stuart
for the information of the committee papers of intelli-
gence / as entered in a Miscellaneous Book / of which the
substance is that Hyder's Army is dispersed in small
Bodies between Chittoor, Seringapatam &c. &
that Tippu's late army has been driven from the Banks
of the Coleroon and marched to Srirangapatam where he
was joined by a considerable reinforcement

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Received Letter from the Vakil of
Mahomed Reza Khan complaining of having been plu-
dered of Bullocks &c. by the Army. Ordered to
be sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Received the following Letter from
the Secretary at Bengal

John Duddleston Esq.

Secretary to the Select Committee at

Port St. George

Sir

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Sir,

I send the Secretary
at Bengal, Mr. Stables
is arrived and will
take his seat at the
Board.

I have been favored with Yours Letter
containing advice, of the violent Gale of wind which
unfortunately destroyed a great number of the
Vessels in the Road of Port St. George on the 15th.
Ultimo and the Subsequent arrival of Sir John
Bickerton's Fleet on the 20th, both of which I have
communicated to the Board here.

I have the pleasure to inform
you that the Worcester and Norfolk Indiamen
and the Nerbussa and Eagle are arrived here
Mr. Stables who came in the last will take
his Seat at the Board on Monday.

I am

Sir

Your most
Obedt. Servant
J. P. Ansell
Secy.

Signed

December

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Received the following Letter from
General Stuart
Mr. Huddleston.

Sir,

I send Gen. Stuart
on Pay and Allowances
to the King's Troops

I request you will acquaint
the Right Honble President and Council in
Council that the Officers of his Majesty's Corps
on duty here to receive Orders, have been for
several days attending to enter on the General Orders,
that Allowances of the Honble Company in addition
to the British Subsistence according to the fixed
Rate

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Kate in His Majesty's Service the commanding
Officers of troops say there are balances due to them, &
as I do not know when I am to be summoned to the
Select Committee tho' a member of it. I take this
occasion to acquaint you that as the Officers Command-
ing the troops of His Majesty's Troops are at a loss
how to settle with the men under their command &
conformably to the Act of Parliament and to the Orders of
the Honble Company the Service therefore suffers from
every delay in negotiating this business and that it is not
in my power to remedy this evil from my present
Situation either as commanding in Chief the Honble Com-
pany's Troops or as commanding His Majesty's Troops on this
Coast, and I have to desire that you will enter this my
letter to you on Record.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedt.
Humble Servant

Signed J. James Stewart

P.S. My reason for writing you so late this
evening is that the Right Honble President and the
Members of the Committee may be informed early
tomorrow Morning. G.

And the following Letter of Instructions
To Lieut Colonel Kelly, Mr. Edward Holland Auditor
& Mr. Moubray Accountant, and Messrs. Anderson
& Lucas Surgeons
Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Right Honble
the1st
inSt. George
Decr 1882
The Evening

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Instructions to the
Committee on
Surgeons Accounts.

Port St. George December 1882.

The President and Select Committee to inform you that in consequence of a Representation to the Commanders in Chief from the Surgeons attached to the Army on the Subject of their accounts and in consequence of the great Irregularity which has long prevailed in that Department from the want of an established System, the Select Committee after taking the whole into consideration together with a Letter from Doctor Thomas Davies proposing an Arrangement and fixed monthly Allowances for the Expenses of the Surgeons in the field and also an Arrangement for the same purpose suggested by Mr. George Proctor the late Auditor, have been pleased to appoint you a Committee to consider of and suggest to the Select Committee some permanent System for Conduct in future the Business and Accounts of the Surgeons Department both in the field and in Garrison so that the present heavy Expense may be lessened and still a Reasonable Advantage to the Surgeons, The Charges fixed and clearly defined, & the Sick properly attended to.

I am further directed to desire you will take the matter into Speedy Consideration and also to furnish you with the papers above mentioned with an Extract of a Letter from Colonel Sappers that you may have the benefit of any suggestions they contain on the Subject.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. Servant

John Huddell

Port St. George
10 Dec. 1882.

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1. Sent the following Letter to Mr. Grant
together with copy of the correspondence between Mr.
Holland and this Presidency.
To Mr. Grant.

Sir

To Mr. Grant
transmitting the
correspondence
between Hyderabad
and this Presidency.

I had the honor of writing to
you a few days since and now take the opportunity
of Mr. Graham to transmit to you the correspondence
between Hyderabad and this Presidency nothing
material has since happened except the departure
of the Latham which sailed from hence on Friday
last for Negapatam having on board two companies
of the 102^d Regiment and a number of other Europeans
and Artillery amounting in the whole to between 3 &
400. men. I beg you will be so good as to mention this
to Colonel Jones and that we have received news of the
Norfolk Indiaman at Bungal having on board the
two flank Companies of the 102^d. It will give me
great pleasure to hear from you from time to time
and I have the honor to be.

Sir

Fort St. George
1st December 1812.

Yours most Obedt^{ly}
humble Servant
Macartney

Received the following Letter.

The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K. B.
President of Select Committee

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My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr. Whipp's
with Intelligence
from Guesalore

I have the honor to acquaint your
Lordship that on the 14th Instant Mr. Sullivan
accompanied by Mr. Lupton proceeded and in
leaving me in charge of the public which by
This morning I received a letter from the
to Mr. Sullivan, dated Instant of which
is a translate. "The French are expected together
very soon. Hyder has bribed the Marattas pro-
some Sacks of Pagodas, who are to assist him
were to march immediately after the feast of
[at Noon] to the fortification. They have written a letter
Hyder desiring him in the meantime to make
with the English, for which purpose, Hyder has
appointed Venkatachary, Sansar to go to Madras
I have received intelligence of this from Hyder's
which has moved three days March from Madras
Osalund. Mount near Ananth, in the Road to Sri
in Ordo to join the Marattas. Intelligence is
also received from Chellumbraun dated the 14th Instant
that a Vaher has written from Hyder's camp to his
Master the Tholagan Polygar that Hyder has
dispatched 5000 Horse and 5000 foot to the assistance
of Appoo, and that he has also dispatched 5000 Horse
to ravage the country, which Horse are
on the Road, and the Marattas at Chellumbraun are
preparing every thing for their reception and to their
the depth of the Water in the Calicut. I have
communicated this intelligence to the
requesting his utmost exertions in getting the

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2. Remained of the crop, which will be attended with great difficulty from the scarcity of Bullocks - It was Mr. Sullivan's intention to address Your Lordship &c. immediately on his arrival at Piche. -

most respectfully - I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect -

My Lord and Gentlemen

Yours most faithful & obed^t Slave

(Signed) J. Gore Heppisley.

The Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney K. B.
President of the Council &c. &c. Select Committee
Right Hon^{ble} Sir and Sirs.

I take the liberty of addressing Your Lordship & the Gentlemen of the Select Committee on a Subject, that I hear is very much exaggerated & sent against me to the Presidency &c. &c. My beating of the Samudra of this Place I am only sad, I am extremely sorry & shall take care never to offend in the like manner, as it have given so great offence to your Lordships &c. &c.

The frequent Causes of offence the Samudra of Lunnyfottah gave / which are too numerous to trouble your Lordship and the Gentlemen with / I bore very quietly, I reasoned and always got very plausible answers, however nothing was ever effected, and on my going to a small Port where I have Sepoys, I received two Letters from my Dubash, informing me that no Grain was selling

Sanjore
17th Nov^r 1882.

From Mr. Boislaune
in answer to a
C. L. point made
to him.

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Selling in the Bazar or any appearance of any coming
I left Mexichella, and came here immediately, on my
arrival, I found the Sergeants, Sepoyes, Subedars, and
even the Village People, crying out for something to
eat, and had money in their hands to pay for it, on
my enquiring the Reason from the Sannidar of their
being no grain in the Bazar, he replied as usual it
was coming, at that time, I was taking off my shoes, &
being much exasperated at his frequent mal Behaviour
and his present Cool Answer and my People actually
starving, I was provoked to give him 2 or 3 Knocks
with my shoe, The few Troops I have with me I then
sent for to the Chicamoy of this Man, forced to go
many miles to supply themselves and families with
food, and of course Duty and Discipline at an end,
This my Lord and Gentlemen will I hope, my Lord
Measure moderate the offence committed by me
I have to beg Your Lordships & the Gentl.
&c. Patience to hear why grain was not selling in
this Village, as well as in any other of the Palanad,
The Rentor or rather Sangina Vena wishes
to have these Quarters at Datchipillis, his place
of Residence, I have frequently spoke to me concerning
it, there is a fine Bazar there built by him, and the
Sangina grain sells at a much less Price than
at this place, If he sends no grain to this place, the
People must send there for it, and by prohibiting its
sale here for some days he obliges the People to buy
it at a very exorbitant Price

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If your Lordship will do me the honor to consider, that I could have no other Reason in beating this Man, than my wishing to have my People supplied which I conceive is my Duty to do, that my beating this Man, must be rather a loss to me, than otherwise as it has incurred me your Lordships & the Gentlemen of the Select Committee's displeasure, I am in great hopes, that your Anger will be in some Degree abated & tho' it still appears to me, that the Man deserves some punishment I own, that my beating him was wrong and party.

I heard also, that they have wrote that the Business of the country, has been stopped by my beating this Man, this I can assure your Lordship is false as the Landward the not actually doing business in this place has an Apartment from Viceroy of the Second Man of Timmyfottab is doing the Business as such, and Sagina Viceroy wrote me, some days ago that he would (the second man) do any Business required. But I rather think they mention this as an Excuse for not collecting the Revenue, which seems to be their general Aim.

I am very of the honor of writing your Lordship on this Subject some days ago.

I am My Lord and Gentlemen.

With Respect

Timmyfottab
Capital of Pallnara
26 Nov. 1782

Your most Obedt
humble Servt
(Signed) - Ed. Boisdaine

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2.

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The President addresses the following Letter
to the Secretary in consequence of General Stuart's
of Yesterday.

John Hueston Esq.

Secretary of Select Committee.

Sir,

I am this moment favored with

From the President
on the subject of Pay
and Allowances to
the King's Troops.

Your Note inclosing a letter to you from H. G.
Stuart in Answer to which I am to observe for the
Information of our Employers at home, who might
for want of proper explanation be misled by the
frequent Minutes, & these Notes of the
General, that the commanding Officers have received
whatever sums of Money they have desired, on account,
till the proper Statement could be made out for
the regular payment of the King's Regiments lately
arrived from Europe, who according to the Honourable
Court of Directors last General Letter ought to
receive exactly the same allowance as the Company's
Troops. You know the occasion of the Delay was this
the General being supposed to be particularly able
to assist us with his advice upon such an occasion,
having as he informed the Committee been formerly
Paymaster of a Regt. himself, undertook to settle
the business, and in consequence on the 1st Nov.
brought to the Committee a paper first entitled
a Memorial, and afterwards a Minute with a
Statement of pay annexed. This paper after being
read was believed to me to possess at least some and

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sent in Circulation to the other Members of the Committee, but in an hour after the General's Aid-de-camp came to withdraw it, in Order to have it copied fair, it being scarcely legible. When it was presented again, some doubts arose as to the correctness of it and it was very properly sent to the Accountant to be revised; when returned a difference of Opinion arose with regard to some Charges recommended by the General to be paid here to the King's Troops which tho' inconsiderable, gave some advantage to them over the ³⁶com. This Circumstance was observed and the Objection was made, on account of the Discontent which such a preference might occasion among the Company's Troops.

The General took back the papers and soon after sent it to me. I examined it carefully, and by the assistance of a good Accountant I discovered that the Computations were erroneous, having been formed on an exchange of 4¹/₂ instead of 4²/₅ Sanams & Pagoda. I am endeavoring to have them rectified but no inconvenience can happen from a delay of two or three days, because the King's Troops have as I observed before, received an Account what money they had immediate occasion for, and If I rightly understood the General, It was his wish, that the Issue of pay should not be till the 25th Instant, for the ensuing Month.

As the General desires his Letter may be put on record I also desire that mine may be placed there also, not that I mean in future to take the Trouble of answering at the moment all the General's Minutes &c. being usually engaged in more essential business

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business, but I shall probably once a month if I have leisure, send a few necessary remarks upon such as may require them to prevent misconception at home - No misconception can possibly arise however of their Drift or Composition -

Port St. George
Dec 2. 1882.

I am -

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

Yours &c. C Macartney

P.S. The General has this moment sent for his Statement again -

The following Letter is received from General Stuart in Reply to the foregoing from the President

John Hueston Esq.

Secretary of Select Committee -

Sir

I am Genl Stuart,
on the Day and
allowances to the
Prings & Corps

I am this moment favored with the communication of the Presidents letter to you of this Date in Answer to my last letter to you dated Yesterday, Evening, and as our Honble Employers may be misled by this Answer of the President who instead of calling a Committee gives you the trouble of being the medium to convey our Ideas to them, I have only to appeal to dates of the Proceedings to show how long this settling of Accounts with His Majesty's Troops has been delayed I

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I conceive the Honble Company's Orders to be, that besides the common Allowances of British Subsistence, the Gratuity and other usual Allowances paid to their Troops shall be made to His Majesty's Troops, whether these Allowances are over or under the rate of payment to the different Ranks in the Company's Service, I suppose You know, at least I do, that seeing nothing done, or in the way of doing to settle these matters, and the President busied about what I thought less important matters, I gave my Opinion in a Minute as to the Mode of settling with, and in future paying His Majesty's Troops, and I accompanied that Minute with a Scheme or calculation which was to be ascertained by the proper Officer, This Officer or Officer has made infinity of blunders, and in the first instance of that sort which the President from Duty ought to have corrected, namely by the conversion of Sterling into currency by standing Orders of the Company the, Pagoda at 42. Rupees, the Dates and Stages in this Affair will as before observed show the time lost by the President calling no Committee to take Notice of the blunders, where it would have been officially done, and all the Misages and immediate Disadvantages, to use a foreign phrase through Aid de Camps or others, might have been avoided by settling such essential Army business in Committee, with every advantage of your legible hand.

Whenever my hand could be deciphered with the President's glass it states that I do know the Army better than he possibly could be answered for what

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I said that no discounts would possibly arise from the statements there made.

The President never commenced to me, but I did to him that the accounts calculations were enormous, in the first Resort, by the blunders in the fanams from Bagadac, as already mentioned, I repeat and say that all this in a meeting of the Committee might have been adjusted without troubling you, and loading the Records with such blunders & complaints of delay.

If the President rightly understood money since it is to do the Company's business in so far as I am concerned according to their Orders and regulations, I wished that the three last minutes from the 25th of June 1872 should be settled before the minutes in advance for the 25th Instant was to be issued.

I certainly desire that every thing I wrote on business, should be entered on Record, and I am sorry, & in particular to give you this trouble, but in the way the President directs his Military Talents, I am in my Station as not previously consulted in such arrangement, obliged to state in writing what I have to say upon them, I am ignorant of the President's more important business, but I hope to find leisure to reply to his monthly lucubrations. I don't know what he means by Misconceptions, I have stated and shall continue to state every Misconception on public business, and I leave it to our Honorable Employers

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2^d Employers to decide on our particular Ideas, and Duties.

I wish to avoid all personalities or Reports foreign to the business in deliberation, the President has I don't know how collected that I was a Paymaster in my Younger days to a Regiment and therefore brought myself forward to adjust all the calculations in the Arrangement of His Majesty's Troops - Whether I was a Paymaster of a Regiment or that from Report it may have been gathered that the President, was before his Travels, bred in a Worthy Merchants counting House, it matters not to the public, but I am ever ready to unite my Talents with those of the President to expedite the public Service.

James Stuart

Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

To Charles Cakelery Esq.

Esq. Members of Committee of Assigned Revenue.

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Right

Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint you, that in consequence of your recommendation in your Minutes of the 14th October they have consented that an additional Allowance of 1500 Pay Pannum be made to Mahomed Husein faew, for the Sepoys and dismounted Horsemen employed under him. I have the honor to be

Gentlemen your most obed^t humble servant

Thomas Hingraty

To the Committee of assigned Revenue - an additional allowance of Pay. 1500. Pannum granted to Mahomed Husein faew -

Fort St. George -
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Port St. George - December 1882

Received the following Note from the President
accompanied by a statement for the pay of the
Troops lately arrived from Europe -

From the President
with a statement for
the Pay of the King's
Troops -

Lord Macartney presents his
compliments to Mr. Hudleston and now sends
a Statement for the pay of the Troops lately
arrived from Europe, which he believes is more
correct and more conformable to the company's
Regulations than the ^{one} communicated by General
Stuart to the committee - Lord M. requests
that it may be sent round to the Members and
that a committee may be summoned for tomorrow
morning.

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Tuesday 3. Dec. 1882 -

Received the following Letter from General
Stuart

From General Stuart
on the Pay of the King's
Troops -

General Stuart presents his compli-
ments to Mr. Hudleston, he has perused Lord
Macartney's Note and also the statements accom-
panying it for the Pay of the Troops lately arrived
from Europe which he believes are much more
correct than any statement presented by him to
the committee for the reasons already mentioned
to Mr. Hudleston and in this belief he does not
wish to detain the Board to examine or observe
upon them further than that there seems no
occasion for stating in stating money any allow-
ances made for gratuity or field Duties and that
the Non commissioned and private being Victualled
in the field is omitted.

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General Stuart still perseveres in his Opinion that the usual allowances for gratuity and other Articles made to the Company's Troops were meant to be given to those of His Majesty serving in India in addition to their usual British Pay - As to the other Articles which are paid in the course of the Year to the several Banks in His Majesty's Service as formerly stated by G. S. if it is the pleasure of the Committee that the money on that account be not paid in India it will be more for the advantage of the Troops to draw for the Amount in England which they may do the less for the ^{advantage} Honourable Company who must pay it there.

In every point of View it will be of general benefit to expedite this business so as the private Men's Accounts may be immediately settled by their respective Officers - G. S. will attend the Committee tomorrow morning.

Fort St. George
Tuesday 8th December

Captain Lieutenant in His Majesty's Service has the Rank and does the Duty of Captain altho' he is substituted only as Lieut. in the Colonel's Company the Rations of Provisions and Allowances for the Field are ever given to them as to Captains on Service in America and the West Indies and G. S. is of Opinion that in the Gratuity and Field Allowances in India they should also be rated as Captains according to the practice hitherto observed with regard to the Captain Lieutenants of the 4th, 8th, 9th Regiments now serving with the Army. The Quarter Masters of Dragoons Gratuity and Field Allowances being only Warrant Officers should

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Should be proportioned to their Pay with that of a
Sergeant.

Received Intelligence from General
Aumbert as entered in M. B. brought by a Jemindar
from the Enemy's camp mentioning the dangerous
illness of Hyder Ally -

Received the following Letter from Dr
Buchanan Surgeon at Sanjore -
To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
President and the Gentlemen of the Select
Committee of Fort St. George -
My Lord and Sirs,

From Dr Buchanan
requesting leave to
resign the service and
to be recommended to
the Court of Directors -

Having long laboured under a
bad state of Health and seeing no prospect of a
recovery in this climate, I beg leave to request Your
Permission to try a Voyage to Europe, by the first
convenient Opportunity of a Danish Ship from
Tranquebar in hopes that if my Health is restored
I may have liberty to return to India with my family
in the Service, but in case unfortunately it should
not, I will esteem it a very great favor if your
Goodship of the Gentlemen of the Committee
would please to Recommend me to the Honble the
Court of Directors for such Allowance out of their
contingent Military fund as they in their goodness
may think proper to grant, and as I have now
served the Company upwards of thirteen Years and
lost all my Duty in their Service, and also have a
large family dependent on me I hope my Request
will

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former letter. It is possible however that your Board did not positively intend a general censure on the whole of our former Correspondence. The censure at least will prove the sincerity of the approbation of our material Instances we shall not have to defend ourselves to your Board -

The deliberate attention to our situation which you thus express on the 19th of October to have found in a letter from us which you received the 24th Sept^r will we hope obviate any conclusion which might inadvertently be drawn to our prejudice from a Remark made by your Board in the interval between those two Dates / on the 9th of October / that under the Alarms which that letter had left you, it was some Relief to you to find that we had both time and inclination to labour thro' a discussion of 29 close folio pages without reference to the dangers which surrounded us. Those dangers had indeed induced us, as soon as on the return of the Admiral on the 9th September we knew of their existence by the loss of *Prince of Wales* which was several days after that long discussion had been ended to dispatch to you our letter of the 11th September with an account of those dangers and of the means by which we proposed to remove or remedy them.

This Letter in its turn was without a reference to any former discussion or other subject, and was sent by a vessel dispatched for that purpose as in that season promising to be a quicker conveyance than any by land. The letter of 11th September reached you several days before those which were transmitted about the

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 the same time by Post. It gave you the very first
 authentic Intelligence of the loss of Trincomallay
 and stated to you, as you allow the whole of our situa-
 tion, our dangers, and our wants, as our Letter of the
 25th of August fully did our prospects and proposals
 at that time, all which we Request you will Remarks
 in Justice to us, because by the manner in which
 you tell us in your letter of the 3rd of October that you
 have heard of the loss of Trincomallay as well as of other
 Events, without your happening to mention that you
 knew it first by our Letter, but observing that amidst
 the most anxious thoughts and at such a Crisis you
 receive our Letter of the 30th of August with astonish-
 ment, Our Employers or others on the perusal of your
 Letter might perhaps suppose we had neglected to
 communicate to you such important Events. We can
 account however for the impression of disappointment
 on your Friends without the painful supposition of
 any intention on your part to misrepresent us. From
 our Letter of the 30th of August in answer to two from
 you, being delayed on account of its great length in the
 Copying and sent by Post did not reach you for as long a
 time after its date as intervened between the date of yours
 of the 4th of July to which it related, and its reception here
 on the 6th of August. The arrival with you in the meantime
 of our Letter of 11th September by sea excited your anxiety
 and rendered you impatient to learn every subsequent
 event, of which you will since have found we have
 regularly advised you as was indeed our duty. It was
 we conceive our duty also to have submitted to you the
 Grounds

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Grounds for our Opinions and the motives of our conduct in public affairs when you declared your disapprobation of those Opinions and of that Conduct but in the same letter invited us to attempt our Justification, by assuring us most sincerely that you would be happy to find yourselves wrong in any of the conclusions you had made. Nothing indeed ought to have prevented or excused us unless we had been conscious of our own criminality from accepting an invitation to justify ourselves from the charges of Misconstruction, Inaction, and Misrepresentation of which in direct terms you were pleased to accuse us, Your Authority over us and the Declaration of your wish to find our Conduct on discussion right left us no alternative but that of acknowledging our guilt or entering into that Discussion which we trust has proved that in fact we had incurred no Guilt.

It is a consolation to us under the Disatisfaction which you express at our manner of discussing the Subjects that we can avoid entering into a Defence of it both because an Offence of such a nature cannot be so prejudicial to the Public as the former & that a scrupulous Reference to and an impartial consideration of the letter which has given rise to it will be sufficient to form a Judgement of this accusation. We have much more pleasure in repeating, what in almost every letter on the Subject to you & to our Superiors at home, we had declared already & particularly early in the letter you condemn that we had the firmest conviction of your sincere desire for the relief and prosperity of the Garrison as well as of your full intention

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intention to continue your best exertions for those purposes, With these Views you adopted and enforced Plan of Cooperation from Bombay since the arrival of the letter from the Court of Directors of the 9th June 1781, which gives you the lead in all Military and political Operations over the other Presidencies the execution of your Measures is not to depend on the Conformity in Opinion of those whom you are empowered to direct. We have indeed the happiness to concur perfectly in Sentiment with you both as to your plan of Warlike operations & your proposals of Peace with the Marathas but if we had even the Misfortune to think differently from you in these Points as we have had in others we should still as in those others have given the example of immediate entire and implicit Obedience. We trust the Presidency of Bombay, placed in the same Subordinate situation as we are, will be impressed with the same sense of the propriety and necessity of Ready and zealous Obedience. So far from our regretting the Power vested in you by the Company, we think it highly necessary to the Welfare, Credit and Dignity of the Company, and to the consistency of its measures that a Superintending Power should exist some where in India, and Parliament no Doubt was guided in giving it to the Presidency of Bengal - not only by the consideration of the greater Importance of that Kingdom but also of the Character of the Members who composed that Board. That Superintendence

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 extends your views and your assistance to the support
 of all the Company's Possessions and Interests in India.
 We trust, that your late Remittance of fifteen Lacks
 of Rupees to Bombay will supply the expense and
 that the Reinforcement of Europeans we have sent
 from hence will complete the requisite Force, of an
 expedition against Mangalore and the neighbouring
 Territories of Hydr on the Malabar Coast. We have
 accompanied those Supplies with the strongest
 expressions of our hope that they will be appropriated
 to that use.

In our letter to you of the 25th August
 we expressed to you our sense of the Importance
 of distracting the attention of Hydr as likely to
 prevent his success, depending chiefly on his own
 power and therefore wished that Colonel Chamberlain
 might be allowed to continue his march from
 Calicut towards the Coimbatore and other most south-
 ern Provinces of Hydr while the Bombay Troops
 with our Reinforcements may call him to the
 defence of Mangalore and Bidnoor which are
 situated at a considerable Distance from the former.
 Colonel Chamberlain has not been interrupted in his
 Views by any Order from his Superiors. He has met
 with assistance from the Inhabitants of the Countries
 thro' which he has marched and has been enabled to
 subsist the Kings and Company's Troops under his
 command without any Supply of Money, Provisions,
 Cattle and Ammunition from the Government or from
 the Company since his arrival on the Coast - His Army
 has

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has been considerably augmented by the Natives who have joined him. Many of the Neighbours of Hyder are jealous of his Power and increasing ambition while the ancient Possessors of the countries he has already subdued appear to seek eagerly for the opportunity of being restored to them. With their aid Colonel Humbroston has effected his march to Belacherry Pass from Calicut. Whatever may be his future Progress or Success to have penetrated so far towards the Capital of the Enemy's Dominions must be great credit to the Colonel's Abilities and perseverance and by the Division which it has contributed to occasion of Hyder's Forces it may have an inconsiderable effect upon the Success of the War. That Chief sent his own Lippoo Sahib with a considerable Corps towards faroor in the apparent apprehension of the effect that might be produced by the Junction of the Troops under Col^l Humbroston with those commanded by Colonel Lang now at Ichnapolly on the border of his Dominions where we are assured by Mr. Sullivan the President at Bangalore that the numerous adherents of the Family of the late Rajah of Mysore and other Malcontents in that country are possessed of & ready to supply considerable resources towards recovering the possession of it for the Family of its ancient Masters. We have written to Colonel Lang however to consider the defence of Bangalore and the Southern Provinces where he commands as his first Object. We sent lately to Negapatnam a few Companies

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Companies of the Kings Troops. The Presence of a sufficient
Body of Europeans is always found so necessary to animate
to give example to the Natives that to the want of the former in
the Southern Provinces has been attributed the facility
with which they have been ^{frequently} overrun and ravaged by the
Enemy as well as our own deprivation of all our Resources
from that Quarter. We have therefore sent in the fourpenny
Ship Latham a Reinforcement of 300 Europeans to
Colomb Lang. We had no Accounts of Enemy's Ships for
some time past on this Coast. In the present height
of the Northern Monsoon the Latham will probably
have reached Negapatam in about two Days, she may
have passed in the night by Cuddalore unperceived by
any Enemy's Ships that might have arrived there since
our last accounts from thence, nor was the Captain of the
Latham being strengthened by such a Number of Troops
on board apprehensive of being overpowered by a Frigate.
We expect to hear very soon of his safe arrival, The
Service appeared to us on every account to have warranted
the Risk, Colonel Lang who has already assembled several
Battalions of Native Troops would with due propor-
tion of Europeans beat the head of a respectable Force
and we fully feel with your Board the advantage that
may accrue from carrying the War into the Enemy's
Country. In your letter of the 4th of July you told us we
might be ought to adopt Mr Sullivan's Plan for the
Attack of the Mysore Country with the Assistance of the
Friends of the deposed Rana in whose Name Agents had
Applied to Mr Sullivan for that purpose in case we
thought the prosecution of that Plan advisable after
having

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having accordingly taken it into consideration, we empowered Mr. Sullivan to make some preparatory arrangements with those Agents, but subject to the approbation of your Board and we have since agreed to give an eventual force or Protection in case of Peace with Hyogo for the Persons & Properties of such of these Malecontents as shall have joined our Force in any undertaking against him - We have the honor to send the several Papers on these subject by this conveyance to your Board.

At the time that measures were likely to be taken to the Westward & to the Southward for the purpose of distressing our Enemy and of thereby forcing him to make Peace, we thought it desirable to wait if Major General Stuart who now commands the Force on this post, could find it practicable to undertake any expedition with the main Army or at least to make such movements with it as to add to the difficulties of the Enemy whose Force in the frontier is much diminished by his Detachment to the Southward & to prevent him from making effectual Resistance to our Entrepries elsewhere, But the general has declared to us that no measures or movement of the Army was at this time would for some time be practicable.

It might be possible however to annoy the Enemy in some other of his scattered conquests besides those we have mentioned the Fiddapah forney and the Jamban to the Northward tho' of considerable resource to Hyogo - we said to be

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at present but slightly guarded by any Force from him. The Nizam is said to have a Paramount Claim to those Territories. The Tributary whose Families Hydor has expelled have usually resided in the neighbourhood and require but the maintenance of a few of our Troops to undertake driving out those of Hydor. Ally such men are indeed often deluded by their hopes and probabilities and seldom proportioned to their Promises but whatever might be their Individual Success, the loss of Revenue to the Enemy even for a time the Alarm and apprehension that may be excited in his mind by new Revolts might redound to our benefit.

The Presence of some of our Troops is beside become necessary to the Northward on account of disturbances probably occasioned by the Death of Bazalut Jung which was announced to your Board by Mr. Grant at Masulipatam at the same time that he communicated it to us, we thought necessary to send immediately a letter of condolence in the usual stile to His Highness the Nizam on the Death of his Brother.

We are convinced that the right of the Company to the possession of the Guntoor fircars on this event as settled by the Treaty of 1768 has been already the subject of your consideration as well as the expediency of asserting or postponing that claim in the present juncture. But as that fircar was included within the limits of this Presidency if we were totally to overlook an event of this nature or to be silent concerning it to the Nizam we might be
justly

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 justly liable to the imputation of a culpable
 inattention to our duty. We have therefore written a
 letter directed to his Highness in which among other
 matters we take occasion to make mention of this
 circumstance. But ignorant of your Opinion and
 Intentions with which it is ours not to clash on any
 account it remains for us only to submit the
 letter to your consideration requesting you to
 forward or suppress it as may best suit your
 other political Plans for the welfare of the Company.
 We shall have Troops in the neighbourhood in
 readiness to obey any Order you may communicate
 to us upon the Subject. It is not improbable but
 that the Succession to the other Possessions of Buzak
 Jung which are much more considerable may have
 some effect on the Views and Policies of the surround-
 ing Powers. That Succession & the War against
 Chetisham Jung, may give sufficient occupation
 to His Highness this time and to prevent him from
 any hostile attempt against us but we are glad in
 all events that you have been pleased to order a Body
 of Troops towards Balesore in readiness to march into
 the frontier if they should be at any time attacked. In
 our late proceedings you will observe a Minute
 from Major General Stuart in which he wishes
 that a Body of Sappers be sent to Gangra.

Several late advices from Mydoo's
 Camp which is situated within a few Coss of
 Nagmangulun convey in the Account that he has
 been for some time confined by Illness. That no

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Disbar or fetching has been lately held in his Camp
and that he has sent for his son Appoo Saib, in whose
place he has dispatched another Officer to take the
Command of his Southern Troops, It is not improbable
that the advanced Age of Hyder Ali his inevitable
inquietudes long fatigues and consequent Infirmitie
may cloud his present disorder Mortal The
authority of Hyder which in a great degree is personal
would not probably descend entirely upon his Son
and he might be too much occupied in securing to
himself the principal part of his Father's succession
to prosecute the War with vigour in the Carnatic Ground
of the strict Instructions to the ^{Ratification of the} Maratta Treaty might
no longer exist. The Ratification of your Success in every
plan for the Restoration of Peace is Objects of too much
consequence not to make it a matter of surprise that
that you should withhold amendment the communication
of complaints which you mention to be pressed
upon you daily by the Nabob of the Carnatic and which
you say if founded in facts not justified by public
necessity may prove the cause of extensive mischief
to your Negotiations, as well as ruinous to our
National Character, If we had adopted such fatal
measures it could not be your Duty or inclination
to support us in them. We have adopted measures
in Relation to the Nabob but such as you previously
directed and afterwards approved. Our Delicacy
towards his Highness and our forbearance in many
instances from that delicacy to take the measures
which our situation required, and your directions
are preformed

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expressed has been if any thing has the only considerable part of your Conduct, and you expressed your regret at it. Some Reports had reached us so long ago as the 29th of June that Intrigue, Artifice and Slanders had been employed to give an unjust colouring before your Board to our Proceedings, and to those of the Committee of Spigues Revenue. A plan was said to be regularly formed of throwing on such a multitude of suspicions that it might be taken for granted there must be some ground for accusation. Out of a vast number of false tales, fabricated Libels, and distorted Facts, it might be imagined that a few at least might meet with credit which would effectually answer the Purpose of imputation.

We therefore immediately expressed to you our Desire that you would please to communicate to us every argument urged to you against the Plan we had adopted & every charge asserted against our Conduct in the pursuit of it, thus giving us an Opportunity of Justification if susceptible of it before any Opinion would be formed or Resolution taken upon either by your Board. But you said in your answer of the 5th August sorry that we had allowed so much credit to such Reports. Kindly promised that you would not countenance them.

We should hold it however a countenance most injurious to us to suffer the public notice you now take of such complaints to continue in the present state of suspense as to the grounds and motives of them, without giving us an opportunity by an immediate communication

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communication of them as we already desired to justify us against them if they be ill founded. We conceive indeed with you in the Opinion you gave us in your Letter of the 5th of April last of the propriety of our declining any controversial explanations personally with the Nabob, but we are anxious to receive his Complaints from your Board, that you may after you have heard our Defence, be the sooner able to form a Judgement of our Conduct for we have already in our Letter of the 30th August last very truly declared to you, that we disclaim that Secrecy which should conceal any information or materials that can elucidate our conduct.

We are however apprehensive that it is possible that the connections of the Company with his Highness Maclaw Jah may on other Grounds have been prejudicial to its honor & its Interests. The frequent support given by the Company's Servants to his Highness in subduing and sometimes exterminating various Princes from the Krishna to Cape Comorin under the odious claim of conquest is known to have indisposed the Maratta State, who, witness themselves in some instances connected with the unhappy vanquished behold with jealousy the successful ambitions of Mahometans, the Nabob is supposed to be ^{have} also countenanced by us in the Infraction of his Agreement for ceding Trichinopoly to the Mysorean which Infraction Hyder Ali who now possesses the Throne of Mysore declares to be among his motives for the invasion of the Carnatic, His Highness alienated also the disposition of Miran Ally by endeavouring to

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avails himself of our Power to grasp the Soubardary of the Decan, nor did the weak and inordinate ambition look to left according to the Opinion of the Governor General, declared on a former occasion to the Board of Directors than the Possession if he were able of all Hindostan, Without the advantage of ancient hostility, Right or many brilliant achievements which sometimes reconcile to Injustice, it is possible he may have been considered as a cover ^{merely} to our encroach-
ing Views which by the unusual combination of Mahomedan & Hindu Princes and the unusual reconciliation of the bitterest enmities, it was thought necessary to repress, & to punish at once our Infidelity and our Ambition.

At present his Highness is entirely governed by his Second Son Amooz Ul Oorah, who is supposed to aim at the Succession of his Father, but knows that if the Carnatic should return to the Dependence of the Company, it will agreeable to Treaty devolve on the Nabob eldest Son upon his Father's Decease. The second Brother has long been represented as a master of Intrigue, ^{& falsehood.} his Eyes were when at the head of the Army have expressed apprehensions of his pernicious designs, and we should not think ourselves justified in overlooking them to the degree of not being on our guard against any attempt in case of the arrival of a large Body of French Troops in the Carnatic, of transferring the Dependence of it to that Power on the condition of supporting the Claim in his Views to the Succession.

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We have had no Intelligence of the
 motions of the French Squadron since the Informa-
 tion we received of its having sailed from Jussalora
 on the 14th of last month nor of Sir Edward Hughes
 nor of Sir Richard Pakenham. ^{since the latter sailed from Jussalora on the 24th of the same month.} Our anxiety to
 establish a cartel which will relieve the distresses
 of so many of our fellow Subjects and restore to us
 many valuable Officers, perfectly corresponds with
 the sentiments of your Board. It is no doubt
 a laudable & humane effort on the part of Sir
 Eyre Pate to avail himself of the disposition of the
 French Admiral towards settling an exchange of
 Prisoners to relieve in the first Instance from
 their long and very severe captivity, those brave
 men who were taken by the Army of Hyder Ali.
 But such a proposition was rejected by the
 French Admiral who at the General's refusal to treat
 on any other terms transformed in a very unprecedented
 and unenviable manner some of the Prisoners
 taken by him into Hyder's hands, the same Argument
 which led him to consider the Prisoners taken by one
 Power as distinct from those taken by another &
 to refuse an indiscriminate exchange of them
 should have equally led him to keep in the mean
 time those he had captured in his own hands, instead
 of abandoning them to the merciless & unfeeling
 discretion of an uncivilized Ally! By this unexpected
 conduct of the Emir intended to be remedied by Sir
 Eyre Pate is aggravated by an increase of Prisoners
 with Hyder, those thus sent to him there cannot be

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the least pretence of returning on our agreeing
to a cartel with the M^{rs} Suffren for the exchange of
Prisoners taken by & from the French and our
President has addressed a letter in case approved
by Sir Edward Hughes to whom a copy was sent
to M^{rs} ^{Kicourt} Dufhillot one of the Captains of the French
Squadron with whom the President happened to
be acquainted, for the purpose of being communicated
to his Admiral whose behavior in the above
instance precludes the propriety of applying
immediately to him, in the meantime to demonstrate
our disposition to ^{an} exchange of Prisoners we are
willing to comply with a desire expressed by the
French Admiral that M^{rs} De Tromecourt whom
we sent to Bengal should be exchanged for Captⁿ
Byres a Captain of Engineers in the Company's
Service an Officer of Great Merit whom on
account of his Illness the French very humanely
allowed to come here on his Bed. We wish
therefore you would please to send here M^{rs}
Tromecourt by the first convenient Opportunity.
We shall send you as soon as they can be copied all
our late proceedings on the several matters submitted
to you in this Letter, we have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Yours most

Obed^t Servants
 signed / { Macartney Esq^r
Select Committee

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Statement of the Pay
of the Kings Troops
agreed to

The Committee now agreed to the Statement
of Payments for the Kings Troops with the follow-
ing Allowances expressed therein the not mentioned
in the General Order from England, the General assuring
them that if not paid here they would be paid by the
Company at home; and that agreeable to his declaration
minuted at the last Committee it cannot occasion
any murmuring or discontent among our own Troops
upon an equal preference given to those of His
Majesty's Allowance to each Private Man by his
Majesty's Warrant paid in arrears every six months on
the 25th June & 25th December A. 1. 2. The Allowance for
Paymaster & Surgeons Medicines arising from the
following Sum which are to be charged every half year
I received with the Subsistence in India paid in arrears
the 24th June & 24th December Viz. For every effective
Sergeant 4. 4. 0. For every 26 Months or 26 Weeks 8
For every 12 Months or 12 Weeks 4. 4. 0. For every 6 Months or 6 Weeks 2. 2. 0. For every 3 Months or 3 Weeks 1. 1. 0.
allowance to each Captain of a Company yearly from the
Stock Reserve paid at Christmas in arrears £. 20.
The Allowance to be allowed in the respective distributions
of Corps in addition to the Subsistence & Allowance
to each Captain of a Troop yearly from the Stock Reserve
paid at Christmas £. 30. 5 Grasso money paid in
arrears every six months at the rate of 2. 12. 6.
£ Ann. each Dragoon for the full establishment
divided according to the Practice in his Majesty's service
by Order of the commanding Officer this to be paid with
the Subsistence in India. The Gratuity and every other
usual Allowance to be paid to the several Batches of
this Regiment according to the Company's Regulations.

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Statement of Field Allowances as now
paid to the several Ranks in the Company's
Service

Quality	Batta to Day	Batta to month of 30 Days	Batta to month of 31 Days	Field allowance to each Soldier to Day in lieu of Batta
	L. S. & P. S. C.	L. S. & P. S. C.	L. S. & P. S. C.	2. Drums 3/4 of Biscuit 1/2 lb of meat 1/4 lb of Rice
Colonel	28 .. 6 .. 12	180 .. 448 .. 186		
Lieut. Colonel	2 .. 5 .. 60	150 .. 62 .. 155		
Major	1 12 .. 4 .. 48	120 .. 49 12 .. 124		
Captains	12 9 1/2 125 16 49 3 9 18	19 16 6 1/2 49 25 16		
Subalterns	8 6 1/2 1 2 6 4 12 16 3 32	13 49 1/2 23 2 64		
Ensigns	6 4 3/4 33 48 9 11 10 1/2 24	9 13 3/4 24 23 18		
Adjutants	8 6 1/2 1 2 6 4 12 16 3 32	13 4 9 1/2 33 2 64		
Quartermaster	8 6 1/2 1 2 6 4 12 16 3 32	13 49 1/2 23 2 64		

Every field Officer and Captain
and Lieut. Colonel in masraas Byl
Poon money to month 2-1
Every Subaltern & Staff Officers
in that Capacity 15 Rs.
Adjutants & Quartermaster C. P.
to month for a horse in the field and
Candle each to Day 21 paise to month
for stationary bath in camp and
garison.

The Exchange in this Calculation is made at 8
Shillings the Pagoda or 42 fanams each, and each Shilling at
5 p. 10 c. Poon and Qr Allowance is made to the Officers
of His Majesty's Troops the same as to the Company's officers.
Surgeons and Chaplains in the field are allowed the
Batta of Captains.

D. Geo. Moubray
Account

Statement of British Pay or Subsistence to the several Ranks of
His Majesty's 22^d Regiment of Dragoons.

Quality	Pay to Day	Pay to month of 30 Days	Pay to month of 31 Days	Allowance to each Captain of a Troop yearly from the stock Purse paid at Christmas in Arrears & 800.
	L. S. & P. S. C.	L. S. & P. S. C.	L. S. & P. S. C.	
The Colonel	1 6 6 3 13 10 39 15	99 15 60 41 1 6 102 28 70		
Lieut. Colonel	18 6 2 13 10 24 15	69 15 60 28 13 6 71 28 70		
Major	15 6 1 29 20 23 5	58 5 20 74 6 60 2 50		
Captains	11 6 1 18 20 17 5	43 5 20 17 16 6 44 23 50		
Capt. Lieut. & Ident.	7 .. 26 60 10 10	26 10 40 10 17	27 5 20	
Cornet	6 .. 21 40 9	22 21 .. 9 6	23 10 40 2	
Quartermaster	4 .. 21 .. 6 .. 15 .. 6 4	15 21 ..		
Adjutant	4 6 .. 23 50 6 15	16 36 60 6 19 6 17 18 30		
Surgeon	4 6 .. 23 50 6 15	16 36 60 6 19 6 17 18 30		
Surgeons Mate	3 .. 15 60 4 10	11 10 40 4 13	11 26 20	
Sergeant	1 6 .. 7 40 2 5	5 26 20 2 4 6 5 34 10		
Corporal	1 .. 5 20 1 10	3 21 40 1 11	3 36 60	
Trumpeter	1 .. 5 20 1 10	3 31 40 1 11	3 36 60	
Went boy	1 6 .. 7 40 2 5	5 26 20 2 6 6 5 34 10		
Dragoon	8 .. 3 40 1 ..	2 21 .. 1 .. 8 2 24 40		
Allow to the				
Col. for the loss of	7 .. 26 60 10 10	26 10 40 10 17	27 5 20	
lost by Devotion				

Grass money paid in Arrears
every 6 months at the rate of
12 6 & 1/2 paise each Dragoon for
the full establishment Divided
according to the Practice in his
Majesty's Service by Order of the
Commanding Officer, this to be paid
with the Subsistence in India.

The gratuity and every other usual
Allowance to be paid to the several
Ranks of this Regiment according
to the Company's Regulations.

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Gratuity paid to His Majesty's 73rd Regt. and consequently to be continued at the same footing every Corps of His Majesty's Troops according to their Rank.

Quality,	Gratuity per Day	Gratuity to months of 20 Days	Gratuity to month of 31. Days
Colonel	12 2/2	232 50 33 6	283 14 .. 33 6 8 88 14
Lieut. Col. Command	12 2/2	232 50 33 6	283 14 .. 33 6 8 88 14
Major	11 1/4	162 5 16 13 4	41 28 .. 16 13 4 41 28
Captain	5 6	28 70 8 5	20 26 20 .. 8 10 4 1/2 21 12 40 28 20 20 or 31 Days, & the Kings Troops
Capt. Lieut. Adjutant	3 6	18 30 5 5	13 5 20 5 8 6 13 23 50 of the same Rank being paid in his
Ensign	2	10 40 3	7 21 .. 3 2 .. 7 31 40. Majesty's Service by the day then pay
Chaplain	3 10 1/2	20 32 5 16 6 1/2	14 23 7 3 5 10 4 1/2 12 34 33. would consequently be much greater
Adjutant	2	10 40 3	7 21 .. 3 2 .. 7 31 40 than the Company's if the Gratuity was
Quartermaster	6	2 50 .. 15 .. 1 36 60	15 6 1 .. 39 30 not reduced in proportion to the
Surgeon	1 3 1/4	6 76 1 10 8 7 1/4	40 47 1 14 8 1/4 4 14 27. increase of the Pay when the month
Surgeons Mate	1 6	7 40 2 5	5 26 20 2 2 6 5 13 10. is 31. days. By the same rule the
Servant	4 1/4	1 70 .. 10 32 1 14 30	9 3 1/4 1 9 10 Gratuity when the month is 28 or 29
Corporal & Drummer	2 1/4	1 20 .. 7 2 1/4	37 6 5 .. 6 6 1/2 .. 34 32. days per An. is proportionally
Private	2	72 .. 5 4 1/4	28 10 .. 4 10 1/2 .. 25 45. raised to the non Commissioned

The Gratuity to the non Commissioned Officers Rank & File of His Majesty's Troops is less for 31. than 30 Days for the following Reasons. The evident intention of making this gratuity is to put the King's as nearly as possible on a level with the Company's Troops but the latter that is the noncommissioned Rank & File having the same established Pay to month where their it consists of 31. days, & the Kings Troops of the same Rank being paid in his Majesty's Service by the day then pay would consequently be much greater than the Company's if the Gratuity was not reduced in proportion to the increase of the Pay when the month is 31. days. By the same rule the Gratuity when the month is 28 or 29 days per An. is proportionally raised to the non Commissioned Rank and File of His Majesty's Troops & by this means their Pay is nearly kept upon a level with the Company's in every situation & Surgeons & Killings less for 31 than 30 Days & 2 months 2 1/2 .. 2 for 31 or 32

(Signed) James Stewart
Major Genl. Commanding
His Majesty's Troops

The Ratta and allowance in the field to be the same in every Rank as the Honble Company's Troops — all money issued to his Majesty's Troops are to the order of Officers commanding Corps. I suppose the Calculation & the conversion of Sterling money into Currency of this Establishment to be exactly made as above by the proper Officers —

I read the following Letter —
To the Right Honble Lord Macartney —
President & Governor — of Fort St. George —
My Lord

From Mr. Stringer
complaining of forcible
entry into his House
by some Officers &c.

On the first Instant two Officers
belonging

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belonging to the 101st Regiment, made a forcible entry into a House of Mine near Vigory and in some days afterwards introduced some Private Men into it the consequence of which was great damage to the Place. The Porcota for Bailing Water was taken away & on the night of the 20th Instant 3 of the Europeans entered the Watchmans House and after beating him in a violent manner broke away all the Liles Peepers Palmiras &c. and carried away some Palmiras and all the Peepers for Live wood. There were also about 150 Plantain Trees pulled up by the Roots and carried off & the Officers have turned their Horses into my Ground and upon my representing with them in civil Terms on the impropriety of such Conduct one of them told me he would keep his Horse in that Quarter whilst he pleased without regard to any loss I might sustain in consequence. This illegal Practice my Lord if suffered to pass unnoticed may prompt others to commit similar outrages and I humbly conceive if your Lordship will please to send for the record of my indentures with the Hon^{ble} Court of Directors that after a servitude of 18 Years in capacity of Master Bricklayer with the strictest Fidelity and attention that Your Lordship will perceive I am at least intitled to the protection of the Company if not some degree of preferment in their Service, as I apprehend many other Servants in lower Lines have been raised to positions far above the one I possess. This matter I submit to Your Lordships better Judgement. Your kind taking the purport of this Letter into consideration & excusing the liberty I have taken in troubling Your Lordship

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on this occasion will confer the most lasting obligation
on him who has the honor to be with the greatest
Respect

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30th Novr 1782

My Lord

Your Lordships
most Obedient &
very humble Servant
(Signed) James Stringer
Master Penitentiary

Minute thereon

The Committee are much concerned that
there should be such complaints as those stated in the
forgoing letter against any of His Majesty's Officers &
desire General Stuart to enquire into them without delay

The General delivers in the following
Minute

General Stuart has the honor acquaint-
ing the Committee that in a letter from Sir Eyre Coote
His Excellency mentions his most earnest wishes
that nothing may be in the way of delaying the operation
of the Army at the beginning of the next campaign
and therefore he recommends as of essential Service
The forwarding of as much grain as possible even
leaving the Mains to suffice put His Excellency's Letter
was upon date prior to his knowing of the Gale of the
16th October but as that loss has been as I believe amply
supplied since G. S. recommends the beginning to
and thence by footies and canways to Chingleput by
degrees proportionally as the stores can afford forward
hired

The

Gen. Stuart's minute -
Sir Eyre Coote recommends
the laying in store at
Chingleput a large supply
of grain for the use of
the Army by the way of
having interest in mind
proposed for supplying
along the Coast for the
Army

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The General lays before the Committee the Quarters Mr General's Agents Reports of Slaughtered cattle which shows there is not 4 weeks Provisions of that sort with the Army.

The Committee having found objections to the mode hitherto followed by Orders of his Excellency to supply the Army in that way G. S. requests they will take such measures as seem best to them for that end so that the Operations may not be obstructed when the fasting Season begins at which time there ought to be sufficient at least for nine weeks Provisions of slaughtered cattle.

The General further acquaints the Committee that the Officers of this Army are now in arrears of Pay & Batta 4 Months that their distress is become extreme. He therefore requests that at least one month's Pay & Batta to the Officers be issued immediately otherwise while it is supposed their Accounts are settling by a Committee appointed for the purpose they are mean while in worse state than formerly. Whatever loss is to be sustained from paper of any sort falling short of the money due to the Officers, G. S. will never believe that the just & liberal feelings of our Honorable Employers will give countenance to the obliging the Officers to stand to that loss if incurred to be quitted by Paper, it is with the Government to do it and to pay the Army (as it is their right) in the currency of the Settlement if the balances are not to be paid off in one Payment let it be in three Installments by 2, 4 or 6 Months, the Notes bearing Interest What the Government

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Government mean while raise the money by requiring them by giving. Drafts on Bengal if they cannot otherwise raise it this seems equally just as natural G. G. S. hopes that Government will follow this mode.

[Signed] James Stewart

President's Answer

In answer to the foregoing Minutes the President acquaints the Committee that there is not at present in the Garrison Store more than 54,000 Bags of Rice which is less than the proper stock, on account of the scarcity of Boats little more is imported than what is sufficient for the daily consumption so that in case of a Famine & that appearing our distress would be greatly increased & in case of a Siege the President need not say any thing of the consequence

With respect to the mode of supplying slaughter fattle the Committee's objections arose from some late representations being made to them by the Inhabitants in the neighbourhood complaining of their being plundered of their fattle and of their suffering in that respect just as if they were Enemies by whom means they were reduced to the worst distress and unable to carry on the cultivation so that the Revenues were lost to the Company No account of the fattle taken from the poor people has been rendered to the Company and in Justice to Reimburse the Sufferers Directions will be sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue to prepare proper Letters for the Revenue Officer the Service to sign an Order to procure the supply of fattle demanded to be accounted for by the Camp Agent

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Agent or others to whom they are delivered.

The President has written to Mr. Melch to desire to know the amount of one month's pay to the Officers in Order to issue it. — It would have long since done but the Committee were waiting for the Price account.

By the necessity of the times the whole Service is greatly in Arrears to the Military the Committee will pursue the best mode to discharge them both if practicable.

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from Mr. Benfield addressed to the Council and informs the Committee that his Reasons against complying with Mr. Benfield's request being entirely of a political nature he judged it proper to bring the Subject before them with his Minute in Council of the 12th of October on Mr. Benfield's application dated the 9th October for leave to go to Bengal and the answer that was returned to it.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Governor & Council of
Port St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr. Benfield enclosing the Surgeon's Certificate, requesting leave to go to Bengal for the Recovery of his Health.

I have received a Letter from your Secretary by which I am acquainted that you do not think proper to give me permission to proceed to Bengal on account of the President's Opinion that my going thither may be attended with Inconvenience to the Public. It is well known to you that to some of the

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the Places you have put in my Option there is no probability of going at this Season, others to which immediate Opportunity offers, would not promise me that Reestablishment of Health which I am so much in need of, as will appear from the Opinion of the Surgeon General to whom I sent the letter I received from your Secretary & his reply I now enclose - I beg therefore to repeat my Request that you will permit me to take the earliest opportunity of proceeding to Bengal according to the Recommendation of the Surgeon General.

I cannot help expressing my Surprize at the assertion of the President as communicated to me in your Secretary's Letter, and can only assure you Gentlemen that I do not in any degree merit so unfavorable a Reflection. It is indeed unfortunate for me that I have long had differences with your President but I must solemnly declare to you Gentlemen that I have no other object in going to Bengal than what I have stated to you the Recovery of my Health. I have always had the truest Zeal for the Public good & I hope it will appear evident to you that in my situation and I have other sentiments, as not only my Duty but every Interest I possess in Life is so intimately concerned in the Prosperity or Misfortune of this Settlement where I have a much larger property at Stake than any Individual whatever.

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obed^t hum^l Servant

Signed. B. Benfield

Madras

Dec^r 23. 1772.

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President's Minute-Reasons
for his objecting to Mr
Benfield's going to Bengal.

The President has the honor to observe to the members of the Council, that a request on the part of Mr Benfield some months ago for permission to go to Bengal was after mature deliberation refused to him at that time Mr Benfield was no longer then entrusted with the Service of the Company with any particular Employment nor had any been since conferred upon him. The refusal of the Board could not therefore proceed from any apprehension of the Company's being deprived of the good he did in staying in Madras but of being exposed to the evil he might do in going to Bengal. That Presidency has in several important instances a Superintending Power over this Presidency. The successes from that Government are essential to the Preservation of this Government, the Welfare of the Company's Affairs on this Coast which materially influence the whole of its Affairs depend very much on the maintenance and continuation of Harmony and a good understanding between the Representatives of the Company in the respective Presidencies, Distance misconception accidents sometimes create a difference in the Opinions of Men & misunderstandings amongst them. This Presidency has on frequent occasions sacrificed its private Opinion & has otherwise taken every precaution to prevent such misunderstanding. The refusal of permission to Mr Benfield to go to Bengal was one of those precautions. His Opposition to this Government is not a matter merely of conjecture or of inference, but is open, direct and avowed by him. His Character and his disposition to thwart and overturn the public measures here are too notorious to require being

Described

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described the members of the Government from the goodness of their Cause and the firmness of their Conduct have been able to resist every counteraction attempted on the spot. They knew they had the authority if necessary to Order him to a Subordinate Settlement where he would have no Opportunity of fomenting dissensions between any of the Country Powers & the Company's Representatives they knew that they might prohibit him that he should remain at Madras from holding any correspondence or communication whatsoever with any of the Princes or Rulers of the Country which by the Regulations of the Company is restricted to the Company's Governor. The President was indeed exhorted by some respectable Persons in high Station to adopt such measures; but as Mr. Bingle has large concerns with His Highness Mr. Viceroy it might have effected his Private Affairs to have prevented his Communication with His Highness or his Ministers or to have sent him from Madras where his concerns lie, & the President therefore did not think while they could be avoided, to determine on taking steps which might eventually have been a hardship on any Individual, and discouraged therefore the proposition founded on former examples in the very instance of Mr. Bingle who so long ago as in the Year 1769. is represented by the President Council in their general Letter to the Court of Directors as a champion in the cause of faction, who in the Year 1780 was by the Court of Directors dismissed from the Company's Service for his factious and inflammatory behaviour who after he had on promise of future good behaviour

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been restored to the Service ... was for disobedience of Orders in 1772, unanimously suspended from the Service and was in 1774 ordered by the Court of Directors to be reprimanded & mulctated for his Offence. His subsequent Conduct is fresh in all Mens Minds connected with this Settlement. But the Members of the present Government holding themselves able to resist the factions and inflammatory behaviour of M^r Penfield while he is within their own bounds did not think it prudent to depend upon being equally successful at a distance where they foresaw the practicability as well as the inclination of M^r Penfield to do mischief by Artifice, Intrigue, and Misrepresentation, the Motives which Operated on this Presidency in March last are not in any degree diminished since and the President is therefore now precisely of Opinion which he as well as all the whole Board entertained at that time that M^r Penfield should not be allowed to go to Bengal. If his Health really required a change of Air he might be allowed to go to Masulipatam Vizagapatam or Ganjam where several of the Company's Servants Civil & Military have asked leave to go with a view of recovering their Health. I may not however be amiss to observe that the apparent good Health of many Persons who have applied for leave of absence on Certificates of Ill Health signed by Surgeons in the Service makes it necessary to take care that such Certificates should not be given slightly or that Surgeons should suffer their Civility or private Regard to supersede their strict Duty, In these times of hostility and danger every assistance is required for the public Support & may be of evil Consequence to

the
Board

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 to allow the precaution intended by the Company of a
 Certificate of Ill Health previous to leave of absence to
 degenerate into a Ceremony which instead of the Effect
 intended by it of retaining here the Company's Servants
 who are able to serve it, has the effect of virtually
 transferring the Power of giving leave of absence from
 the Members of the Government in whom alone it
 should be invested to every Person who happens to be
 employed as a Surgeon in the Service. The President
 offers it therefore to the consideration of the Board that
 no Certificate should be admitted but such as shall be
 attested upon Oath to contain the clear Opinion of him
 who signed it. This observation is not meant however to
 apply to the Certificate granted by Mr Anderson to Mr
 Purfield, it candidly and very justly takes notice of the
 effect which is supposed to be produced in all warm
 Climates on all constitutions & with equally propriety
 recommends a cold Climate as the corrector of such an
 Effect. But the same Certificate might with justice
 be granted to every European in the Settlement and every
 Man how so ever would gladly follow the Recommendation
 given in it if his private views and circumstances
 would admit of his departure for a cold climate. I consider
 therefore such a Certificate as a ground for such a recommendation
 fact to remove the restraint of the Company over its Servants
 as to Residence and to give every Man the Opinion of getting
 a Place which threatened by Famine and exposed to be
 besieged, offers no temptation for continuing in it but
 would on this last account Mr Purfield's services may
 become useful.

(Signed) C Macartney

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To Mr. Benfield.

Sir

Mr. Benfield
cannot permit him
to go to Bengal

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your
Letter of the 9th Instant with Surgeon's Certificate enclosed
and the President having given his Opinion that inconvenience
to the Public may arise from your going to
Bengal, the Board do not think proper to permit you to
go thither but they have no objection to your proceeding
to any of the Northern Subordinacies to Bombay, to
Bencoolen or to China tho' not to Bengal for the
Recovery of your Health.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient
Servant

(Signed) Chas. Freeman

The President moves
that the Letter from the
Civil Secretary stand
original answer to
Mr Benfield's Request.

The foregoing Papers having been read the President
moves that Mr. Benfield be referred to the Answer made
to his request from the Civil Department as above stated.

Mr. Davidson delivers in the following Minutes

Mr. Davidson's
minutes agree with
the President's.

Mr. Davidson when this motion was first
agitated in the other Department gave his voice for Mr.
Benfield's Permission to proceed to Bengal having previously
informed Mr. Benfield prior to the meeting of
Council that he thought the Right Hon^{ble} the President
and Council on the Certificates of the Surgeons of his
Ill Health

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Mr. Heath would have no objection. This is the third time this business has been brought before the Government Mr. Penfield not being satisfied with the decision of the Governor and Council. As Mr.

Penfield's applications seem to have been made a party matter to make a Division in the Government after a Decision on Mr. Penfield's application in the first instance Mr. Davidson has no objection to Lord Macartney's motion of declining Mr. Penfield's proceeding to Bengal but to give him permission to go to any other Place in India.

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General Stuart
agrees.

General Stuart — The Council having previously determined on this business for reasons which I suppose were satisfactory I agree with the President tho' I think it is giving Mr. Penfield more Political consequence than he deserves and no Complaint to the Government General of Bengal.

Mr. Sadler agrees.

Mr. Sadler agrees to the motion resolved accordingly.

Read letter from Captain Edington with sundry Bills and Receipts for money advanced by him to the Southward to Lieutenant Wheeler and Captain Brown of the Corps of Light Infantry — Order to lie on the Table till next meeting and the Secretary to collect and lay before the Committee all that has passed on the subject of the Corps of Light Infantry In the mean while as it would appear in the Original arrangement of the Light Infantry Corps the Officer Commanding it was

for

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 was to Pay and Cloath it. The Committee disapproving
 thereof resolve that the said Corps be considered as to Pay
 and Cloathing and in every other Respect on the same
 footing with the other Native Troops and that letters
 be written to the Commanding Officer and Paymaster
 at Palamcottah to advise them of this resolution

General Stuart
 Minute recommends
 promotions &c.

General Stuart delivers the following Minute:
 Captain Lloyd commanding the Artillery and Inspector
 of Stores at Masulipatam will be ordered by me to join
 his Company doing duty in the field under Major
 Mackay - Captain Lieutenant Sutcliffe will be
 ordered in course of duty to Command the Artillery
 there in the Place of Captain Lloyd.

I take this occasion to recommend to the Select
 Committee that Captain Lieutenant Sutcliffe be
 appointed Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam on the
 same footing as Captain Lloyd was Captain Lieutenant
 Sutcliffe is an intelligent and deserving Officer and a
 proper Person at this time for both situations in
 the Garrison of Masulipatam.

J. S.

30th Dec^r 1882.

2nd There are upwards of twenty Coffers and Sascars,
 drilled to the guns at Ganjam formerly under the
 Command of a Captain Bruce as a Coffee Company
 since this man's Death they have had only a Sargent
 to take care of them.

Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy from the Opinion
 he has of Mr. Wright Conductor of Artillery and from
 what I heard Captain Lysons say of him I have
 recommended

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 recommended to the select Committee that this Mr. Wright
 Contractor be appointed to take Charge of this Coffee or
 Lascar Company for the present with the Rank of Lieut.
 Fireworkman fixed at Ganjam where it seems more
 more than ever necessary to have a company of Lascars in
 condition to work the guns occasionally to take the
 field with Parties from that Garrison.

J. S.

Agreed to

Agreed that Captain Lloyd be ordered
 to join his company with the Army and that Captain
 Lieut. Skeliffe be appointed to Command the Artillery
 Platoon inspector of Stores at Masulipatam in his Room.
 Also that Mr. Wright be appointed to the Coffee Company
 at Ganjam with the fixed Rank of Lieut. Fireworkman.

Read the following Letter and enclosures
 from Mr. Hugh Maxwell.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Colonel Mason having determined
 to send his Family to Europe has desired me to request
 I will on England for the Amount of his Pay and allow-
 -ances to the end of last Year together with several
 Sums advanced for the subsistence of the Garrison of
 Trichinopoly an account of which I have the honor to enclose.

I beg leave to observe that Colonel Mason
 has not received Pay nor Ratta since March 1781
 four months in the Tanjore Country captured and that
 exclusive

From Mr. Hugh
 Maxwell requesting
 will on England for
 Colo. Mason's Pay &c.

Accepted /

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 exclusion of the sums charged in the account he has
 advanced for the Purchase of Horses and other Services
 to the Amount of Pagodas 5400 for which he has taken
 a Bond and Bills on Bengal as Payment. I hope there-
 fore your Lordship &c. will comply with his demand
 as soon then he will be eleven Months in Arrears.

I have the honor to be
 My Lord and Gentlemen.

Your most Obedient
 Servant

(Signed) Hugh Maxwell

To Pay and other Bills due to Colonel Nixon from the
 1st April to the 31st August 1781 as settled by Mr. Park 1672.2.
 who has the Voucher

Do Ditto 1st Octo^r to 31st December 1781 681.29.

To Cash advanced the Paymaster as by his
 receipt dated 5th Feb^y 1781. 1000.00

Do ditto 1st August 82 317.40.

Pagodas 3671.29.

(Signed) Hugh Maxwell

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 12 Nov^r 1782

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Maxwell be
 informed that the Committee cannot consent to give
 Bills on England for any Part of Colonel Nixon's Arrears
 but that they will pay them in Money to as late
 a Period as the other Officers of the Army have been
 paid and that they will grant Bills on Bengal for the
 remainder and for the Money he has advanced to the
 Paymaster.

Ordered

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Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted
in favor of Captain Alexander Mc Nicol Commanding
the General Substie to the amount of 10000 Arcot Rupees,
being employed in carrying stores of Rice on the expedition
to Suddalore.

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The Letter to the Governor General and Council having been sent in circulation Agreeable to the Resolution of Yesterday General Stuart makes the following Observations upon it.

I have many parts of this Letter which by a Reference to Facts and Dates will show that I have no concern and therefore am not concerned upon to give any Opinion.

Other parts there are where I am named and therefore have a concern, and I shall sign this Letter when it is copied for as the Orders of the Company direct I under the Assurance that my Minute of the 16th November observing upon a Minute of the Right Honourable President read the other day in Order at the Committee of the 14th Nov^r is to accompany this Letter to Bengal, I mentioned it at the time it was read Yesterday, and now repeat it because in that Minute I thought myself most particularly called upon to give my Opinion freely in many — important points directly treated of in this Letter.

I think there is nothing in the Nabob's conduct from what I have seen on the public Records or that has fallen within my Knowledge or observation that can warrant certain strictures in this Letter applicable to His Highness personally — And as to his secret how whatever his Intrigues may have been or still may be in the Interior of this Settlement, I do not believe there is any real proof to warrant either supposition or suspicion that he would look to Foreign Aid to carry his most favorite points.

with

Observations of
Genl. Stuart on the
Letter written to
the Gov^r. Gen^l. & Council

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With these Observations as a minute I
shall sign the Letter.

[Signed] J. S.

Mr. Salliv's Observations.

Mr. Salliv's Opinion
on the above.

I am of Opinion that General Stewart
should specify the particulars of what he excepts to,
and his reasons for it, that General Stewart's exceptions
should be deemed inadmissible that it is incumbent
on us to give the fullest and the most unreserved
Opinions in political Affairs to the Supreme Council
and that no mental reservation be allowed of.

[Signed] J. S.

The President & Mr.
Davidson concur in
opinion with Mr.
Salliv.

The President and Mr. Davidson concur in
Opinion with Mr. Salliv.

The Letter to Bengal
ordered to be despatched.

Ordered that the forementioned Letter
to the Governor General Council be Copied fair and
Despatched.

I received the following Letter
To the Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K^{ts}.
My Lord.

From the Surgeon General
recommending that Mr.
Holls be appointed
Surgeon at Bangalore in
the room of Mr. Buchanan.

Understanding there is a vacancy
to the appointment of a Surgeon for the Garrison of Bangalore
by the Resignation of Mr. Buchanan, You will lay me
under a very particular Obligation by presenting
Mr.

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Mr. Polo to fill up that vacancy.

I am

My Lord

Fort St. George -
5. Decr 1882.

Your Lordships most
Obedt. and very humble
Servant.

Signed. James Anderson

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Select Committee
My Lords and Gentlemen

From Mr. Gordon
requesting to be
appointed Surgeon
at Sanjore and urging
his length of service
and the losses he has
sustained in the last
and present War.

Being given to understand, that
Mr. Buchanan Surgeon of Sanjore has resigned the Honble
Company's Service, in which case, I beg leave to lay in my
claim to succeed him, Provided no one senior to myself has
applied for the appointment.

That it may appear I have a just right
by Seniority, to succeed Mr. Buchanan, I beg leave to
Inform the Right Honble and Select Committee, that I have
been 22 years in the Honble Company's Service, During
which time, I have been in all actual Service, both in the
Former and Present War, with France, and Mysur Ally, and
I flatter myself that I have done my Duty to the satisfaction
of Officers and Men.

In the former War with Mysur Ally,
it was my misfortune to be made his Prisoner, when I
sustained a considerable loss of time & Property per would
Eight Hundred Pagodas, & pay what Effects, I have lost,
on the March from Conjiveram to Chingleput, the
first

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first of July, and in November at Palliat, But what
adds to my misfortune is I am involved in Debt and
have a Family to provide for

I therefore flatter myself that when
the Right Honble and Select Committee have duly
and Deliberately Considered on what I have laid be-
fore them, I am persuaded strict justice will be
done me.

I have the honor to remain with
Dear Respects

My Lord and Gentlemen,

St Thom's parsonage
5th December 1882.

Your most Obedt^t
and Humble
Servant.

Signed J. W. Gordon

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Benfield.

To Paul Benfield Esq^r

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee to inform you that they
have taken into consideration Your Letter of the 23rd
October addressed to the President and friends and to refer you
for their determination thereon to the answer you have
already received from the Civil Secretary dated the 12th day
October last, which the Select Committee approve.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Signed J. W. Gordon

To Mr. Benfield
referring him for the
Resolution on his letter
to the answer addressed
to him from the Civil
Department.

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5th Dec. 1882.

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Received the following L^r from
To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R. B.
Governor and President of the Select Committee
Fort St. George.

My Lord and Gentlemen -

I am this moment honored by the
Receipt of your letter of the 11th advising me that two Batts
of Sepoys with two Guns and about fifty irregular horse have
been ordered to this place and desiring I will make the
necessary preparations for their reception with respect
to provisions &c., you may depend on my utmost exertions
for this purpose and I flatter myself provisions will not be
wanting, but they must live in tents the few Officers
quarters that were in the Fort have been long in the most
ruinous condition and the heavy rains this monsoon has
caused the roofs to fall in, nor does the village afford a house
fit to put an Officer in except that inhabited by the
Killedar. The rains have also breached the Topbray wall
in three places, and done some mischief to the bastions which
I hope you will honor me with an order to repair the
expense attending it I conceive will be about 1000 Rupees.
The Merchants from whom I purchased the sixteen
Horses that I did myself the honor to send you the Marks
and Price of some days ago are extremely anxious to receive
the remainder of their money, that they may return to their
own country. I have the honor to be with the greatest respect
My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Gentle Servant
Edw. Edmonds
Capt. Comd^t

From Capt. Edmonds -
representing the want
of Quarters for the
Detachment ordered
to Ellore - advising
of the Damage which
the Fortifications have
suffered during the
late rains and
requesting that the
money for the Horses
may be transmitted
to him.

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26th Nov. 1882.

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My Lord

From Capt. Lippage
acknowledging the
Receipt of 500 Pag.
but has not yet received
the 2000 Pag. which
Mr. Ogilvie informed
him had been sent
for the use of the
Garrison - Hyson's
Army moves to
Chittoor - the report
of his death still very
prevalent.

The Kucanas which I dispatched to
your Lordship the 7th Ultimo acknowledging the
receipt of 1000 Pagodas returned this morning they left
their Letters near Lippajore. On the 16th Ultimo
I received 500 Pagodas being the remainder of 2000
sent me the 17th of October I had a letter from Mr.
Ogilvie informing me that your Lordship dispatched
2000 Pagodas the 8th Ultimo for this Garrison, but
they are not yet come to hand, as yet I have been able to
manage tolerable well but without a supply -
shortly I really know not what I am to do or how
the Troops are to live. Hyson moved ground the 30th
Ultimo at 9 O'clock at night, his camp is now at
Chittoor, it is still said that he is very ill and many
People have it that he is dead, but I have no certaint
ty of it We are remarkably quiet

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Vellore

6th Dec. 1882

Your Lordship's
most Obedient
humble Servant
John Lippage

Sent the following letter to Mr. Saunders with
the Accounts therein mentioned as resolved the 4th
Instant

To Edward Saunders Esq.

Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the

To the Milly Paymaster General,
directing

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directing him to call upon the late Paymaster to deliver over to him immediately the charge of that employ-

the President and Select Committee to return you the accompanying accounts delivered by you to the President, and to desire that if you have not already received charge of your Office regularly from the late Military Paymaster that you will call upon him to deliver over the same to you without further delay.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt

humble servt

Signed J. ... John Hudleston

Fort St. George
6 Dec 1882

Received the following Letter

W. Hudleston

From Gen. Stewart to the Military Secy signing his reasons for having refused to sign the letter to Bengal, and desiring him to communicate the same to the Committee.

The letter from the Select Committee of — to the Governor General and Council of Bengal was sent to me about eight last night, and I received soon after a note from Mr. Kingscott saying it was to go by the Lappall and therefore desired I might return it which I did but without signing my name because what I expected to have seen accompanying that letter of marked by me under Mr. Sadler's initials on the back of the original Draft, was not there, without which it is impossible for the Governor General Council of Bengal to form a just judgement of what concerns me where my name is mentioned in that letter. Imagining you may be in want of assistants to write I therefore now send a

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Copy of my Minute in question desiring it may be compared and corrected by the Office Copy, and returned to me properly certified to be exact, and that you will send this note in circulation.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most Obedt.
humble Servant

Yours
James Stewart

Port St George
Saturday Morning
7. Dec. 1882.

If the letter has been sent to Bengal without my name I am sorry for it but I am ready to sign the Duplicate whenever the proper information to the Governor General Council accompanies it and this can only be collected from the Minutes and Proceedings which gave rise to that letter.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. G.
President of Governor G. Select Committee
Port St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I am sorry to inform you that Mr. William Living paymaster of this Garrison died last night - I have made up the fact letters and public papers till the gentleman arrives who is to take charge of his employ.

I have the honor to be

With great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Yours most Obedt. Servant
Yours
Geo. Campbell

Lord Capt. Geo. Campbell advising of the death of the Paymaster Mr. Wm. Living and of his having in consequence secured all the bank and public papers.

Vellore
2. Dec. 1882.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor & the Select Committee
of Port St. George.

My Lord and Gentlemen.

From Col. R. Nicolson
acknowledging the
receipt of the Orders
respecting Colonel
Lange's appointment
and requesting to be
relieved from the
Command of Tricheenopoly

Having received thro' Col. Lange
your Orders for his appointment to the Chief
Command of the Troops in this country, am happy
to find so capable an Officer has been chosen for
that important station, and as I would wish to

render the greatest service in my power to my
Honble Employers request your Permission to
resign the command of this place and proceed to the
Presidency, where perhaps I can be more usefully
employed than I am at present.

I have the honor to remain with great

Respect.

Tricheenopoly

1 Nov. 1882.

My Lord and Gentlemen.

Your most faithful
and Obedt. Servant
Eccles Nicolson

[signed]

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

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose for your
Lordship perusal my Letter to the Military
Storekeeper by which your Lordship will see what
has been recovered from the Wreck of the Prince
William - to which is to be added Eleven Hundred
and eighty Nine Bags of Rice which has already
been

From Mr B Cochrane
with copy of Ltr to
Military Storekeeper
on the state of the
Troops Cash &
Quar at Negapa
Taan Intelli
gence of the French
Col. Lange
Teppos Sahib

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been served out to the Troops in Garrison here
 and to the Detachment that came down to escort
 the Europeans and stores to Bangalore, had the
 Weather permitted I might have been able to
 recover most of what was in Waggs for the factain
 informed me there were near 500 in Bulk for the
 Convenience of Storage some Wags of Rice are
 daily brought up by the Drovers, but on account of its
 being so long under Water I have been under the necessity
 of throwing it away. The present stock of Rice in
 Garrison is for 3 Months for 1000 men and there is
 in the sack Chest a Months Pay for the Troops this
 there is a very great want of Bullocks and hands to
 Cultivate the Country I hope to be able to lay in three
 Months Rice and realize two Months Pay for this
 Garrison from the Car from now Cutting, but under-
 stand there have been many Ships lost at Madras
 in the late storm which may have contained Rice
 and your Lordship thereby prevented from supplying
 this Garrison so amply as it otherwise would have
 been done, I shall therefore delay disposing of any of
 the Grain until I hear from Mr. Sullivan that
 there are no further supplies of Money to be expected
 from Madras, as silver fanams are not current in
 this Country. I am to Request no more Money be sent
 for the Honble Company will sustain a loss on the
 four thousand Pagodas in fanams already transmitted
 Mr. Sullivan meaning they would not be received
 at Bangalore under a very great loss left them with me
 Supposing the Troops might have an opportunity of
 disposing

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7th disposing of them to the ships that might call here in their way to Madras - We have had no further accounts of the French Fleet since their departure from Jussalor on the 16th Instant.

I have the honor to be -

My Lord

Your most Obedient
Dutiful humble servant

Signed Basil Cockrane

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

Fort St. George.

My Lord.

Enclosed is copy of a letter I had

the honor to write your Lordship by a battamian but the wind proving too strong it was obliged to put back and is just now arrived on the 1st Instant. Since Little, Gosfroy, and 2. Artillery Officers arrived here from Madras by which conveyance I received Mr. Kingscot's letter of the 28th Sept. enclosing Copy of the Military Ordinance & Stores shipped on board his Majesty's ship Sultan and Prince William for the use of Tanjore Trichinopoly and the Southern Army - Judging that all applications for Stores should be made to the Secretary I shall thereupon send him an Indent of such Articles as are immediately required for the service of the Garrison here also an account of the delivery of Stores sent by the Sultan and what is remaining to be recovered from the

Wrote

Negapatam.
2nd Nov. 1882.

From Mr. Basil Cockrane enclosing copy of a letter to the military Secretary hopes to be able to realize 3 months Rice & 2 months Pay for the Garrison from the crop now cutting has deferred his paying of any of the Grain & desires no more silver hand may be sent to him - The boat crewing great forwardness - The French Fleet reported to be at Point de Galle Colonel Lang had marched from Mysore and Sepoy's said the crops the Colonies.

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7th Much of Prince Williams my letter to Mr. Sestrey will therefore be unnecessary. The Cutting of the far from comes on well and am now advancing 2000 Culls of what is cut to the Inhabitants to be planted immediately which will turn out ten fold in the month of April next. There are so few cultivators and what remains so very poor, that I find it absolutely necessary to give them every encouragement in Order to prevent their starving the coming Season. There is a Report of the French Fleet being at point de Galle but I have as yet received no Confirmation of the news nor can a Ship that left Saffanapatan seven days ago give any intelligence of them. Colonel Langmaier from Sanyon the 5th Instant and will have arrived at Trichinopoly yesterday. Lippas sail by the last accounts has crossed the forenoon.

I have the honor to be

Negapatam.

10th Nov. 1882.

Your Lordships
Most Obedt and
very humble Servt.

Signed

Basil Lockhart

A letter from Sanyon mentions that Mr. Sullivan has received ^{repeated} information from Black People that Callicacherry is now in the possession of Colonel Humbroston.

My Lord.

Enclosed is a paper of News I have just now been able to make out and which

From Mr. Basil
Lockhart enclosing a
Paper of news.

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7th I lose no time in forwarding to your Lordship
 accompanied with duplicates of my last letters
 I have the honor to be

Negapatam
 14th Nov. 1782.

Your Lordships
 most Obedient
 humble Servant

Signed Basil Jackson

Negapatam 14th November 1782.

By Letter from Srangarbat I learn
 that Hyder is still to the Westward of Kullor. That
 the French wanted to borrow of him one Sack of
 Rupees to which Hyder answered "I have already
 given you ten Sacks without your rendering me
 any Service. I have defrayed the Expence of Mons.
 Rivron's Passage to the Mauritius and back again,
 and I have not yet received your Bond for the same.
 I therefore cannot give you more Money before
 the arrival of Mons. Dufay, and I am surprized
 the English have ships arriving every day and
 that Count Dufay who should have been here
 some Months past, cannot arrive as well as the
 English. I therefore cannot rely on your Promises."

That the French are so struck with this answer,
 they don't well know what to do. That an Account
 is arrived from Ceylon of 6 Dutch Batavia ships
 being on the Malabar Coast - of an Engagement in
 Europe between a Dutch and English Fleet which
 closed by night coming on. The former went into
 the Strait and the latter in the Channel. Both much
 Damaged

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The Damaged - a Dutch Frigate was taken and sunk afterwards, this given as a certain fact. That the French have some accounts of a Peace between England and America - that on the 10th Instant a Snow arrived at Puddalore and carried away 100 Europeans to reinforce the Garrison of Trincomallee where there is some difference said to be between the French and Dutch, the latter wanting to take possession of the Fort and the former refusing until the Dutch defray all the charges of the Expedition against the Place - The Deptford Snow that was driven out of Madras Roads the 10th Instant put in at Tranquebar for want of cables and Anchors, which she was supplied with by M^r. M^r. Intosh - and is now arrived here in order to land the remaining part of her cargo of 1500 Bags of Rice
[signed] Basil Cochrane

To The Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney,
President of the Governor & C^o. Select Committee,
My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Committee must long since be acquainted of my being appointed by Colonel Lang to the command of this Garrison. I have the honor to enclose you a present state of the Troops in Garrison likewise an Indent for stores wanting for the defence of the place, I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship and honors that there is about three months' Provisions in Garrison agreeable to its present strength
I

From Capt. Spencer Cochrane containing an account of the strength and state of the Garrison in every respect the Southern Army at Trincomopoly - a Detachment of the Enemy taken by the British. Colonel Munsterhouse takes two Forts and expects to be shortly before Palicacherry enclosing an Indent of stores wanted.

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In the last first money for the payment of the
 7; Europeans for the present month and to clear off the
 Sepoys for the Month of July, also to pay the European
 officers one month's allowances for May, there is a bal-
 lance of above three hundred Pagodas remaining for
 the use of the Fortifications. Captain Johnston says
 it will require to keep the works in repair as they
 are mostly temporary and to do what is absolutely
 necessary to put the fortifications in a state not to
 be surprised from two or three hundred Pagodas amount.
 as I am perfectly convinced of the necessity of frugality
 from having received no Pay for twelve months -
 besides having lent out considerable sums on
 the ^{Konble} Company's account. Your Lordship and the
 Gentlemen of the Committee may be assured nothing
 shall be done except what is ^{absolutely} necessary. Mr. Lockman
 informs me of the far from is collected which I think
 there is little doubt of that he will be able to get
 in sufficient grain if ordered to be sold for the
 expenses of this Garrison for two months. Your
 Lordship and Honors will be able to judge from
 this statement what money and grain will be
 absolutely necessary. I must beg leave to remark
 that silver finams being sent up for the payment
 of the Troops, not being the currency of the Tanjore country,
 is attended with great trouble. Capt. Johnston
 having already wrote your Lordship and Honors on the
 subject of the fortifications, I will not trespass on
 your time to show what is still wanting to be done
 to put this place in a state to oppose any considerable
 European

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4. European force, I am in hopes by means of picketts
to keep the Ditch of the lines and round the body of the
place filled to a considerable depth which will be
a great addition to the strength of this Garrison, the
entrances into the mines from without and which
now communicate with our bombproofs. Capt.
Johnston with whom I always consult thinks
necessary it should be closed up with brick & masonry
which will be attended with some expence. Our
Southern Army is now at Trincomopoly a Detach-
ment of Tippoo's Army has taken Pussacottah near
Sourase, Captain Cook with a Subaltern & three
companies composed the Garrison, which capitulated
on what terms I am unacquainted with. We have
no news of either the French or English fleets since
their having put to sea. Reports from Tranquebar
say Mr. Bussy left the Islands the latter end of August
but the force he brings with him is not mentioned
By a letter from Colonel Humberston of the 11th Attoms
he had then taken two forts and was the next day to
be before Pallicatcherry.

I am

My Lord and Gentlemen - With the
greatest Respect - Your most Obedient
humble servant
Spencer Jackson -
Capt. Genl.

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12 Nov. 1782

P.S. The first dispatch I had the honor to send by a
Cattamaran, which was unfortunately obliged to
return back.

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Received also letter from Mr. Lockhart/assisted
in Miscellaneous Book/enclosing Indent & Return of stores.

Sent the following letter.
To Charles Cokerly Esq.

Esq. members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue
Gentlemen.

To Committee of
Assigned Revenue
directing them to
furnish Messrs
Holland and Moulbray
with a statement &c.
of the demands made
for Bullocks taken
for the use of the Army

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to advise you will
furnish to Mr. Holland and Mr. George Moulbray with a
statement of the demands made by the Inhabitants of the
Assigned countries of Bullocks taken for the use of the
Army and all other papers necessary for their information
on this subject.

Fort St George
7. Dec. 1882.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servant
John Huddleston
Secy.
To Mr. Edward John Holland
Esq. Mr. George Moulbray
Gentlemen.

To Messrs Holland
and Moulbray acquaint
them with Orders having
been sent to the Committee
of assigned Revenue to
furnish them with
the above mentioned
Papers.

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter and to acquaint you that Orders
have been sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue
to furnish you with whatever papers may be necessary
for your information.

Fort St George.
7. Dec. 1882.

I am
Gentlemen

Your most Obedt Servant
John Huddleston
Secy.

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Fort St. George December 1812.

Received the following letter and enclosed
from General Stuart

Mr. Hublestone.

Sir

You will please send the enclosed

note from Captain Suppage commanding at Tellico
just now received to the President and to the Members
of the select committee in circulation, and return it
where proper.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedt

Humble servant

Signed/ James Stuart

To Major General James Stuart

Sir

I had the honor to address you the
27th Instant last night about eight o'clock. Hyder
began to break his camp and at nine marched towards
Chittaw, where it is said he is going, the rear of his
Army was seen from the hills this morning going
in at the pass by Myingalund a German and a
man came in to me this morning, the former was in
this Regiment 8 Years ago, they confirm the accounts
of Hyder's being dangerously ill, but say he is not dead.
Lippoo they say is at parson. I hope there is money sent
me, I have only received 2000 Pagodas since the Army
was here, and after paying the Europeans a Weeks Pay
tomorrow, I will not have a Pagoda. Every thing is going
on.

From Genl Stuart
enclosing letter from
Captain Suppage -
Hyder moves towards
Chittaw and Lippoo
encamped at Caroor -
two deserters confirm
the accounts of Hyder's
being dangerously ill -
the cultivation in great
forwardness, requesting
a supply of cash -

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8th Decr 1812.

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on well in the cultivation, very little water in the Pond,
or this River.

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Dear

Your most Obedt^d

humble Servant

(signed) Johannespage

Vellore
30th Nov 1882.

Note from the President
inquiring the Committee
that 5000 Pagas has been
sent to Vellore but has
not yet been received by
Captain Johannespage.

The President sends the following note to the
Secretary, Lord Macartney desires the Committee may
be informed that five thousand Pagasas have been sent
at different times to Vellore since the 16th October last.
Two thousand have been received by the last accounts,
but not without great delay and difficulty owing to the
position of Mysore's Army which was so posted, as to
render it scarcely possible for the supplies to be thrown
into Vellore. The remainder will probably arrive safe
also, as it was dispatched by the same faithful persons
who within these eighteen months have been so
successful in that business, that not a Pagoda has
miscarried; altho' many many thousands have been
entrusted to them.

Received Letter from Mr. Russell as entered
in M. B. enclosing the application of Mr. Hubner
a Dutch Prisoner at Vizagapatam for permission to
go to Tranquebar.

Ith Received the following Letters

To

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Fort St. George December 1783
 To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
 President and Governor. &c.

Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

I am Capt. Cochrane
 advising of a report of an
 engagement between
 the British & that 10 French
 ships had arrived on the
 Malabar Coast. Col
 Humberston said he
 had returned to Calicut
 and both days still at
 Trichinopoly.

I did myself the honor of address-
 ing your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Committee
 the 19th Instant by a fathmaran, which from the con-
 tinuance of a few days fair wind I make no doubt
 arrived in safety. I now think it my duty to acquaint
 you that by letters received at Tranquebar from
 Succalore, we have reason to believe an action was
 fought between the two Fleets about 20 days ago off
 Arcot, and that Sir Edward Hughes captured two of the
 French Line of Battle Ships. Altho yesterday from Mr.
 Palk from Trichinopoly mentions the arrival of two French
 Ships on the Malabar Coast which seems a confirmation
 of the above news, he likewise adds that these accounts
 were that Colonel Humberston had returned to Calicut
 by Order of the Bombay Presidency. Colonel Lang and the
 Southern Army remain all well at Trichinopoly.

I am

My Lord and Gentlemen With the

greatest Respect

your most Obedt. Servt.

Richard Spencer Cochrane

P.S. By a letter dated the 10th Instant from
 Mangalore to Col. Humberston, writes he finds
 Paticherry too strong without his battering train,
 having received Orders to return to the Coast from
 Bombay, he is gone back. my Account differ with
 Respect

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26th Novr 1783.

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Respect to Suppos Sahel, some say he is ten miles or westward of Caroor, others that he has followed Colonel Mumbeston towards Calicut; I am sorry to inform your Lordship that a packet dispatched about 12 days ago for the Southward, has been intercepted and thrown into the Sea off Cuddalore.

To the Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney R. H.
President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr. Hignessley
enclosing Extracts of a
Letter from the President
of Anjengo to Mr. Sullivan
the Brilliant Indian
left off to hand and
the substituted Cotton
wound at Sellicherry.

I have the honor to forward to your Lordship &c. the following Extracts of a Letter from the President of Anjengo dated 18th November addressed to Mr. Sullivan and transmitted by him to me - "I have neither heard or seen any thing of Sir Edward Hughes - He could not I think pass this port without my knowledge. Dickerton passed the 16th ^{the} ^{was} ^{dispatched} ahead to take in water, the Active passed the 15th, Sir Richard ^{had} ^{not} joined Sir Edward - Mr. Sullivan adds that the Brilliant India Ship that sailed 5th May was lost the 27th August off Laanna 33 Men were drowned the remainder ^{Hand} ^{Number} from 10th to the ^{of} 277 got on shore, 2 were left on the 4th Sept^r by Captain Mearns who came on the Substitute - further and was landed the 13th Nov^r at Sellicherry -

I have the honor to be.

My Lord & Gentlemen - with the greatest

Respect -

Sanford

27th Nov^r 1782.

(Duplicate)

Your most Obed^t and
faithful servant

Wm. J.

J. Fox Hignessley

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Received from Genl Stuart the following Extract
of a Letter from Major Campbell to Colonel Sutherland.

Extract of a Letter from Major Campbell
of His Majesty's 100th Regiment to Genl Sutherland.

The Idea of our forming a Detachment was
indeed very pleasing and to me, but in weighing
Circumstances I find the execution in our present

Situation impracticable. We took the field in
August very ill equipped, having only 500 Bullocks
instead of 3000, - footys in nearly the same

proportion, labouring under these and many other
Difficulties, we with great labour about the end
of September reached Ramgarie a strong Fort, near

which at the end of the last Campaign, came up with
the Enemy, who drew up in good Order to receive us
we beat them off the field and took their Guns.

I mention this affair on the supposition You
have not heard it before, - The Colonel not thinking
he had sufficient force to invest it, ^{the} Enemy

evacuated it and got clear off - all water forage
being now at an end, the impossibility of proceeding
with the heavy Artillery (18 P^{rs}) and Mortars was

evident. Colonel St. therefore Resolved, to take a
look at the fort of Palliatoherry, with field Pieces
only - From various delays we did not arrive there

till the middle of October, after having taken a view
of three sides, and were returning to our first Ground,
where about day break an Attack was unexpectedly

made.

Extract of a letter
from Major Campbell
to Col Sutherland -
Col Sutherland
arrives at Ramgarie
and marches against
Palliatoherry - His
Rear Guard attacked
by the Enemy and
sustains a heavy
loss Major Hutchinson
killed - The Bombay
Government disapproves
of Col Sutherland's
taking the field -

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made upon our baggage, owing to the bad Conduct of
 who commanded the Rear Guard, but
 instead of covering it, marched on leaving the whole
 baggage naked & unprotected. The fornicarys footys
 immediately threw down their loads & ran off - The
 enemy at the same time threw a Body of Men, into
 a Village, thro which we were Obliged to pass; We had
 several Men wounded by them but how shall I mention,
 without deeply affecting You, the great loss we sustained in
 Major Hutchinson? He there received a wound, of
 which he dyed since we came here, His dying
 request to us all was to intreat you to
 procure from his Successor £ 500 for the
 benefit of his Son - The loss of the Mice, Arrack, &c.
 obliged us to fall back to this place 3 miles, Now we
 have been collecting Supplies and recruiting the Troops -
 Want of Arrack, hard Duty, & bad weather induced a few
 Spiritless Vascels to desert; should you be fortunate
 enough to lay hold of any of them, Lick them up without
 Mercy; knowing the handle that may be made of this little
 advantage, I have been perhaps too particular, Despatches
 from Bombay arrived Yesterday, disapproving of Mr. H. taking
 the field, without their Orders, and desiring him to return to
 the fleet with the Troops - The late movement of Piquois
 Army, would likewise have made in our situation this
 retrograde motion not only prudent but absolutely
 necessary. Private Letters mention that Lieut. Col.
 Matthews is coming to take the command. The Gov.
 and Council, of which he is a Member having promoted
 him to Brigadier General's rank, Eight of the Bombay
 Regiments

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Battalions were ready for embarkation, their Destination not known. Nothing could possibly be done from this ~~and~~ without a large supply of Money & considerable Reinforcement of Troops, with these you might scour this immense tract of Country, but beyond the Gante I conceive great difficulties, from the quantity of Stores such an Army wants, without the mode of Conveyance. - would it not be a more direct Road to the heart of this Country by Mangalore? The loss of which would be a severe stroke upon him. - This

Country when once completely taken possession of, Camp Magerie might be kept at very little Expence, ought to produce but - Dated 11. Nov^r advanced from 7. to 11. Lacks of Rupees & Annam.
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The above is the Copy of the Letter to Sir Colonel Sutherland - from Major Campbell in Extract.
I. S.

Received Letter from Mr. John Douglas enclosing an account of Secret Service Money paid by the late Governor of Charles Smith Esq^r - referred to the President and Council.

This Majesty's Ship Coventry arrives from Masulipatam.

Arrived This Majesty's Ship Coventry from Masulipatam and received the following Letter by the Commander from Mr. Daniell.

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

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My Lord.

From Mr. Daniell
 forwarded by the Country
 and lack of Rupees and
 a quantity of shoes for
 the use of the Army -
 requesting an answer
 so public at the address
 to the Committee
 relative to the heavy
 Drafts made on the
 Board of Masulipatam

By the Country Captain Wolstey we
 have sent you all the silver the Bengall Soucar
 has paid us into Cash - /100,000/ and lack Masulipatam
 Silver Rupees which I hope will reach you safe.

I have also sent you for the Army -
 2 Parcels containing Ellore shoes - 100 pair
 & Ditto - Masulipatam do. 250 - do.
 & ditto - Masulipatam ditto. 260 do.

Small - 100 pair

Also two boxes Bumblebees of which
 I beg Your Lordship's acceptance.

Under date the 20th Ultimus we address
 a public Letter to the Board on the Subject
 of paying the late heavy drafts on us from the Cash
 paid in by the Bengall Soucars - to pay them -
 otherwise is impossible, and I am most anxious for
 a Reply - for at the last extremity I am afraid I
 must do so rather than that the Bills should be
 returned to the Presidency.

I have only time to add that I have
 the Honor to be very Respectfully -

Masulipatam
 4th Dec. 1782.

Your Lordship's
 Most faithful
 Humble servant
 J. Daniell

P. S. In my hurry I have omitted to inform Your
 Lordship that the Freight is not inserted in the Invoiced
 because I know not exactly what is the usual allowance
 on

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on such an occasion from this Port, and the time will not admit of enquiry. I have therefore left it to you to be adjusted with Captain Wolsley on his arrival.
I.B.

Received Letter from Mr. Adair as entered in Miscellaneous Book, requesting an Order for the discharge of Pay Lt. due to his Worth.

From the Committee of assigned Revenue enclosing Extract from their Proceedings and recommending that Venkat Ranga be appointed to succeed Ramchandra Ranga as Hunter of the Ongole Country.

Received Letter from the Committee of assigned Revenue with Extract of their proceedings of the 9th Instant / as lodged in the Office / recommending that Venkat Ranga be appointed Hunter of the Ongole Country for the present Year.

Venkat Ranga accordingly appointed

I agree that Venkat Ranga be appointed Hunter of the Ongole District for the present Year in the town of Ramchandra Ranga, on condition of his discharging his predecessors Engagements to the Company, and paying immediately the balance due of the first Kist.

Received the following Letter from Captain Edwards.
To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
Governor & President &c. of Port St. George.
My Lord.

From Capt Edwards.
The family of the late Ramchandra Ranga greatly alarmed at the report that another Hunter will be appointed.

I am myself the honor to write Your Lordship in consequence of a Representation made to me this day by the Mer to Ramchandra Ranga's estate, Venkatarao his Dewan and

Edmund

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Shinny Vasa Row acting Ammil under the late
Rampchunder Rango that a number of applications have
been made to Rent this country, and that great Interest
is made to turn them out by their most intimate friends
who will stick at nothing to effect their Purpose.

Fearing that these Alarms may put
a stop to the cultivation of the country at the time it
ought to be encouraged, is my only motive for giving your
Lordship this information. I have said all in my power
to convince them that nothing of the kind will take
place while they continue to manage the country well
I to pay their Rent according to agreement, they make
fair promises, but seem much alarmed. If I
conceive it will be for the good of this country greatly
especially at this critical period, that your Lordship
quiet their minds as this is the Month for putting the
seed in the ground and the country may suffer much
should they continue in their present disposition.

I have the honor to be with the greatest

Respect,

My Lord.

Your Lordships
most Obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) Edw Edwards

Ongole
17th Dec^r 1782

Captain Edwards to be
informed that the
Committee have
nominated Vincent
Rang to succeed the
late Rampchunder Rango.

I agreed that Captain Edwards be
informed that the Committee have appointed Vincent
Rango to be Renter of the District of Ongole for the
present year.

Edw

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I received the following Letter from Captain
Sculver.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Capt. Sculver
requesting that a surgeon
may be sent to Sriperumbadi to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st
and to be favored with
the Orders of the Committee &c. relative to the Disposal
of some Mallocks -
collected for the use
of the Army Reports -
in view of Mysore's Death.

I did myself the honor some days ago,
to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st
and to be favored with
the Orders of the Committee &c. relative to the Disposal
of some Mallocks -
collected for the use
of the Army Reports -
in view of Mysore's Death.

Plaus and a Stepmag, I took the liberty of sending you a
Duplicate of one of mine, dated the 29th October accompa-
nied with a few Observations &c. on these Complaints.

Since then I have wrote repeatedly and most
pressingly to you my Lord & Gentlemen, representing the
necessity for a surgeon to be sent here, Mr. Lord and Surgeon
being excessively Ill. but his Complaints increasing on him,
he was forced to go to Fort St. George to get assistance; Last
Night Mr. Woolf and Paymaster, being excessively Ill
was in like manner reduced to the necessity of leaving
this Place, as we have no surgeon, I therefore again
request you will Order one to come here as soon
as possible; for more than half the Europeans are on
sick Beds and some of the officers, almost half my
Battalion are sick.

A few days ago, I wrote to you concerning
five Measures I had taken, requesting the Right Honble
and Select Committee would permit me to make a few
Example of one or two of them. I likewise mentioned that

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I had two Desvoters in Confinement and as we have had a great deal of Devotion since my arrival here, thought a proper example made of one of them would be the means of putting a stop to it. In a former letter I did myself the honor to inform you, that I had upwards of a hundred and fifty Buffaloes, which were brought out of Fort Mazy Collam, with the last Collection of fattle, for the Army's use - Requesting your Direction for their Disposal -

The Right Hon^{ble} the President and Hon^{ble} Select Committee will do me a most particular favor if they will indulge me with their Orders & Instructions on all these Points.

The Current Report of these parts is that about five or six days ago, Hydow Ally went with his Army to Chittore, there to Celebrate a feast, and that he is since dead, from the Violent Discharge of a Terrible sort of Pile he is subject to, on his Back.

I have no certain account of this, but still I thought it proper to acquaint you with it, lest you should again think me negligent - The moment I can ascertain the Truth of this Intelligence, I will inform you of it with the utmost speed, being my Lord and Gentlemen - with the greatest Respect -

Yours very Obed^t
In Humble serv^t

/Signed/..... Robt. Scouler.

Sent the following letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue -

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To Charles Oakeley Esq.

Members of the Committee of Assigned
Revenue.

Gentlemen

To the Committee of
Assigned Revenue directing
them to lay before the
select committee a state-
ment of the Receipts
and Disbursements of
the Assigned Revenue
to the present date.

I am directed by the Right

Honble the President and select committee to
desire that you will prepare and lay before them
an account of all the Receipts and Disbursements
of the Assigned Revenue to the present date with
such observations thereon as may be necessary for
their Instructions.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most
humble servant

John Huddleston Esq.

Dispatched the following Letter
to the Governor General & Council.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.
Governor General & Council.

Fort William

Gentlemen

I have the honor to send you the
copies of two letters which we have just received from
the Southward, Hyder some days since removed from
Mysore to Chittoor where it is said he will
pass the rest. By the most authentic accounts he
is in a very declining state of health. It is indeed pretty
confidently reported among the Black People, that he is
actually

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To the Governor
General & Council.

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actually dead, but I do not give credit to it. The *Leventry*
and *Media* anchored in these Roads Yesterday. The
latter brought us three Sacks of Peppes for which
and for all your other most liberal and generous supplies
to this Presidency we entertain the most lively and
grateful sense.

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10th Dec^r 1782. ---

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen

Yours most Obed^t
humble Servant.

[Signed] Macartney

A select Committee summoned
on Military Affairs present -

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Sunday
10th Dec^r 1782.

78 The Right Honble Gen. Lord Macartney R^{ts} President.
Anthony Sadlier Esq^r.
Major Gen^l. James Stuart
J. Alexander Davidson Esq^r.

Minutes of last Committee read and
approved. ---

Read the following Letter and Enclosures
from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
President and Governor &c. &c. &c.
of Port St. George
My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Masulipatam
enclosing letter to L^d
from Lieut. Col. L^d
Jones and recommending
the Detachment to
send to Ellore as being
a better station for
Europeans than
Masulipatam -
desiring to know
how far his
authority is to extend,
and in what manner
they are to act respecting
the Detachment.

We have received your letter of the 30th ultimo, informing us that a general order to our desire you have sent 202 of the Kings Troops, the Garrison of Masulipatam or to be employed as circumstances may require. We conceived from the letter that the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Jones who arrived here yesterday on the Ceres and Lord Saloot, were to have been stationed wherever we thought they would be most conducive to public Service, and many Reasons pointed out Ellore to be the properest Station for them, besides the defence of Masulipatam if necessary. We were induced to apply to your Lordship for a Detachment of Europeans on a supposition that when the Zemindars and other Tributaries saw we were in a condition to do nothing to fear from an Enemy they would have been induced to have paid their arrears of Tribute, and it was therefore our intention to have stationed a Detachment of the 102^d Regiment with the Grenadier Companies of depoy Battalions together with some Artillery Pieces at Ellore, where they would have formed a more respectable force than any which has been assembled in these Districts for several Years past, and have been ready for any service which might have been required.

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required of them - Ellore is the healthiest Situation in the fircars, there is the greatest Plenty of every kind of Provision, the Barracks which were originally intended for the accommodation of a Regiment of Europeans we have Ordered to be repaired, and on all these accounts it is certainly a much properer Station for Europeans than Masulipatam, particularly to those unaccustomed to the climate. They are liable to scorbutic complaints both from the nature of the soil and the scarcity of Vegetables, and here agues and other complaints are more frequent than in any other part of these Districts add to this the high price of Provisions, the scarcity of fire wood and other articles of consumption, and the want of Barracks for accommodating the Officers and Men. We have addressed Colonel Jones on this Subject, and Copies of our Letter with his Reply are herewith enclosed.

As it appears that Colonel Jones cannot obey any instructions he may receive from us, we request that your Lordship &c. will give Orders for his proceeding to Ellore and inform us particularly how far his authority is to extend and in what manner we are to act respecting this Detachment. Should they remain in Masulipatam we apprehend that so far from having the desired effect in the minds of the Zemindars it may confirm their Opinion of our Situation, and they may conceive that this Detachment is sent thither for the defence of this Garrison only, in consequence of our apprehensions of an attack. In Order to accommodate the Men and Officers with Barracks we have been obliged to send the Arcott Detachment to Ellore and to Canton the European Invalids in

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in the neighbourhood of this Battalion, and after all
we have not a sufficient number of quarters for the
Officers - We entreat your Lordship &c.^s will favor
us with your answer as soon as possible respecting
these circumstances - and as we foresee that many
Difficulties may occur in the course of public business
unless Colonel Jones is either directed to obey such
instructions as he may receive from us or that he
be stationed at Ellore with his Detachment, with
Directions to attend to any Requisition from us respect-
ing his future movements. We beg your Lordship
&c.^s will be pleased to point out the line of our conduct
and that his may be so distinctly drawn as to prevent
any probability of a Difference of Opinion to the
Detriment of the Service at so critical a juncture.

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29th Nov^r 1782

We have the honor to be -

Very Respectfully -

My Lord and Gentlemen -

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
" J. Daniell
" James Hodge -
" John P. Bailew
" Alexander Pringle

To Lieutenant Colonel Jones
Commanding a Detachment of His Majesty's 102nd Regiment.
Sir,

We have received a letter from the
Right Honourable the President and select committee
acquainting

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acquainting us that in consequence of our desiring to have a
Body of Europeans sent to Masulipatam, they had sent 292
of the Kings Troops for the Garrison of Masulipatam or to be
employed as circumstances may render necessary, we are
led to suppose from this letter that the Troops under your
Command are to be stationed where they may conduce most to
the good of the Service and many reasons in our Opinion point
out Ellore to be the properest Station for them, our reason
for applying to the Right Honourable the President and Select
Committee was principally to convince the Zemindars
and other Tributaries in these Districts that we were
in a condition to fear nothing from our Enemies and
thereby induce them to pay the heavy arrears due
from them while money is so much wanted for the
use of the Army by marching the Detachment under
your Command to Ellore, we had hoped this might have
been effected, but if they should be stationed in this Garrison
we apprehend it may have a very different effect. The
Zemindars will conceive that the Detachment has
been sent here for the defence of this Garrison only in
consequence of our fearing an attack from the Enemy
in these parts, by which means our hopes of collecting
the Company's Revenue may be disappointed besides
this reason which is so material for the good of the
Service, their situation at Ellore will conduce much
to the Health & Convenience of themselves, Masulipatam
is far from being a healthy place for Europeans, —
especially such as are but just arrived in the country,
there is neither proper Barracks for the Soldiers nor
Quarters for the Officers while Barracks have been

provided

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provided for the Officers and Men at Ellore where there is the greatest plenty of every thing & which is the most healthy situation in the fircars. We therefore recommend these circumstances to your consideration and beg you will communicate your determination in consequence that we may regulate our conduct accordingly.

We are Sir

Masulipatam.

28th November 1782.

Your most Obedt.

Humble Servants

J. Daniell

James Hodges

John Peter Boileau

Alexander Pringle

(Signed)

A true Copy

Ath Secy

James Daniell Esq^r.

Chief Secy Council

of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have been honored with a letter from you dated 28th Instant requesting that I with the Kings Troops under my Command should march to Ellore.

In answer to which I can only say that until I receive Major General Stuarth's Orders for so doing - it is impossible for me to comply.

I have sent him a copy of your letter & as soon as I receive an answer, will to myself the Honor of communicating it to you.

I am Gentlemen

Your most Obedt. humble servant

(Signed) Thos Jones

Masulipatam

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The President delivers in the following Minute.

Minute of the President
on the foregoing subject.

The President has the honor to lay before the Committee a letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam representing that having considered it necessary and proper that Colonel Jones with the European Troops under his command should be stationed at Ellore, they communicated their sentiments to Colonel Jones who declined to comply with their desire without a previous Order from Genl Stuart.

The President observes to the Committee that the Civil and Military Authority are lodged throughout the Circars in the respective Chiefships under the controul and Direction of the Presidency. The administration of each of them being entire within its own District, admitting the Exercise of no Power but what it conveys, but obliged to execute the Orders it receives from the Presidency, and answerable for the use of the Discretion allowed, where no commands are given to it. Discretion has been necessarily entrusted to the residing Government of a country which in no part is nearer than 300 Miles to the Presidency, which is separated from it by the Possession of three Powers and from which the communication has been sometimes interrupted by Sea and Land. When the Chief and Council apply for Troops to defend them against external Attacks, or to maintain their internal Authority, they best know where that particular Defence is most required, or when that authority is most proper to be maintained.

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Experience hath shewn the necessity and propriety of this System. They have therefore constantly disposed of the Troops within their District, without the previous approbation of the Commanding Chief of the Company's forces, or even of the Committee of the Council in which the Military Powers of the Presidency are lodged.

It was very natural for Colonel Jones who is lately arrived in India and not yet conversant in the nature of the Company's Government to suppose he must still receive his Orders thro' Major General Stuart thro' whom the Resolves of the Presidency had already been conveyed to him. The President is therefore of Opinion that Major General Stuart be required to signify to Colonel Jones that he is for the future to comply as far as in his power with whatever may be desired for the public Service by the Chief and Council at Madrasipatam.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to send out Troops to the Assistance of the Company, he has expressly declared them to be for their Service and they are actually in their Pay. The King has formed Regulations for their interior discipline, and has reserved to himself to fill up the Vacancies which may happen in them. But how they are to be employed and when and where their Services are to be performed must depend on those whom they are sent to serve. The authority to conduct all Military Operations lodged in the Company's Representatives cannot be separated from the Authority over the Troops which are to execute them.

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The King gives therefore to Officers coming to India, and the Secretary of State afterwards transmits to them no Instructions as to any Military Operations. They are not officially told from home what War they are to wage, what Country to attack, or what Expedition to undertake. They are simply informed that they are sent to the assistance of the India Company, to whom the obedience of the Officers as well as Troops is by this very act transferred while they remain in India. The Meeting Laws which do not say that the Kings Troops in India are to obey the Company and its Representatives, do not say that the Kings Troops in England are to obey the King or his commands signified by his Secretaries of State or of War, but both are equally understood. The Senior Officer of the Kings Troops in India is vested with no unlimited Power. he must receive Orders before he is empowered to act. he has got no Orders from the Crown; he must therefore necessarily take them from the Authority commanding where he is sent.

Before the India Company had any extensive Possessions, when the War that was to be waged in India was chiefly intended against an European and a National Enemy, yet the Instructions of the commanding Officer of the Reinforcements sent by the Crown expressly directed him to follow the Determinations of the Company's Representatives, nor was a failure considered justifiable on his part, unless a Council of Officers particularly named in the Instructions should deem the Plan proposed to be impracticable.

The President has made the foregoing Observations because General Stuart sometimes seems to

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to act in relation to the Kings Troops here, as if he had the option of denying when he pleases their Services to the Company. If General Stuart shall for the future comply with the Requisitions of the Committee, the President will not call in question The Generals representative Right to this Option whilst the General continues in the Command of the Company's Troops. But the President should hold himself wanting of his Duty in the present Critical Juncture of Affairs when the preservation of the Company may depend on the Exortions which may be made with the assistance of the great Reinforcements lately sent to India, if he did not strenuously oppose any groundless claim that should be held up in opposition to such Exortions.

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Signed J. Macartney

Minute thereon

Agreeably to the Opinion above stated the President moves that General Stuart be required to send orders to Colonel Jones to march to Ellore with the Kings Troops under his Command if the Company and Council of Masulipatam shall continue to the that measures necessary for the public Service.

Mr. Davidson for the Motion—

General Stuart concurs and Observes it was not necessary to make it as he is also of Opinion that Colonel Jones and the Kings Troops should go to Ellore.

Mr. Salvia for the motion—

The Presidents motion agreed to, and Requisition accordingly made to General Stuart.

Read

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Read the following Letters from Captain Edmunds
to the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
Governor and President &c. Fort St. George.
My Lord.

From Capt. Edmunds.
unto the letters to the
different Polygars in
Hyeres Country -
thinks the Detachment
ordered from Mellore
will have great
weight with the
Polygars enclosing
list of the Polygars -
the reduction of the
Fort of Coimbatore is
what they most
ardently wish -

I have the honor to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 19.th with the
accompanying letters for the different Polygars in Hyeres
Country, also informing me that two Battalions of Europeans
& 50. irregular Horse have been ordered to this place from
Mellor, I doubt not but the arrival of this reinforcement
here will be conceived in the most favorable light by
the distressed Polygars and serve to raise their drooping
Spirits. I have sent ²⁰ Freestly People with your Lordship's
letters to them / some of which were for Polygars living
in the Goram Vonda country about thirty leagues from
hence at the Southern extremity of the Pussapat
Country / on receiving their answers I will immediately
do myself the honor to forward them to your Lordship -
The many difficulties the Polygars in the Purnema
District have laboured under for two Years past have
so reduced their circumstances that they have been
obliged to discharge a number of their followers -
however I am assured by Sellyware Wajyar Naig who
is now with me that on a Detachment of the four pany
Troops entering the Purnema country they will be joined
immediately by the Polygars mentioned in the enclosed
list and that their numbers will daily increase, at
present they have but little in their power, supporting
themselves entirely by plunder - The Reduction of the
Fort of Coimbatore is what they most ardently wish and
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assure me that it will so effectually reduce Hyder's power in that country, that their own forces will easily complete the rest; that it is too great an undertaking for them, having a strong wall & surrounded with good Ditch, the whole tenor of their conduct for two years past has been such as gives the strongest proofs of their sincerity and I conceive every good consequence may be expected from all future attacks on that country.

I am highly honored by the confidence the Honble Select Committee are pleased to place in me, and shall on all occasions exert the utmost of my abilities to prove myself deserving. Should a Detachment be Ordered from hence some early preparation will be necessary such as the training a proper number of bullocks providing drivers, &c. &c. That the Kantatoogy Rajah send Orders to the Hillahars of the Forts of Kannagary & Kischoor to have 20 days provisions in each of these places for the Detachment, that may be Ordered, and to give it when demanded; a like Supply thrown into the Fort of Ramore belonging to the Kantatoogy Rajah may be of service, and that these People be positively Ordered to give every other assistance in their power. I flatter myself the Detachment ordered will be furnished with Guns &c. agreeable to the Service they are to undertake, having none of consequence in this Garrison fit for field Service, No Artillery Men, and but few Sappers. In the mean time my chief Study shall be to give every encouragement to the Rebels.

Yours &c.

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 I am desirous to obtain every information that may
 facilitate its success, which at present I think nothing
 can surpass but a division of Hyder's Army - I have
 the honor to be with great Respect

Ongole,
 26th Novr. 1782.

My Lord

Your Lordships
 Most Obedt^{le}
 Servant
 Edw^d Edmonds

A List of the Immureds in the Circars
 and the Number of Troops with them at
 present.

Namullah Rammah Naig	1000.
Tullywar Maskee Naig	2000.
Mootapatty Rangapah Naig	1000.
Taram Nam Tiddy	1000.
Condal Naigue	500.
Mosfallapah Naigue	500.
Pippay Tiddy putty Narsina Naig	200.
	<u>6200.</u>

Some of the above mentioned people not being
 included in the list I had the honor to receive from
 your Lordship, I have filled up some of the blank
 Letters with their names & sent to them, the others
 mentioned in your Lordships list are belonging to
 the Goramconda country & with whom I have had
 no intercourse but flatter myself the People I have
 sent with letters to them will believe them safe.

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

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My Lord

From Ditto delivers
the letter to the Calcutta
Rajah - Ram Chunder
Rauze dead - has
promises made him
by the different Polygars
in the Commern
Circar which must
insure success, great
disaffection towards
Hyder in the Cissapat
Country hope the
strictest injunctions
be given to the Pinnata
Jony and Calcutta
Rajah to afford
him assistance
furnished the land
with a state of the
field Artillery

I have the honor to acknowledge the
Receipt of your Lordships letter of the 22nd inclosing
a letter for the Calcutta Rajah and one to Ram Chunder
Rauze, the former I have sent, the latter I return as
Ram Chunder Rauze is dead - The information your
Lordship is please to honor me with respecting the
present situation of our Affairs gives me much
pleasure, and I flatter myself a Detachment properly
equipped to make a diversion in this quarter will
contribute largely to the public good, and that the
promises made by the different Immidar and
Polygars of the Commern Circar is sufficient to
insure success in that country, The Forts of Commern
Hotal Hotal are their strong hold the reduction
of which will put it in the power of the Polygars
to drive all Hyder's People out of it.

I have had but little intercourse with
the Polygars of the Cissapat country by reason of
the distance, but from other information understand
their disaffection towards Hyder is general in that
Country as well as the Commern, and conceive
should the nature of the Service allow that a
Detachment fitted out at Madras and to enter the
Country by way of Buddavie at the same time the
attack is made on Commern that we may have
time to recruit some and establish a firm friend-
ship with all the Polygars of the two Countries I
unite the Detachment to oppose any Reinforcement
Hyder may be able to send hereafter, large Detachment
and

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are not so much wanted for the present service in these countries, as quiet marches and well appointed Artillery - I must again repeat to your Lordship that I hope the strictest injunctions may be given to the Vankatagerry and Calistry Rajahs and by them to their people in this neighbourhood to afford without delay such assistance as may be required of them, having observed their former Conduct is my only reason for being thus particular - I have at the desire of the Commander in Chief furnished him with a state of the Field Artillery belonging to this Garrison, I flatter myself whatever alterations or addition may be judged necessary, Orders will be given for making it, and should any part of it depend on me, I shall do my utmost to accomplish it as soon as possible -

I have the honor to be with much respect

My Lord

Yours Lordships
most Obedient
humble servant
(signed) Edward Edmonds

The President delivers in the following
Minute -

In the Situation of Captain Edmonds' Field Artillery, it appears necessary, that he should be supplied as soon as possible if they can be spared with four Field Pieces / 2 of them 6 Pounders / from Masulipatam, as the nearest place, and to save time,

Dingole -

2nd Nov^r 1782.

President's Minutes
furnishing Capt
Edmonds with a
great and Robust
Artillery, and that
the Vankatagerry and
Calistry Rajahs to
up a Month's Provision

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time, as they can be conveyed to Pondichy, the Port nearest Angole, by sea in a very short time, Limbills and a proper quantity of Ammunition to be sent with these Guns - some Intrenching Tools will also be very much wanted by Captain Edwards.

And in case he should be able to attempt the reduction of the Fort of Summum or Pottab, he will absolutely require 2 Iron 12 Pounders or 18 Pounders if Captain Edwards thinks necessary, mounted on Sledge Carriages, with Limbs and furnished with Yokes, ammunition &c.

These Guns will affect a breach in the wall of a country Fort as I am informed - nothing effectual ought to be undertaken with them.

But the greatest want of all is Artillery Men, and therefore a good Sergeant or two with European Artillery (which it is believed the Government of Masulipatam can spare for a service so near them) should be sent to Angole with the Guns, and also a company of a Syringe - 2 Pistols and 50, 40 and 10 or 12 Snappers Artillery Men, if they can be spared.

The Orders to the Vancatagerry Rajah and the Rajah of Calcutty, are likewise immediately necessary, for 20 days or a month's provisions to be laid up in each of the Forts of Panagerry and Kinehore & Panor before mentioned for the Detachment.

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Signed J. Macartney
Panor belongs to the Rajah
of Calcutty

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M^r Davidson delivers in the following
Minute

M^r Davidson's
minute on the same
subject.

I approve of the Right Hon^{ble}
the President's Minute concerning the Partisan Party
to be assembled at Ougle, but that it should not be
put in Motion till the Army take the Field.

I also approve of the Arrangement^x
concerning the Military Stores from Masulipatan
except that I think iron eighteen Pounders instead
of Iron twelve Pounders should be sent to Ougle.

Boats ought to be Ordered to accompa-
ny the Vessel that is to be sent to Pondichy, if the
Boats at that place are thought insufficient to
land eighteen Pounders.

10th Dec^r 1782.

signed Alexander Davidson

General Stuart delivers in the following
Minute

General Stuart's
minute on the same

The President having given himself so
much Trouble in all this Military Business even
to the Detail, I have nothing more left than to
wish success, and that Captain Edmonds will as
a Military Man consult with Capt^m Lysight in
the Article of Stores and in every other point
connected with this proposed Expedition, because
from his local Knowledge he may derive more
benefit than by any written Instructions
whatever.

M^r

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Mr. Sashier's Opinion -

Resolved accordingly that Letters be written to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam and to the Rajahs of Venkatagerry and Palestry agreeably to the President's Minute, and that Captain Campbell be directed to Order the two Battalions lately sent to Nellore with 50 of the irregular Cavalry to proceed to Ongole and there act under the Orders of Captain Edmunds.

Minute thereon

Mahomed Usman Subadar complaining that Captain Campbell had refused him permission to seize some Deserters.

The President lays before the Committee Translation of an Arzdaht to the Nabob from Mahomed Usman Subadar in his highness's Service at Nellore complaining that Captain Campbell had on his application refused him permission to seize some Deserters belonging to the firars who had enlisted in any Battalion or remained at Nellore as Inhabitants - and the President informs the Committee that he received the Arzdaht from the Amier Subad with a verbal request from the Nabob to write upon the Subject to Captain Campbell.

Minute thereon

Agreed that copy of the Arzdaht be sent to Captain Campbell and that he be directed to give the Committee all the Information in his power concerning it.

Read the following Letter and enclosure from the Military paymaster -

To John Hubleston Esq^r

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

I am M^r Saunders,

I have received Yours of the 6th Inst with the Account for rents of the late Military Paymaster General.

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on the settling accounts General with this Office, also your Note of this day, and in
 with the late Paymaster's Consequence of the former letter Mr. Lorriane, the Deputy
 my Paymaster wrote to Mr. Hamilton of which the
 accompanying is a copy, I have not received from him any
 written reply, but he informs me that I shall have an
 answer in a short time. I am not very certain if the accounts
 with the late Military Paymaster can be finally settled
 until the books of this Office are balanced to the end of
 April last, and which I apprehend will take up much
 time as the former Year is not yet closed.

I am Sir

Your very Obedient &
 humble Servant
 Edw. Saunders
 Military Paymaster

I shall be much obliged to you for the Select
 Committee's Orders on the subject of my Letter of the 28th
 October last.

To Mr. William Hamilton
 Sir

Accompanying I transmit you a
 copy of a letter received from Mr. Secretary Huddleton, &
 respecting the Office of the Military Paymaster General,
 and have in Consequence to request that you will be
 pleased to comply therewith as soon as possible in settling
 the Accounts of the Office to the time you held the
 Employ, as well as in paying to me any balances of
 Accounts that shall be due from you to the Employ.

Any Assistance that you may require of
 me in settling and completing the Accounts I shall
 readily

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readily give you

I am

Sir

Copy.

Yours most Obedt. Servant
W. H. Torriano.
By My Pay^rMadras.
4th Dec^r 1782.General Stuart's
minutes on the
situation of the
military Agent.

The Commander in Chief again begs leave to request the attention of the Committee to the situation of the Military Agency - the Military Paymaster not having paid to the Agent the amount of the monthly stoppages agreeable to the regulations on that subject - there is a considerable Balance due to him for the year 1780, as appears by the Account Current laid before the Committee by the General the 14th Ultimo, and has been fully stated to the Committee by the Agent himself by this Balance remaining unpaid the Officers are prevented from receiving their Offructions and the Agent is already so much in advance that he has declared he cannot provide the flatting now wanted for the Troops the General therefore hopes the Committee will take immediate steps for discharging the Balance for the Secretary informs the Committee

Minute thereon

that he has not received any answer to the Letter written to the late Military Paymaster upon the Subject of the stoppages due to the Military Agent and that he understands by the late Military paymaster's every much indisposed.

President's motion

The President puts the question whether the Balance of the stoppages due for the year 1780. be now discharged by Bills on Bengal at 400 Rs

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\$100^{ster} Pagos as if the Agent will accept of that mode of Payment.

Mr Davidson's

Mr Davidson for the question and for steps being taken to obtain Payment of the Military Paymaster.

en. Gen. Stuart

General Stuart for the question and recommends that every Body be wised that has any share in retaining the Money.

Mr Saddle's
notion

Mr Saddle is of Opinion that no advance should be made on that account unless a deed of Indemnification be required from the Agent that he will reimburse the Money in case the Company should not approve. The President as he understands that the Military Agent applied to the Military Paymaster for the stoppages from time to time without effect, and that owing to the public exigencies the monthly stoppages the made were not sent to be paid to the Agent, but appropriated to the payment of the Troops, it follows that the Balance that may be deficient of the Military Paymaster's cash, is not connected with the stoppages in particular, but upon all the Money that has passed through his Hands. The President cannot therefore be of Opinion, that the Officers should lose their Officiings on account of such deficiency, or that the Military Agent should suffer by it. The President is accordingly for the question and for taking measures to obtain of the late Military Paymaster the Balance that shall be found to be due from him.

resolution thereon

The Question carried in the affirmative and the Military Agent to be offered payment of the Balance

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Balance of stoppages for the year 1780 by Bills on
Bengal, at 400 Rupees & 100 Pagodas. The Secretary
directs to apply to the late Military Paymaster for an answer
to the Letter written to him the 11th June

Read the following Letter

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

From Major
Mackay, requesting
he may take rank
from the time he
was appointed a
Brevet Major.

The Honble the Court of Directors
having by their General Letter of the 25 January 1780
been pleased to acquiesce in the Brevet Rank granted
to Officers whom it has been found necessary for the good of
Service to appoint acting Majors during particular Services,
the Right Honble the President and Select Committee having
in consequence thereof appointed Major Short & Potgrave
to take Rank agreeable to the Date of their Brevet
I therefore take the liberty of representing to your Lordship
&c. that having had the Honor of an appointment as
Brevet Major, bearing date the 6th of Nov^r 1780, being then
employed on Service against the Maharrattas, & having
since that succeeded to a vacancy on this Establishment
I humbly conceive my case is similar to that of Major
Short & Potgrave, & that I come under the Dispositⁿ
signified in the Honble the Court of Directors
General Letter. I therefore hope your Lordship &c.
will be pleased to grant me my Rank as Major of
Artillery

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Artillery from the C. of November 1780, agreeable
to my Books.

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Your most Obedt.

and most humble

Servant

D. Mackay,

Major of Artillery.

Sir,

From Sir John
Newgoyne requesting
I may be reimbursed
the sick of his
regiment and for
my accoutrements
which were lost.

I beg you will be kind enough to lay
before the Committee this letter which is to inform you
I was obliged to lay in for the use of my Regiment &
embarked on board the Royal Henry & Her Indian men
two Pipes of Wine which cost me 50, £ Sterl. and was
appropriated to the sick during their Voyage from England
to the Brazils the Captains of these Ships having
furnished none, except from the Brazils to Madras
for which they were paid by the Genl. then giving up
their salt Provisions, I also beg you will likewise
inform the Committee that in taking the baggage out
of the Royal Henry the Sackles broke, by which
60 sets of my accoutrements which cost me 97, 17, 6. fell
into the sea and were lost. I make no doubt but you
will make it appear to the Committee that I ought
to be reimbursed these two different sums, the former
for my men who have paid it & the latter to myself.

I am

Sir

Your very Obedt. & humble servt.

J. Newgoyne

Maj. Genl.

Madras.

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My Lord,

I am Col^d Humbold,
 enclosing Letter from
 Major Vermeil
 against Captain
 Popham commanding
 the Anna & Emilia

I have the honor to deliver to Your
 Lordship the inclosed complaints of Major Vermeil
 against Mr. Popham Commander of the Anna
 and Emilia, and beg Your Lordship to let me know
 by what means the Officers of His Majesty's 15th Han-
 overian Regiment can get a proper satisfaction, to the
 end, that I can make a sufficient Mention hereof to
 His Majesty's Council.

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My Lord

Your Lordship's
 most Obed^t Servant
 Col^d Humbold
 Colonel

Altho' I could from a great many complaints
 on Account of Captain Popham's behaviour towards the
 Troops of his Majesty's fifteenth regiment on board the
 Ship Anna & Emilia which he was Commander of,
 yet I'll only mention the most capital occurrences
 1st The said Mr. Popham had never or at least very
 seldom the orlop deck in Order, it was always full of
 his own baggage, large chests and casks, even very often
 a great many cables were put in the orlop deck, for
 several days being in open sea, very far from any possibility
 of coming to an Anchor; All this was owing to a continual
 working in the hold, it occasioned a very bad smell, plenty
 dirt and disturbed the Troops, not only from hanging up at
 their hammocks, but not less from keeping their rooms
 in

hollops

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in just a clean Order as they did on board of other Ships in the Fleet. The Soldiers moreover were under necessity to scrape every day the dirt out which the Sailors carried out of the hold, and many of them to lie upon the wet ground, because in Hainy days or by washing the gun decks, plenty of water fell down in the Soldiers places from the beginning when we left Portsmouth, untill the day we got in Madras Harbour. Mr. Popham as well as his 2. mates were often told by myself and all the Kings Officers that his Ship was much in want of being caulked, which they used to object to, there were yet more necessary things to perform, Captain Popham however and all his Ships Company was exceeding careful of keeping his round house and their berths dry, he never failing to get it mended immediately.

2. All the way from Spithead to Rio Janeiro the Deck never was smoked but only sometimes washed with Vinegar, our requests for smoking were in vain this and the first mentioned article, together with a great number of sick people got the most unhealthy and stinking air, which indeed was a cause of several mens Death, so much the more as there being but a small stock of Physick on board.

3. Mr. Popham had very few Sailors on board, he in truth sometimes could not muster 24 of them, the Kings Troops therefore were obliged to work night and day upon Deck, and however I allowed this in the beginning for their Healths sake, yet afterwards saw too well that the Ship could not be managed without them, on this very account the soldiers were quite always wet, spoiled all their cloaths and got sick.

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4th — The Troops were almost every day ill used by the sailors, we on our side kept them always in mind to live peaceably and when there happened a Complaint I caused the Soldiers to be punished, directly, according to the agreements we made on both sides by our first being embarked, nevertheless M^r Popham found always ready for his sailors, mostly, never tried them, and even the Ship Officers would strike Soldiers, which Captain Schanck and more Gentlemen were Eye witnesses of. This behaviour obliged me to Order the Troops again never to begin, a quarrel, but to take their own Revenge the only with hands, in case a man should venture to strike them, which I gave M^r Popham notice of.

5th — By our coming to an anchor at Saniero and Bombay the Troops never got any fresh water but after having been 8 days in the Harbor, the Water on board was rather worse than at sea, for which however they must stay till 4 O'clock in the afternoon more than once, in Bombay Harbour it happened in the same way with fresh meat and Greens the Troops got in 3 days nothing but salt meat not even picked out for their Provisions, the Captain being always on shore, there was no complaining.

6th — A fighting between the sailors and Soldiers took place in the Gun Deck, at Bombay the first abusing the latter by getting their Dinner, the 2^d mate being that very day the only Ship's Officer on board, I desired him to make the People easy in stead of which he put Oil to the fire saying down "Take hold of a Soldier and throw him over Board".

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I sent down the Officer of the guard to make peace, but the sailors armed with large Sticks and fannon Balls swore unto him to knock him down, wherefore I at last was obliged to Order 20. Soldiers under Arms upon Deck.

7th Concerning the Kings Officers they have been treated in a bad and often most rough manner. One proof of it may be that Mr. Popham one day, when I and Captain Scharenhorst made him an account of a (Midship) mans striking a Grenadier which he did not like to cause him to be punished for, heaved up his fist twice before our faces, damning and swearing against us, he joined properly these words, "I'll get hanged the commanding Officer by God how on Board, and I'll get flogged every Officer of the Troops, you rascals all Mutineers Damn you." — This occurred upon the Quarters Deck in presence of all the Gentlemen under my command and the whole ships Company. Moreover our breakfast, Wine and liquors, to put to the mostly stinking water, were of the worst kind, the Tea was almost nothing but black dust, we had very bad wine all the way from Lancers, and from Bombay to Madras most of the Officers drank only pure Water, it being quite impossible to endure that corrupted taste of Arrack, Rum and mixture of Wine, which in India to make it the more worse was drawn upon unclean bottles.

All these Complaints, which by my Returns our ^{on} friends Sir Richard Bickerton was informed of, are founded upon truth, which I and every Officer, under my Command on Board are ready

ready

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Ready to take an Oath for I think it to be
my Duty when I humbly Request to grant a
Sufficient Satisfaction to myself to the Officer
and all the Kings Troops, so much the more as
in any of these cases nobody has been his own
Judge, We kept ourselves as quiet as possible,
never offended M^r Bopham in the least way
rather despised his very uncivil and most extra-
ordinary behaviours against us.

Port St. George
28. Nov^r 1782

Varenus

Major from the 45th
Hanoverian Regt

To the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney
Esq^r &c^r &c^r &c^r

My Lord

Major Sydenham having
communicated to me your Lordships Order for
Hundred Carts for the Army, I beg leave to represent
that for the execution of this Order I am under the
necessity of applying to your Lordship for the sum
of Limbs on the Island, which the Storekeeper lent
to the Theatrical Society, as no other is procurable.
Proper credit shall be given for
such Limbs as your Lordship may be pleased
indulge me with, or an equal quantity returned
the first opportunity.

I have the honor to be with
great respect,

My Lord your Lordships most Obedient
humble Servant
B. Scottrey

From M^r Scottrey
requesting he may
be furnished with
the Limbs lent to the
Theatrical Society to
make one hundred
Carts.

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Major Mackay's
quest granted

Agreed that a commission as Major
from the date of his former commission be granted
to Major Mackay but without any additional Pay
and it is not to give him any pretension of Seniority
over Colonel Kennedy now or at any time hereafter.

to John Burgoyne
quest granted

Agreed that Sir John Burgoyne's
charges for Madras Wine supplied the sick of his
Regiment and for accoutrements lost in landing
the Baggage be allowed.

Storekeepers to
return the Lumber

Agreed that the Storekeepers be
directed to obtain from the Theatrical Society the
Lumber lent to them and deliver the Lumber to
the Military Storekeepers.

The subject of the
loss of light Infantry
to the Southward

The Secretary acquaints the Committee
that having agreeably to their Resolution of the
1st Instant searched the records for what has passed
on the subject of the corps of light Infantry he
has found several letters to and from Mr. Light
and Captain Edington which imply that the
Commanding Officer of that corps was to pay and
be satisfied with.

The Superintendent
except Captain
Edington's bill

Agreed that the Superintendent
be directed to accept Captain Edington's Bills for the
money advanced by him to Captain Gibbings & Lieutenants
Brown and Wheeler and that Captain Edington be offered
payment of the amount with Interest at the rate of
of

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of 8th sent from the time the Bills became due by Bills
in Bengal at 500 Rupees & 1/2 Pagodas.

Mr. Sallies
motion.

Mr. Sallies proposes that as Mr. Brown was
allowed to pay his own Battalion and accidentally killed
before his accounts were regularly rendered to Office he
Representative be called upon to deliver in his account
to the proper Office and the Head of such Office be forth
with required to compare the Accounts with the rest
from the Officer who commanded in the District.

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11th Received the following Letters from General Stuart
 Mr Huddleston

Sir,

I beg you will let me know what papers were sent to Bengal connected with the Letter of the 4th December I expected from Mr Kingseat to have seen them, and to have seen also the Duplicate of the Letter, which I should have signed, with the addition of what I wrote on the back of the foul Copy, under the Initials of Mr Sadlier's name; and I am now to desire that what I there mention, be entered where proper & of that Date, I also consider this a vote as wrote to you officially.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient
 Servant

Signed James Stuart

Not knowing exactly the date of the Letter to Bengal I beg you will take the trouble to fill up the blank in this vote.

Mr Huddleston

Sir,

Mr Genl Stuart
 wishing to know
 how the Comm^{tee} is
 to be assembled -

It is so good to acquaint the Right Honble President and Members of the Select Committee, that I have business of consequence to lay before the Committee, & wish to know when there is to be a Committee assembled -

I have

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11th

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir

Fort St George
Decr 11th 5 P.M.

Yours most Obedt^{ly}
Signed, James Stuart

The foregoing Letter having been sent
to the Right Hon^{ble} the President the Secret^y
returned the following answer by his
Lordships direction.

Major General Stuart
Dear Sir

To Genl Stuart by
disposition of the
President prevents
the calling of a Com^{tee}
the Genl is requested
to communicate
his business by
a minute or
Letter.

Having communicated your Letter
to the Right Hon^{ble} the President his
Lordship directs me to inform you that he
is at present so extremely indisposed as to be
unable to attend at a Committee but that he
will summon one as soon as he is able to
sit up - in the mean while if your business
be such as to require immediate consideration
his Lordship wishes you would communicate
it by a minute or Letter in circulation.

The President also directs me to
mention for your information and that
if the other members of the Committee that
he has within this half hour received
Intelligence which increases the probability
of Hyder Ally's Death.

I have the honor to be

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Sir

Yours most Obedt^{ly}
Signed, A. H. D. H. D.
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11th If the President is indisposed I do not wish to put him to inconvenience & the business is not of that sort as requires it, at the same time when he can attend I wish to have a meeting of the Committee

Signed/ J. S.

Sent Letters agreeably to the resolutions of yesterday to the military Agent, Sir John Burgoyne, Captain Biddington, and the Superintendent, as entered in a Miscellaneous Book.

Dispatched the following Letter to Captain Campbell.

To Captain George Campbell
at Villour
Sir

Capt. Campbell - the
Batt^{on} lately sent
with 50 of the
Irregular Cavalry to
go to Angole -

I am directed by the Right
honble the President & Select Committee to signify
to you their Orders that on receipt hereof the
two Battalions lately sent to Melkour and 50
of the Irregular Cavalry proceed to Angole and
there act under the Orders of Captain Edmonds.
Enclosed you will receive Translation of an
Ardasht from a Mahomed Mannan Sabadan to
his Highness the Nubob concerning which the
Select Committee desire you will give them every
Information in your power.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most Obedt

humble Servant

Signed/ J. Hudleston

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12th Received the following Letters
 To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R. B.
 President & Select Committee

Fort St George

From Mr Sullivan
 enclosing copy of a
 Letter to Bombay on
 the subject of the
 negotiations with
 the Rana of Mysore.
 proposes that a
 Detachⁿ from the
 Bombay Army be
 sent to Anjerger to
 join Col. Lang
 with 1000^{re} reinforcements
 he might enter the
 Mysore Country

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to transmit to your
 Lordship & the Copy of a letter dispatched
 two days ago to the Select Committee of Bombay

The difficulties & delays which
 must inevitably attend our endeavours to
 provide for an Active Campaign on the
 Malabar Coast, have appeared to me such
 obstacles to our Operations on that side, that
 I have thought it my Duty to intimate
 them to the Government of Bombay; and
 I have written private Letters to General Gadsden
 & Col. Mathews to explain to them my fears,
 and to shew from the experience we have
 had at Calicut, where every effort has been
 made by Col. Hamberston aided by the Raja
 of Travencore, how little reason we have to
 expect that a sufficient number of Cattle can
 be collected for the Conveyance of the Artillery
 Stores & provisions necessary for so great an
 army as the one now assembling on the
 Malabar Coast and unless we are enabled to
 do this, we cannot hope to transfer the seat
 of War to Mysore, or to derive those important
 advantages from our Operations on the Malabar

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13th side which the strength of our Army would allow us to expect.

It is from this Consideration that I am emboldened to submit to your Lordship &c^o whether if the Bombay Army should not be able to penetrate to Mysore from the want of cattle &c^o - it would not be for the public Service that a Detachment of it lightly equipped, should be sent to Anjingo, to proceed from thence to join Col: Lang, who with this reinforcement and the Europeans now destined for the South would be in strength to act offensively against the Enemy, and who might enter the Mysore Country with every advantage by the pass to the West of Lotumungolun.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful
& most obedient

(Signed) John Sullivan

Trichinopoly

25th Nov^r 1782.

To the Honble William Hornby Esq^r
President of Select Committee

Bombay

Gentlemen

In consequence of Orders from the Right Honble the President of Select Committee of Fort St George certain articles of agreement have been executed subject to the approbation of

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12th of the Supreme Council) between the Agent of
 her Excellency the Rana of Mysore under full
 powers from his Principal, and with me
 on the part of the Company. A copy of those
 Articles now go a number in this Packet, that
 your Honor &c may have the earliest Informa-
 tion of Engagements of such extent & importance,
 & also transmit for your perusal the Copy of a
 Letter, which I had the honor to address a few
 days since to the Committee of Madras. The
 Sentiments of the Mysorian Gent on the matter
 most likely to be attended with advantage in
 the further progress of the War, will necessarily
 engage the Attention of your Honor &c who
 from local knowledge & the opportunity of
 information from Goa & hereafter from
 more, are so competent to pass Judgement on
 the Ideas he has communicated. I am persuaded
 your indulgence will pardon me the liberty of
 mentioning one source of information from
 which I had the opportunity of drawing much
 useful Intelligence, I allude to the Company's
 Resident at Goa, Mr. Kershaw, whose commu-
 nications at that place, last year, enabled me
 to form a just estimate of the value of Sonda
 & more from whom I learned that Offers
 had been made in the month of May 1781 by
 the late Appaque Ram, formerly Governor
 of Sarunda, to engage all the Polygars South
 of

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12th of the Astruc, to rise in favor of an English Force, whenever it should appear on that side. I mention this Circumstance with great deference to the Committee & more to point out the first source of my own information, than to convey any thing new to your Honor &c. It may not however be unsatisfactory to the Committee to know that every Inquiry I have since made &c. I have sought intelligence thro' a variety of Channels / has confirmed the Accounts I received from Mr. Henshaw that the most advantageous cession we could obtain from the Enemy would be the Provinces of Luenda & Anore.

If the Judgement of the Committee should decide in favor of such a Cession, it will necessarily occur that the sooner we can possess ourselves of Districts, which in every event of our Success, we would wish to call our own, the more it will tend to the Advantage of the Company. In the early part of the negotiations I intimated to the Nanan Agent that Luenda, & Anore were the Countries in which the Saghiru wanted to be expected & I there discovered that independantly of their Commerce, the Advantages of which in the article of Pepper & Sandal Wood are well known to the Committee, the Revenue collected in these Provinces would defray the expences of a considerable Army. I have the pleasure to inform your Honor &c. that the operations of

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12th of Colonel Munbrotons Army have already produced the most happy effects, not only by inducing the Polygars of Dindigul to offer Provisions and assistance of Troops to accompany any Army that we might think proper to send from this side, to cooperate with Colonel Munbroton, but by obliging Hyder to weaken his own Army by very considerable Detachments to reinforce Tippoo Sahib, who without such aids would not have been in strength to have met Colonel Munbroton in the Field, & who did not venture to advance to Palacacherry until he heard Colonel Munbroton had fallen back to Srirangaree Cottah. Your Honor^{ty} will I hope pardon me the liberty of suggesting the great importance of the Pass of Palacacherry, the possession of which will enable us to secure the Country of the Mins, and to collect ample supplies of every kind in the position most favorable for carrying the War into the Country of Mysore, which we may do to effect soon after the Reinforcement of Europeans now destined for the Army under Colonel Lang shall arrive, for our ^{Magazines} here & at Tanjore will be completed by the end of February & nothing less than the collected Force of Hyder could then prevent Colonel Lang from marching & direct to Palacacherry, should not Colonel Munbroton join him before that time, and

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12th and these armies united might enter Mysore with a certainty of success, as they would be complete in Draught of Carriage Bullocks, & as the Country of Coimbatore would independently of our Magazines & of the Assistance from the Polygars, furnish great supplies of every kind.

I do not mean by dwelling so much on this Subject to intimate that any opinions I may have the honor of submitting to the Committee can influence their Councils beyond the weight they may think it proper to give to the intelligence, & judgment of the Person agent deeply interested as he is in the success of our Operations, the free communication of his hopes & fears must be considered as the tribute of his Confidence, & as such I have thought it right to encourage him. In this freedom of intercourse he has further suggested that an attack upon Mangalore may be made with great advantage after we have possessed ourselves of Sonoda & Anwar, & he asserts that to effect this we should have but to direct our march along the Coast as our ships might fall down, & that in this manner we should be enabled to undertake the Siege of Mangalore within a few Weeks after our landing at Sonoda.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Gentlemen

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12th Gentlemen
 Tanjore 17th 1772.

Your most Obedt^l &
 most faithful Serv^t
 Signed / L. Sullivan

Cd. Trichinopoly 23rd - I have the pleasure
 to inform the Committee that a Maratha
 Sardar, named Balanantiaew who lately
 commanded in the Carnar Country, and who
 has served Hyder Ally more than 20 years has
 engaged to come over to us & has sent his family
 to meet a Detachment that Colonel Lang has
 ordered out to receive him - the consequence of
 this Defection cannot fail to be favorable to
 our operations on this side, as well as to those
 of Colonel Humbuckens Army, and Colonel
 Lang is preparing to improve them to the
 most advantage. —

Signed / L. Sullivan

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R. H.
 President of the Committee

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My Lord & Gentlemen

By a letter of the 12th instant from
 the Resident of Arjunge I am just informed
 that the Active Frigate passed that place
 on the 15th & that Sir Richard Wickham
 with his division followed the next day
 they had not met, nor heard of Sir Edward
 Hughes; nor had the Resident received
 any

From Mr. L. Sullivan
 enclosing Letter from
 Capt. Mearns giving
 an acct. of the loss of
 the Brothers at
 Johanna. —

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12th any information relative to the Squadron, but as his intelligence from Bombay appears to have been of an old date, it is not improbable but the fleets may meet there. —

The accompanying copy of a letter from Captain Mears will give your Lordship &c^a the particulars of his misfortune in the *Brilliant*, and of the arrangements he had made at Johanna for the support of the *Hannoversians* &c^a

In consequence of orders from Bombay Colonel Humberston marched on the 12th instant from Mungaracottah on his return to the Coast. Several of my Mercarras who left him the 1st at Ramgerry assist that Tippusaid arrived at Talicachery the 16th and we have reports of a later date which say that he proceeded from thence after Colonel Humberston; but this does not appear & probable, as the Country is not favorable for Cavetry to act in.

Private letters from Bombay mention that eight Battalions under Brigadier General Mathews were ready for embarkation and that the Army under Col. Humberston was to act in Conjunction with them. Your Lordship &c^a will pardon me for repeating my fears that so great an Army will be confided its operations by the want of draughts carriage Bullocks. In this & apprehensions

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12th apprehension, I think it my Duty to inform your Lordship &c that I have already collected Draught cattle for 25 field pieces with their Trunkails and that Bullocks for a battering train will be here within 20 days, the Army has a full complement of Cattle for Carriage, and I am happy in assuring the Committee that we can ever be prepared for any augmentation of force you may think proper to send to this Army. I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Buckingham 27th
Nov: 1792.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful
& most obedient
Signed John Sullivan

My Lord & Gentlemen

It is with inexpressible concern that I find myself obliged to inform you of the loss of the Ship Brilliant in the Employ of the Honble East India Company under my Command to bring part of a Battalion of the 15th Regiment of Manourian Infantry consisting of 120 Rank & file & of Officers and 40 recruits for the Companys forces on a ledge of Rocks near Paddle Island at Johanna between the hour of 11 & 12 on the night of the 27th of August last, a misfortune of which we could not have the least apprehension as no notice had ever been taken of any such ledge

12th in any of the many accounts given of that Coast which has been so long & so much frequented by our ships that it is difficult to conceive how they could have been so missed.

Early in the morning of August 25th we got sight of the Islands of Johanna, Comoro, Mohilla & Mayotta, I immediately held a consultation with my Officers where it was unanimously agreed that it was highly necessary & for the good of the Service to stop at Johanna for refreshment for tho' the people were still in good health & spirits yet it was much to be apprehended that before we could land them at Madras many must inevitably suffer if not be lost, by living so long upon salt & provisions a consequence with which the delay of three or four days to take in necessary refreshments could not be paid in compensation as the great object was to land them in health & fit for immediate Service to proceed however with all necessary caution as soon as we had come to this resolution I sent an Officer before me in long boat to look into the road & discover whether any ship was there, appointing him to meet me at the back of Saddle Island where I could not be seen by any ships that might be there.

We were baffled from that time by a contrary wind light air calm & no current till Wednesday the 27th when by perseverance we got in with Saddle Island about 9 P. M. with a moderate breeze northerly which decreased gradually till
a few

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17th apprehension, I think it my Duty to inform your Lordship &c that I have already collected.

Brought cattle for 25 field pieces with their limbers and that butlocks for a battering train will be here within 20 days, the Army has a full complement of Cattle for Carriage, and I am happy in assuring the Committee that we can ever be prepared for any augmentation of force you may think proper to send to this Army.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Trichinopoly 27th
Nov: 1792.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful
& most obedient
Signed John Sullivan

My Lord & Gentlemen

It is with inexpressible

concern that I find myself obliged to inform you of the loss of the Ship Brilliant in the Employ of the Honble East India Company under my Command to bring part of a Battalion of the 45th Regiment of Madrasian Infantry consisting of 120 Rank & file & 7 Officers and 43 recruits for the Company's forces on a ledge of Rocks near Puddle Island at Johanna between the hours of 11 & 12 on the night of the 27th of August last, a misfortune of which we could not have the least apprehension as no notice had ever been taken of any such ledge

12th in any of the many accounts given of that Coast which has been so long & so much frequented by our ships that it is difficult to conceive how they could have been so missed.

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12th a few minutes past 11 at which time it fell quite
 lame just as I was going to haul round Saddle
 Island for Schanna and finding it impossible to
 do which, for want of wind & that the Ship was
 carried by the current toward the shore I directly
 gave orders to come to an anchor, but at that very
 instant the Ship struck, at the very moment
 that the man who was heaving the lead called
 out 15 fathoms so that we must ^{have} struck upon
 the edge of the Reef as was confirmed by the
 Ships falling on that side as soon as she filled
 which was in less than a quarter of an hour after
 she struck, she instantly cut away all her
 masts & made every other effort possible to get
 her off, or at least to keep her upright in order
 to save the people and as much as possible of
 the Company's cargo, but all was to no purpose,
 the surf set in so heavy that within half an
 hour we were all driven to take refuge for
 our lives on the hands of the ship we remained
 310 of us without distinction till ten next
 morning when our long boat, better of a
 boat (which latter had gone off to haul up
 the long boat the moment we had struck)
 came to our relief took off as many as they
 could at several trips besides many picked up
 floating on rafts about the wreck the number
 that came in were 277 & I was given to
 expect that more were coming, at the bottom

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12th you will see a list of the whole properly closed.

This certainly was an heavy & deplorable
 loss but when we reflect upon all the circumstances
 we have the greatest reason to thank heaven that
 it was not much greater all the Hanoverians & all
 my own Officers got in safe & unhurt, which is
 all that can be said for them as very few of them
 & believe none of them had saved any thing more
 than what was on their backs. That their
 preservation took the first place in my attention,
 I could not give a better proof than that I did
 liberally share their fates, not having saved
 a single article besides the Company's log
 book and the bladders that was in my back so
 that I was thrown upon that Island destitute
 of every ^{thing} consequence and almost every necessary
 of life but I did not suffer that to discourage me
 from discharging my duty to the Company by
 taking all possible care of the men and settling
 every thing with the Governor of the Town for
 their subsistence till they can be sent far to
 expedite which I wrote by a Boat that sailed
 thence for Bombay the 3rd Sept: to the Governor
 & Council and also to advise them of my having
 drawn upon them for one thousand Spanish
 Dollars of which I was in immediate want
 to lay out in procuring bladders and other
 things that could not possibly be done without
 and which I lodged in the hands of Governor
 absolutely

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12th Abdallah with whom I made an agreement of Victualing all the private men at the rate of six pence by the day for each and the Officers at eight pence with a quarter Dollar by the month for the lodging of each of the former and half a Dollar for the latter, as well as for providing some of the cheapest & best clothing possible to be got for the Companies Recruits who wanted it for the immediate preservation of their lives most of them being literally little better than naked which method of putting them to a fixed allowance I thought the most & advisable for reasons which will appear & presently.

Having settled these matters I exerted every effort in my power for recovering the Companies Packets & saving as much as possible of their Cargo & the Arms & Effects of the Troops. I found it necessary to take a passage in his Majesty's Cutter Substitute which put into Cohanna the day after my misfortune, on her way to Maderas or Bombay as the Occurrences of the Passage might direct, my reasons for taking which ship were these. From the Commencement of the Voyage the Hanoverian Officers & scarcely let a day pass in which they did not plague me with requisitions mostly improper as I did not want to be asked to do

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12th do any thing which I thought necessary and after impossible to be complied with bearing themselves as if thought themselves my Com-mander whose only business was to navigate the Ship for them supporting their men in Acts of direct Violence intercepting my Officers in the Execution of their Duty & even threatening to beat them if they should dare to do any thing for the future without their orders.

I by cool Expostulations & steadiness I put a stop to these outrages so far as to procure a sudden Calm. No sooner did they find themselves on shore than they broke out again with greater Violence than ever. The men took by force the Cattle which I had procured for the present supply of all the people in general declaring that they were now out of my power & owed me no obedience and the Officers instead of reproving them or even making any answer to my Complaints on the occasion sent me a menacing letter signed by them all to deter me from leaving them as they had heard I intended tho' I had not come to any such resolution at that time nor till the necessity of it was proved by this and another letter in which they made requisitions which I neither would nor could comply with upon

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12th upon a presumption that my not having answered their former Letter was an admission of my intending to go, having conceived an opinion that I had a discretionary power and ability to do any thing they could prevail upon me to agree to however unreasonable & contrary to the trust placed in me by the Company. I resolved therefore to put an end to altercations which might end badly. I directly concluded the Agreement above mentioned with Governor Abdallah for their subsistence & that of their men, till they should be taken off the Island leaving the management of that and all other affairs relative to the Ship in charge with my second Mate / my first having carried my Letters to the Governor & Council of Bombay / under written Orders which it could not be in his power to depart from whereby I reduced to a moderate certainty an expense to which I could not see any other method of settling bounds letting the Officers know that this was all I either would or could do.

It was thus the only tho' it was the first and principal reason of my leaving of Anaxina. The the thing of Governor Abdallah promised & sumed inclined / particularly the latter / to give me all the assistance in their power towards saving the Company's Cargo, with the arms & effects of the Troops I soon found that they were far from being determined in relation to the terms of salvage as they varied their demands according to their Opinion of the value.

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12th Value of the different articles saved. For this reason I judged it best to strike a general rate of the things part of the articles saved at the price which they had cost the Company in Europe, which I well knew they would prefer to the things themselves, tho I seemed indifferent in the matter that they might not take advantage in their choice and included it in my agreement with the Governor, leaving the whole to be carried into execution by my second mate with whom I left explicit & full written instructions for his conduct & direction in every circumstance that appeared possible to occur upon the occasion, having done which I left Johanna in the Substitute in the night of the 7th of September on my way to Madras or if that could not be to Bombay.

Of all the losses sustained on this unhappy occasion none gave me greater concern than that of the Company's Treasures which not having any wind-van opening in the Stern of the Ship large enough to throw them out at in case of necessity I had been obliged to make fast at each side of the Cuddy, weighted with small pegs of lead in order to sink them according to the Company's Orders.

As soon as I saw the ship must inevitably be lost my first care after setting the people in a place of safety, was to send my first & second mates together with both the or boatswains mates into the Cuddy for the Treasures

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that I might have been ^{along with my self to have my own fate} ~~that they returned in a few minutes without account that the~~ ^{12th} ~~Pacquet~~ ^{12th} ~~which had been made fast to the Starboard~~ ^{side was already under water & impossible to be} ~~got at the ship lying down so much that many~~ ^{feet of her Deck was under water the side being} ~~quite flooded & that the sea beat with such violence~~ ^{up against the starboard side that all they had been} ~~able to do at the greatest hazard of their lives was to~~ ^{cut away part of the lead from the Pacquet but} ~~without cutting the Pacquet itself from the side~~ ^{to which they were forced to leave it fastened, so that} ~~the only conclusion I could form was that they had~~ ^{been blown out to sea the parts of the ship to} ~~which they had been made fast as upon the~~ ^{strictest Examination & enquiry I could not} ~~discover that they had been driven on shore or~~ ^{were any where about the wreck should} ~~either of which have happened since there is~~ ^{the greatest reason to expect that they will} ~~be recovered as they can be of no use to those~~ ^{who may find them & Mr Clapp / the 3rd mate} ~~has it particularly in charge to remit his~~ ^{enquiries after them, what may be saved} ~~of the Company's Cargo & the Arms it is~~ ^{impossible for me to say while I was there} ~~our success was but indifferent, but as~~ ^{the spring tides were setting in, when the} ~~water would be considerably lower it was~~ ^{hoped that much might be done especially} ~~as a great of the Copper lead & Iron were in~~ ^{sight, this beyond the reach of the divers} ~~till~~

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12th till the Water should fall.

From Johanna we had a most tedious passage of six weeks to Amboyna where we were obliged to stop for Provisions of every kind of which we were in the most alarming want, & were delayed there another Week by a Gale of Wind which cut off all intercourse between the ship & the shore. These delays at such an advanced Season of the year determined Captain Seneval of the Subsidate to go directly for Bombay as his vessel is in want of great repairs. and our passage whether we arrived at this place last Friday where finding myself exceedingly indisposed from having been so long crowded up in a small vessel & apprehensive of worse Consequences should I proceed farther in her, I judged it best to wait here for a better Conveyance which there appears reason for me to expect without any great delay.

I have thus my Lord & Gentlemen according to the sense I have of my duty given you an Account of my misfortune & of the several steps which I have taken in consequence, & humbly hope that the latter will meet your approbation as well as prove that in every Circumstance within the reach of human abilities I have made the Service & Interest of the Company the rule of my conduct as I ever shall in every station wherein they shall do me the honor to employ.

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10th Employ me.I am with due respect & My Lord
of GentlemenYour most humble
& most Obedient Servant

Signed, Chas. Mears

The List above added to Ships Company
Officers incl.

Hermits	35.
cadets	6.
Lascars	4.
British Officer	1
Hanoverian Troops Officers included	15.
Women	2.
	277.
Missing	33.
	310.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R. to.
President of Governor, Select Committee
My Lord of Gentlemen

From Capt. Cochrane
Intelligence is received
at Tranquebar from
Cuddalore of an
action having been
fought between the
two fleets off
Achen head -

I did myself the honor of addressing
your Lordship, of the Select Committee the 19th inst.
by a Catamaran, which from the continuance of
a four days fair Wind, I make no doubt I
arrived in safety, I now think it my duty to
acquaint you that by letters received at Tranquebar
from Cuddalore, we have reason to believe an
action was fought between the two fleets
about twenty days ago, off Achen, & that Sir
Edward Hughes captured two of the French
Line

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12th Line of battle Ships, a letter yesterday from Mr Paulk from Trichinopoly, mentions the arrival of Ten French Ships, on the Malabar Coast, which seem a confirmation of the above news, he likewise adds that their accounts were that Colonel & Humberston, had returned to Calicut, by orders of the Bombay Presidency. Colonel Lang & the Southern Army remain all well at Trichinopoly.

I am, My Lord & Gentlemen
With the greatest respect

in Negapatam now?
the 26th of 92.

Your most Obedt
humble servant,
Signed! Spencer Cochrane
Capt Comd

S. L.

By a Letter dated the 10th instant from Mangalore Castle, Colonel Humberston writes that he finds Calicut very too strong without his battering Cannon. Having received orders from Bombay to return to the Coast, he is gone back, my accounts differ with respect to Tipper Saib some say he is about to write to the Westward of Carrore, others that he has followed Colonel Humberston towards Calicut.

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that arrived here this morning, the Troops are now landing. I have sent off Letters to Colonel Lang and Mr Sullivan. I have the honor to be my Lord

your

From Col. Forbes his
arrival of landing the
troops at Negapatam.

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 Negapatnam Dec^r 11th
 1782.

Your Lordships most Obedt
 Servant

Signed / G Forbes

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I now write your Lordship Capt. Cockburn
 defer writing till the next opportunity.

Received Letter from Mr. Morris of Trichinopoly
 as entered in M^{rs}. desiring permission to go to
 Bombay for a short time to settle some Family &
 Affairs with his Brother.

Mr. Morris permitted
 to go to Bombay.

Resolved that Mr. Morris be permitted to
 proceed to Bombay agreeably to his Request

Dispatched the following Letters

To Captain Edmonds

Commanding at Angola
 Sir,

Our President has laid before us
 your Letters of the 24th 26th and 30th Ultimo

To Capt. Edmonds -
 the Chief of Council
 at Masulipatam
 are desired to furnish
 him with 20 Artillery
 Men, & comply as far
 as they can with his
 Requests.

We are well pleased to find that you
 are of opinion the Arrival of the two Battalions
 of Sepoys from Madras will produce such favorable
 effects in the Commure Circle and that a useful
 diversion may be made in that Country - We
 shall endeavor to have you supplied with the
 several Articles that you think necessary to
 enable you to attempt it with success and
 rely on your Judgement and prudence for
 the rest. A Letter is now written to the
 Chief of Council of Masulipatam desiring them
 to furnish you with 20 Artillery Men and

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12th To comply with your Indents for Gun Ammunition Stores of Ammunition as far as they may be able & consistently with their own safety, and to send them by Sea to Pondichy if they should judge that by that mode of Conveyance the Stores &c. will reach you more expeditiously than if sent by land. The Gentlemen at Masulipatam are also directed to assist you with Bullocks if they should not supply you with a sufficient number by the time you are prepared in other respects to take the field you will in that case apply to Captain Campbell for a few of those lately sent to Mellour belonging to the Army.

Enclosed are letters from the Venadgerry Rajah to the Milledars of Cannagerry & Kirichan desiring them to cause 20 days provisions to be laid up in those Forts and to give you every other assistance in their power that you may apply to them for on behalf of the Company.

The President will also write to the Calcutty Rajah to have the same quantity prepared at Tanjore Fort.

There are strong reasons to believe that My dear Ally is in a very declining state of health, if not actually dead, & in either case the circulating the Intelligence may prove & be beneficial to the Service now entrusted to you.

You have our permission to repair the breach in the wall of your Fort taking care that it be done with ^{the} utmost Economy
we

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We repeat our reliance on your judgment, and prudence that you risk no more than the object will warrant, nor engage so far as not to be able to recede in case of necessity without exposing the Company's Arms to any misfortune.

We are Sir

Fort St George
12th Dec: 1782.

Your most Obedt
humble Servants

Signed, Macartney

Select Committee

James Duncanson Esq

Chief of Council

of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam desiring
the Chief of Council to
comply with Captain
Edmonds's Requests.

Having upon the representations of Captain Edmonds at Ongole empowered him to undertake an expedition into the Common Circar and endeavor to create a diversion in that Country by supporting, and encouraging the Polygar Chiefs who are disposed to revolt, and shake off the Yoke of Hyder Ally, Captain Edmonds has in consequence desired to be furnished with some draught and carriage Mullochs properly trained & provided with Saddles & Drivers, some field Pieces a Brigade of 12 or 14 Pounders & a few artillery men & Lascars - We have written to him an Answer Copy of which we now enclose, & desire your will

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12th will agreeably thereto render him every assistance in your power and comply with all his requisitions as far as may be practicable, and consistent with your own safety. —

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St George

12th December 1782.

Your most obedient
humble servants

Signed, Mearns
New

Select Committee

Sent the following Letters

To Robert Barclay Esq.

Civil Storekeeper

Sir

To Mr Barclay, desiring him to receive back the Timber lent to the Theatrical Society & deliver it to the Military Storekeeper. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will receive back the Company's Timber which you lent to The Theatrical Society, and deliver the same to the Military Storekeeper.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George

12th Decr 1782.

Your most obed^t

humble servants

Signed, John Huddleston
Secy

To Bryan Leetney Esq.

Military Storekeeper

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of yours

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To Mr. Robinson the 12th your letter to the President of the 7th Instant and to inform you that the Storekeeper is ordered to receive back the Timber which he lent to the Theatrical Society and to deliver it over to you. —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Fort St. George

12th Dec. 1782.Your most Obedt^h Servant,

(Signed) J. M. D. [unclear]

13th Received the following Letter from Captain
Sunder

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney R. M.
President & Governor of Fort St. George & the Honble
Select Committee of the

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Capt. Sunder
accounts of Hyder's Death

I did myself the honor of informing you that the Report of these Parts were that Hyderally was Dead. Last night & to day several people who came from Chittore, positively & assert that he died three Days ago — This morning a Man came in from Hyder's Camp with a Letter from a Fakir Mahomed for the Nabob Mahomed Ally — he assures me of Hyder's Death & that the letter to the Nabob, gives an account of it — His body is embalmed & will be carried to Colar to be interred. He died a most cruel Death, not having been able for many days to lay otherwise than flat on his Face — the said Tippoo Sahib has been wrote to join him

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13th him with the utmost expedition - but I have
learned no certain accounts concerning where he
is, or how employed; they have it in Hyder's
Camp that Tippoo and Colonel Lang have had
a smart action, but nothing decisive.

I have the honor to remain
My Lord & Gentlemen

With the greatest respect

Your most Obed^t

& very humble Serv^t

Robert Scouler

Tripasore 11th Dec^r
1782

Copies of the above
to be despatched to
Bengal & Bombay.

Minor Cadets
appointed

It is agreed that Copies of the above Letter be
despatched to Bengal & Bombay.

Resolved that Richard John Colgrave
and Henry Colgrave be appointed minor
Cadets.

Send the following Letter to the Committee
of Assigned Revenue -

To Charles Arkely Esq^r

President & Members of the Committee
of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Committee
of assigned Revenue
Vincent Chaur app^r
Center of the Angole
District.

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President & Select Committee to
acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the
10th Instant, with Extract of your proceedings
of the 9th, and to inform you that agreeably
to your recommendation they have appointed
Vincent Rango to succeed his Cousin Aaron
Chander Rango as Center of the Angole
District.

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13th District for the present year, on condition of
his discharging his predecessors Engagements
to the Company, and paying immediately
the balance due of the first Kist,

It Khelet and Letter of appointment
will be prepared and sent to him accordingly
I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Fort St. George

13th Decr 1782.

Your most Obed^t
humble servant,

Signed, John H. Johnston

Dispatched the following Letter to Captain
Edmonds with a Letter for the Rajah of
Calistroy as entered in the Country correspon-
dence

To Captⁿ Edmonds
Sir,

To Captⁿ Edmonds
enclosing a Letter for
the Rajah of Calistroy.

Enclosed send you a letter to
the Rajah of Calistroy which you will be so good
to forward to him without delay. I annex
a translation of it for your information, & hope
it will procure the object desired, being much
indisposed I can say no more than how much
I am

Dec^r 13th

Sir

Your most Obed^t
humble servant
Signed, Macartney

To the Right of Calistroy

I wrote to you on the 19th of last
Month

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13th Month and desired you to act according to such directions as you should receive from Captain Edmonds, our Commanding Officer at Angola, in preparing to attack the Enemy in such manner as he should think most effectual, and I now repeat those instructions to you. — You will besides without delay order 20 days provisions for 5000 ^{to be laid up in the Fort of Palmore, you are also to lay} ^{20 days provisions for 5000 men} then in the Fort of Libram param, which provisions are to be kept safe and untouched, till Captain Edmonds shall give directions in what manner they should be issued to the Troops, acting on the expedition under his command. —

As this is a very important service I rely upon your speedy and punctual execution of these orders, as you value the favor and protection of the Company. I charge you, to be particularly careful and diligent on this Occasion, as any failure on your part may prove of the most fatal consequence. Captain Edmonds will send you further instructions, to which you will be particularly attentive. —

May the Almighty grant his
favor to you and bless you with Prosperity,
What can I say more? —

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To Captain Edmonds

Commanding at Angola

Sir.

I am directed by the
Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select
Committee

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To Capt. Edwards
recommending him
that Vincent Rouse
is appointed Renter
of the Angola District.

13th Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letter of the 7th December and to acquaint you,
that they have appointed Vincent Rouse Renter
of the Angola District, for the present year,
on condition of his discharging the engagements
of the late Ram Chunder Rouse to the Company
and paying immediately the balance due to the
first Rent.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George

13th Dec. 1782.

Your most Obed^t
humble Servant

Signed, J. H. Johnston

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Dispatched the following Letter

The Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r

Governor General and Council

Fort Williams

Gentlemen

To Bengal conveying
Intelligence of the Certainty
of the Death of Hyder.

The enclosed Copy of a letter
to me from his Highness the Nabob gives
additional strength to several reports which I had received
of the Death of Hyder Ally. If this Point should be
confirmed, it will be proper to endeavour to derive from
it all the advantages to the Company's affairs of
which it is susceptible. While the minds of Men
remain, on this occasion, in expectation of new Scenes,
and fluctuate in the uncertainty of fortune &
prospects, military arrangements and political
negotiations may operate effects which are not to

be

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13th to be obtained if, by want of timely exertion, the habits of obedience and caution are suffered to return.

Every effort shall be made by me to have so important an Event to the best account, and I shall flatter myself that, if met with no counteraction in our Councils, our affairs may wear a better appearance in a little time.

I have the honor to be

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13th Decr. 1782.

Your most obedient
and faithful servant

Signed, Macartney

To Mr. William Light

Paymaster at Palamcottah

Sir,

To Mr. Light to pay
the Battalion of
Light Infantry in
the same manner
as the other Troops
in the Palamcottah
District

It appearing by a Letter from Capt. Coldington to the Select Committee and some Bills which he has delivered in, that the Officer Commanding the Corps of Light Infantry to the Southward has been considered as the paymaster also of his Corps the Select Committee have resolved to discontinue that mode and they accordingly desire that you will pay the Battalion of Light Infantry exactly in the same manner as the rest of the Troops in the Palamcottah District are paid.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George 13th Decr. 1782.

Your most obed.
Servant

Received

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13th Received and sent in circulation the following Letter
and enclosures from General Stuart,

Mr. Huddleston

Sir,

From Genl Stuart,
enclosing Copy of a
Letter from Capt. the
Honble. the President
Cochranes motion
as to the Employing
of the Kings Troops
under Colt Jones.

I send you my Minute in answer to
that of the President of the 10th which by the by
came to me late on the 11th it is now returned -

I also send the Duplicate copy of Captains
Cochranes last Letter to me, all which you will
Communicate to The Right Honble President
and members L^{rs} in circulation.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Friday morning
13th Decr 1782.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

(Signed) James Stuart,

If the records are crowded with minutes
it is a matter of necessity with me, for there is
scarce a Committee paper, that the President either
by Act, Speculation, or Stricture, on his part,
does not oblige me in self defence to trouble them
with my Observations, of this sort is the minute
of 10th Decr with this difference, that I have on
this occasion also to defend the Conduct and
practice of His Majestys Commander in Chief
in India, under whom I act, and from whom
alone I receive my Instructions with Discreti-
onary powers in what regards His Majestys
Troops serving on this Coast.

It is needless to say any
thing

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13th thing on the Presidents reasoning, about the powers of the Chief and Council or of this Government to which they are subordinate, Let it be for the time admitted as applicable to the Companys Troops — It is equally needless for me to trouble the Committee with my own Opinion, of the mode of carrying on the Kings military Service in Europe, which the President has been so full upon, in support perhaps of an Opinion formed in his own mind, that we were all in the wrong here, and that as to the Sovereign power of this Government, there is no difference & betwixt the Kings and Companys Troops —

It is not Abstract reasoning or private Ideas, that we have to do with, but practice and Rule of Service, and therefore to pass over all that Space of the Presidents minute and in answer to the other parts, I have no difficulty in informing the Committee that in the Command of His Majestys Troops serving on this Coast, I think myself bound to act by the Orders, Instructions, and discretionary powers, given to me by His Excellency Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief of all the Kings Troops in India according to which every resolve of Government concerning the Employment of those Troops must before it is carried in Execution, pass thro His Excellency

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13th Excellency or thro' the Officer commanding in his absence, and I am likewise of Opinion that there are Cases where the Requestion of a Government concerning the employment of His Majestys Troops may be refused, by the Officer Commanding, who thereby makes himself answerable for such Refusal, but not to this Government.

In the case of Lieut^{Col}. Jones I think it was proper for him in every Respect, to remain at Masulipatam, until he could inform me of his Liberation, the State of the Detachment for some little time, made it highly necessary, from Doct^r Sinclairs letter to me, and by my Instructions to Colonel Jones I desired him to look upon his Detachment as the Garrison of Masulipatam, if the French were ever to land any where to the Northward, this indeed, from all the Letters of the Chief and Council seemed to have been their chief object before this Detachment actually arrived. ^{and I add that in the case even of any Detachment of the Company's Troops from Masulipatam} This Government ought to be consulted previously by the Chief and Council.

My Instructions to Col^l. Jones long before the Presidents present motion were equivalent to the Companys Instructions for all their Troops in Similar Liberations, I mean those received by Sir John Clavering in 1776, with certain exceptions affecting Chiefly the health and Discipline of the men under his Command, Exceptions warranted by the authority.

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13th Authority under which I act, as Commanding
 in absence of His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote - and
 now that I have the honor of mentioning his &
 name I shall take leave to transcribe from the
 last Letter I received, his own words to me, and
 which clearly shew what is the sense of the
 Commander in Chief of the Dutys of my Station
 regarding His Majesty's Troops, and that in
 obeying the requisition of this Government, I have
 had the misfortune to have incurred his &
 disapprobation, " Before I took my Departure
 from Madras I recommended to the Select &
 Committee, keeping the Army under your &
 Command together, and in full force as a
 measure of the utmost Consequence on it &
 depending the very safety of India - I gave
 you also my Instructions to the same purpose;
 I therefore ^{approve} the breaking up His Majesty's 100th
 Regiment in the manner you inform me they are
 to be disposed of, also the Returning of Bengal
 European Infantry, I am sorry to say, I cannot
 possibly approve of you ^{doing} this

This Rebuke from my General will
 lead me to be more Cautious in future, and in
 particular to decline giving my Sanction to the
 Chief and Council of Malacabar Employing
 His Majesty's Troops at their discretion, on
 any Service they see fit and without reference
 by them to this Government, of which I am a
 Constituent

Extract from letter
 18th November 1782.

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13th Constituent member, or from Lieut Colonel Jones to me, as commanding his Majesty's Troops, I have said already that Lieut Colonel Jones is instructed sufficiently for every ordinary purpose, and in the spirit of the Company's Instructions 1774, published in the Orderly Book on this Establishment. —

In answer to the Close of the President's Minute I can only say, that I have full as much at heart, as he can possibly have the support of the East India Company, and full as much at stake to induce me to forward the public cause most strenuously, my Situation in the King's Service must necessarily be an additional incentive therefore the President has no ground on earth to suppose that I will not exert myself in the defence & execution of proper plans of Operations — there may be improper plans of exertion of our force, & originating in Cabinet Speculation, and I shall at all times lay in my claim to give my reasons against such plans, and finally with regard to my line of Duty as the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's forces, I will be guided by my Instructions from His Excellency Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief in India, according to Military practice in His Majesty's Service —

(Signed) James Stuart,

To General Stuart

Commander in Chief of the Forces on the Coast
of

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13th of Commodore
Sir,

I had the honor to receive
your Letter of the 28th November. I return you
my most sincere thanks for your Congratulations
on my Appointment. I have now the pleasure to
inform you, that Colonel Forbes, with the Detach-
ment under his Command, landed here two
days ago the Troops will be ashore to day,
but the Wind rather fresh, it will take another
day to get on shore the Provisions, Stores &c. for
the Southern Army. — You may rest assured of
my paying the utmost attention to the contents
of your Letter. Mr. Cockrane and I have sent lately
by so many different Convergences the informations
you wish to know relative to the state of Provisions
&c. of this Garrison and of all the occurrences
of the Southern Countries that in all human
probability, some of them must have arrived safe. —
Our dispatches by sea have unfortunately been
obliged either on account of an Enemy, or the
weather to return back to us. —

Time will not permit me at present
to answer your Letter more fully — This only
I have to say, that as far as our finances will
admit, every thing has, and will be done to put
this place in the best state of defence, I mention
before the Dutch houses valued at least to one
Lack of Paysons running along the extremity
of the Glacis, and as the whole Town is &
adjoining

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13th Adjoining, and immediately behind these large houses it will be utterly impossible to do any thing regarding them, as it would be a labour of years, with the few hands we have, and an immense expence - as I have a thorough confidence of the Officers, and Troops that compose this Garrison, I have no doubt but we shall be able to frustrate any attempts of Suffren till relieved by Colonel Lang, who assures me he is ever watching over this Garrison -

Captain Tanner is with the Army - Lieut. Jones is our artillery Officer, Captain Johnston will agreeably to order send his Opinion, and every necessary information on the Subject of this Garrison -

I am Sir

With the greatest Respect

Your most Obed^t &

most humble Servant

Signed Spencer Bicknell

Negapatam

3^d Decemb 1782.

Strong Reports prevail last night amongst the Dutch here, said to come from Colombo, that our Admiral has taken two, and unk two of Suffren's Fleet - every thing is expected to be landed to day or tomorrow at first, as the violence of the Wind is now abated - He being extremely ill, and of the 2000 Men, that followed him 1st, are already dead - this account is brought by the Duc de Chartres Frigate, which is going to look after Suffren and touched at Cuddalore.

He

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13th The King of Candy will permit no provisions to be sent to Trincomallee.

Received the following note from General Stuart enclosing Letter from Colonel Fullarton.

Mr. Middleton

Sir

We so good to send the enclosed letter from Lieut. Colonel Fullarton dated 27th Nov. To the Right Honble President in Circulation.

Yours Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant

(Signed) James Stuart

From Genl Stuart
enclosing Letter from
Col. Fullarton with
Intelligence of Sir
Richd. Bickertons Squadron
having been met by the
Active off Cape Comorin.

Saturday 10th M.

14th Decr 1782.

To General Stuart

Sir

From

Col. Fullarton with
Intelligence of Sir
Richard Bickertons
Squadron having
been met by the
Active off Cape Comorin.

I had the honor of writing to you on the 25th in Duplicate: one letter sent by an Mircarrak & the other to Mr. Cockrane at Negapatam, I shall add a triplicate by this Mircarrak, of my Letter & of Major Campbells, as I conceive you will be so desirous of knowing the situation of Bumburstons Army. -

I have just received a letter from Captain Kelfo of the 98th dated on board the Active 13th Nov. 20 leagues off Cape Comorin they had met Sir Richard Bickertons Squadron of 5 Sail of the Line on the 6th Instant but had no account of Sir Edward Hughes, who they suppose gone to Bombay before them

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13th them - Sir Richard meant to water at Anjingo
the active was then to land Lt Col. Mordaunt of his
party at Calicut & the Squadron to proceed to Bombay.

I mentioned in my last that we had an
account of a fleet supposed to be French. off Colichy bay on the 7th or 8th instant it now appears
that there must have been Sir Richard Rich's ships -
Thurbinston has written repeatedly that
great preparations have been made at Cochim of stores
& provisions for the French fleet which rendered us
men apt to give credit to the account that the ships
seen off Colichy bay were French.

I had a letter last night from Tanjore which
mentions that Sheveraw is disgraced - I am sorry
to hear that the Coop is not collecting so fast in
the Tanjore Country as was expected, although
there is not a Lady to interrupt the Collection.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Tutchenopoly Camp
27th Nov^r 1782.

Your most Obedt^d
& very faithful
Servant

Signed / Will^m Tusterton

15th Received the following Letter from Captain Hunter
To Major General James Stuart Commander in Chief &c
Sir

Several People have come from
Hyders Camp, last night & this Morning, & they
apport

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From Capt. Scouler to
Genl Stuart in the name
of Hyder's Death.

14th aspect, that Hyder is Dead - this morning a Man arrived
here from his Camp with a Letter from a Fakiermahomed
(formerly a Commandant in the Mahratta service) to our
Mahratta Ally, who positively asserts that
Hyder Died three days ago. & the Letter with
which he was charged, was to give the Mahratta Intelligence
of this Event - so many different People have told
me this Circumstance, that I believe it is really
true - Have the honor to remain with

great Respect.

Sir

Trepasore 14th Decr 1782

Your very Obedient
& most Loyal Servant
(Signed) Robt Scouler

President's Observation
on the above.

The President observes, in circulation, to
the other Members of the Select Committee that the
above Intelligence from Captain Scouler &
corresponds with all the rest he has received &
upon the same subject, and is a fresh motive
for Action.

(Signed) Macartney

General Stuart in reply to this President's
remarks declares he does not believe that Hyder is
dead and if he were this Army will be ready for
every Action in proper time. (Signed) G. H.

Received the following Intelligence from
General Stuart -

Intelligence from Genl
Stuart confirming
the Death of Hyder.

Mahomed Cawn Inhabitant of Chittoor just
now sent in from Pallamallee says that he left Hyder's
Camp at Chittoor last Thursday at which time
Hyder was not dead, at least was not reported to
be

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14th Dec 82, but still continued dangerously ill of an
 ulcer upon his back a disorder known to the black
 people by the name of Raja Para - that Tippoo
 was not at Chittoor with his Father but said to be
 gone towards Pallicatcherry.

Sent the following Letter to the Military
 Paymaster General
 To Edward Saunders Esq
 Military Paymaster General
 Sir

To Mr Saunders
 desiring him to
 reimburse Sir John
 Burgoyne for Wines
 and Accommodations
 expended on the Voyage

I am directed by the Right Honble
 the President and Select Committee to acquaint you
 with their Resolution of the 18th Instant to reimburse
 Major General Burgoyne Fifty Pounds Sterling
 for two Pipes of Wine expended on the sick men
 of his Regiment during the Voyage, and the
 further Sum of ninety Seven Pounds 17/6 for the
 Loss of Accommodations which were accidentally
 landing the baggage from the ship Royal Henry.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Fort St George

14th Dec 1782.

Your most obed^t
 humble Servant

John Huddleston
 Secy

At a Select Committee summoned on
 Military Affairs present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
 R. H. President

Anthony Sadlier Esq
 General

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Fort St George 1st December 1772.

General James Stuart
Alexander Davidson Esq^r

Minutes of last Committee read and approved
The President delivers in the following
minutes

President's minute acquainting
the Committee of the Fort with
of the Death of Hyder Ally
recommending the moving
of the Army & other
measures to take advantage
of that Event.

The President tho very much &
indisposed has not lost a moment to assemble the
Committee in Order to have the honor of laying
before them the several Accounts which have
been received of the Death of Hyder Ally as also
a letter sent yesterday to the President from his
Highness the Shah of Arcot which seem to
confirm this Event and urges an Expedition
of the Company's Forces to take advantage of so
favorable a Circumstance, the President perfectly
concur with his Highness in the Opinion that the
Army should make instant and incessant Preparations
to take the field. It is near a month since the President
laid before the Committee his Reasons for urging
the Army to some undertaking against the Enemy,
or at least to some immediate movement which might
distract his attention and prevent his sending such
strong Detachments against our forces acting elsewhere
as to prevent their Success. Major General Stuart
who commented on the President's other Opinions,
having given as the Reasons against putting the
Army then in motion, that it was not at that time
in readiness must be supposed to have taken steps
to put it in Readiness, and the President now
proposes that the General shall give immediate
Orders

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Orders for the Army to hold itself prepared to march and for enabling it to do so and that the General inform the Committee of any Orders or assistance necessary to be given by them for the purpose. The Paymaster of Camp acquaints the President that he has now in his hands a Month of Pay unpaid, & the President requests the Committee that in a few days another Months pay will be ready to be delivered to the Army. —

The President observes that the Report of Hyder's Death is come from so many Quarters, and is so generally believed, that the impression likely to be made on the minds of Men, on such an Occasion, will be nearly the same as the absolute Certainty of the fact, until the same should be disproved, and the more so as it will occur that Efforts will no Doubt be made to prevent the knowledge of that Certainty, by a concealment of the Event as long as possible. But it is essential on the part of this Committee to lose no time in taking advantage of the general Belief, and of the Event itself if it shall really have taken place. The Principal men under the Dominion, and in the Service of Hyder, will on his Death, be apt to look to that Disturbance in the succession which follows frequently after the Death of an Usurper. They will be apt to waver in their Obedience and Attachment, and may form expectations of Advantage from a transfer of their Allegiance. But if an Interval of Tranquility should be suffered to intervene, it is very possible that

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that the natural consequence will be that the most restless and desirous of new things will sink into their former habits of prudent Submission and the youthful and spirited heir of Hyder without the odium of his Vices and his Tyranny, may succeed to that Power and that ambition, which have been so prejudicial to the Company's Tranquillity and Welfare —

The present moment may be therefore critical. It behoves the Committee not to be remiss in any effort that may contribute to determine such a Crisis in favor of the Company and the State; and it is to be hoped that its Resolves will meet with no open or secret counteraction. —

The President proposes that immediate Orders may be issued for assembling such of the Public followers of the Army as the General shall deem absolutely necessary to its march and future Operations; and that it be recommended to the General to allow of as few private followers as possible, without throwing any real hardship upon the Officers or men. The President proposes also that the Draught and Carriage Waddlocks with their mistresses be immediately assembled. The plenty of Pasturage which the present Season affords may compensate in some Degree for the scarcity of Grain. —

The President observes that Hyderally gained possession of many of the Garrisons in the Carnatic by purchasing the fidelity of the Residents or Governors to whom the respective Forts were entrusted

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entrusted by the Shahab Wallah Jah. It may be a proper measure to empower the Company's Officers Commanding in the out Garrisons to treat with the Commanders of those in their respective neighbourhood for restoring those Garrisons to the Dependence of the Company among the Mohammedan Natives every tie is loosened by the Death of him with whom it was made. A Dispute may very possibly arise between the Two Sons of Hyder in regard to the Succession Each will probably have powerful partizans - and the Divisions of Hyders Territories, of his force and his Authority, would remove the Danger of the whole to the Welfare of the Company. Captain Campbell commanding at Vellore in the neighbourhood of the Enemies Camp might be instructed to employ Companies to watch the motions and favor the Disposition of any part of it to gain assistance to its Projects in opposition to those of the other part.

The Supposition of Hyders Death will increase the hopes as well as the Resources of those Chief in the Cuddapah and Chinnera Countries of whose Determination to attempt the Recovery of those Provinces from the yoke of Hyder under the Countenance of our Troops, the Letter from Captain Bannister and some from themselves had already given strong assurances. It is therefore proper to hasten all the preparations necessary for giving that Countenance and Support

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Support which is likely to be advantageous. The March already ordered of two Battalions to Bangalore from Bellary makes it necessary to send at least one Battalion in their room to the latter place, both for defending effectually that Valuable District from the incursions of the Enemy and for the further Encouragement Protection and Assistance of the Chiefs in the neighbouring provinces of Cudapat. Such a Detachment was understood to have been already in the intention of the Committee if necessary or useful. The necessity and Use now apparent.

The very strong Detachment sent by Hyder of the most effective part of his Army to the Southward as far as Palacherry will not allow even if there were no Disturbances or Suspicion of fidelity in his Camp, of any effectual Resistance from it to the movements of the Army here, or even of any considerable Detachment from it. But the Strength of the Enemy to the Southward by the Return of Colonel Humberston to the Malabar Coast, in pursuance of the Orders he has received from the Military Government, & being now to be opposed to the Corps under Colonel Lang alone, there is a new and cogent Motive for further reinforcing that Corps to the Original Idea of the President, when he proposed Six Companies to be sent instead of 3000 men in which last number the President requested for for the time in deference to the General.

Whatever

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Whatever Disposition has been shown in the late Subjects of Hyder to the Southward to favor an attack of his Dominions there, will become now much more general, and the attempt more likely to be successful. Colonel Lang therefore should be fully enabled to undertake it by such additional Reinforcement, to give him only a sufficient Strength to be on the defensive when so favorable an Opportunity offers for terminating the War by carrying it into the Enemy's Country, would be a Criminal & Inaction on the part of the Government who must direct in the Conduct to the best of their Judgment these military Operations which the Commanders afterwards as far as practicable to execute in the field.

Decem: 14th 1782. Signed Macartney
From the Nizam to the Governor, Dated 13th December 1782

From the Nizam confirms
the Certainty of the Death
of Hyder.

Altho, I had heard some days ago that Hyder was ill, I did not inform your Lordship of it, because there had been reports of the same kind before without foundation. One Faquin, a Mahomed a Commandant who has been in my Service but was forced to enter into Hyder's when he was taken a prisoner with his family at Arcot, has now wrote to me, by an orderly Havildar, a note in these Words: Hyder is dead and the Havildars account is that he died on the 1st of Mithun, or 7th December. If the Army is ready to take the field, a fair opportunity.

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opportunity present itself at this time, to accomplish the business, and drive the scattered Mysoreans out of the Country and when that is done our other Enemies may be defeated with ease - For God sake therefore, use every exertion at this critical time - What shall I say more?

Ordered that the Presidents Minute be sent in Circulation for the consideration of the members and in the mean time the Committee entirely agree with the President that the Army should immediately hold itself in readiness to take the field and the General is accordingly desired to issue Orders for that purpose and to cause every exertion to be made that the Army may be encamped with as little delay as possible.

General Stuart delivers in the following Minute and lays before the Committee extracts of General Orders issued by him from the 29th September to the 9th November, and four General Returns comprising from the 31st October to the 31st November, of Camp Equipage, Carts, Draught and Carriage Cattle, Drivers keepers &c and of the Mascots Artificers & coolies &c with the different Corps and Departments of the Army who are paid by the Company or subject to the Control of their Commissary General as lodged in the Office.

Genl Stuart's Minute with
the above.
Contrasted by Returns
made to the Commissary
General.

The very great obligations we
personally lay under to the Honble East India
Company far beyond the merit of any
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have influenced me to employ every leisure hour practically to introduce method of Counters, of returns and muster, relative to the Army, whilst from the season, and other Circumstances, the Operations in the field were at a Stand.

I know it was the wish of His Excellency the Commander in Chief and he often desired my Assistance in it; of nothing but the fluctuating state of things, and the hurry of Active military Operations have hitherto prevented it completely taking place, before his Excellency went back to Bengal; — The great object I had in view was to ascertain the Effectives of every denomination in this Army, so as the proper Officer might fix as nearly as possible the expense relative to that effect. State, Comprehending men at Arms, Europeans and Natives, Cavalry, & ^{those & his followers} followers, Draught & Carriage bullocks, and every thing depending on the Corps of Artillery in all its branches.

The returns of the men at Arms are contained separately by my Orders to the Adjutant General in various ways. — What I allude to here, is to the Train of every sort that attends on the Troops, and I promise with observing, that the intentions of the Honble Company in their printed Regulations, for mustering an Army of this sort, never can be answered, unless the Musters of the different departments are taken as nearly as possible at the same time; & this indeed cannot well be done unless the General enters into some detail himself the
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perhaps out of his regular line, to give the necessary Orders to appoint proper Officers to the several Corps of Brigades, or Departments to assist the Commissary & Stationing Guards to prevent all or collusion while the muster is taking place. — Such a detail as this I had leisure enough to enter into, it took place on the 29th of September the Adjutant General by my Orders furnished to the different Corps, and to the heads of departments, certain forms of Returns according to which, every 15 days it will appear at one view, what is really the state of Effectives, with the intermediate Casualties. —

What I have done on this & occasions, is not meant to interfere with the provision or duties of any other persons, it is for my own private satisfaction, and as before observed, it is the only mark / seat of my professional line, / in my power now to show Gratitude to my Honble Employers. — and from my firm belief at the same time, that no Efficient Contract could possibly be there Established in any other way. — and here I take occasion to do justice to Mr. Welch the Paymaster, to Mr. Kemworthy the Agent, & to Mr. Jackson the Commissary of this Army, from whom I have on this, and on every occasion found the greatest readiness to contribute all in their power, in their several Departments, towards carrying my Orders in this respect into Execution. —

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The only difficulty that at first occurred on the part of Mr. Jackson, was the Idea of his not being empowered by Government to minister by deputation, it seeming impossible to him to be present at so many places in one day, but he soon got over it, and assented to the Officers reports of the different Brigades where he could not attend.

Having once ascertained the mode of Mastering with the form of the Return, every thing in point of expence may soon be known, but I gained besides another principal point, in coming at the knowledge of the real numbers of people who under any description of General Orders, were intitled to draw Rice, a circumstance which gave me ^{great} Relief of mind when I found myself charged with responsibility if I kept the Army near to Madras in greater numbers than could be fed upon little more than half the usual Quantity of Rice formerly drawn.

In the execution of a certain resource upon my own credit from a Quarter which I do not even now despair of, it has been so managed for these six or seven Weeks past, that this Army with the public & private followers have been supplied from the 251 bags daily allowances.

All the fighting men and Officers Servants have been furnished from the Stock, excepting those of two Battalions of Sepoys gone to Villore, who carried with them Rice for three

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three Muckas, and excepting about 4000 of the public followers who have been reduced, but I must fairly confess that it has taken up so much of my time and attention to examine and mark the Returns before the Rice is issued, that I cannot much longer continue it, now the season for Action is coming on. —

There being no rice for sale in the Bazaar and Wives and families of the native Troops therefore much distressed, it will deserve the attention of Government to increase the quantity for the use of the Army, or to find a way to maintain their families, because these poor people living upon the assistance of the native Soldier, especially those of the better casts of the Cavalry & Bengal Sepoys, the men are so debilitated for want of sufficient nourishment that it has been reported to me as the Chief cause of the very great sickness prevailing amongst them. On this account I found a way to send some Rice to the followers of the Bengal Regiments and to the Corps of Cavalry, but in no shape adequate to the wants of their families, it is indeed out of my power to apply a sufficient remedy from the allowance of 250 bags a day.

Altho' these personal attentions to the delivery of Rice are out of the line of my Duty, yet at this particular crisis I feel an extreme satisfaction in having been in any respect assisting to preserve this valuable Army in the most proper situation for

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Controul
Monthly pay-
ments to the Bengal
Detachment.

See that Correspondence

for the public Service, & at the same time in striking off every unnecessary expenditure of that most valuable Article - The great arrears due to the Army led me to take every Step possible without injury to the just pretensions of the Officers or others of the Detachment from Bengal, in order to adapt payments to the Effective Returns of all Ranks actually on Service at present, leaving to those absent or actually in Bengal to receive what is due to them for the months in course of payment here to that Detachment because of the known difficulty to bring the Cash from Bengal to this Settlement which in this manner would be lessened. The Acting Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment objected to this as contrary to his Instructions and perhaps it was so, the Correspondence with him began October 6th & reported to Government and wrote on the subject to his Excellency the Commander in Chief that I found myself under the necessity to order the Effective Returns to be sent to me and I signed for the amount of abstracts for payment to the Officers Commanding Corps which they have received from Mr. Welch the Paymaster to the Army.

One month the pay of Battal has been in this way issued, & from thence I conclude that for the payment of all the European Officers of the Detachment present, the Corps of Bengal European Artillery, and of Lascars, Gunners

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Gobindasing and every denomination of people now serving with it; the five Regiments of Bengal Sepoys and their Staff the pay & Batta of Bengal Surgeons and the Batta usually issued to Mr. Ramsay the Bengal Agent for victualing the Europeans on that Establishment, there will be wanted on the above account a Sum as I think not exceeding seventy five thousand Shaw Pagodas monthly. —

a Pag. 25000

In the above Sum is not included the Staff of His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India; the contingent or other charges paid from that Establishment by His Excellency's orders and the pay & Batta of the absent Bengal Officers who served with the Army in the months of May & June last. —

As to the Sums in payment of Contracts made in Bengal for the Gun & Carriage Bullocks for the field Carriage of Camps and for Elephants and Camels I have been informed, that the Contractors or others concerned do not receive the Cash here, but draw for the amount on Bengal — This attention to the disbursements of the Detachment from Bengal, I find to encroach too much on my time at present, I have acquainted Colonel Pearce that it will naturally fall to him, as in Correspondence with Bengal for the interior Management of the Detachment according to his Instructions communicated to me. —

A. M.

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The Returns here mentioned
being in the Department
of the Lt. Col. Gomb contain
the state of the military
camp by which it
was thought needless to
separate the not economi-
cally connected with any
control of Ministers.

I have thought proper to present this Report
to the Committee together with the last four
Returns comprehending every description & place
of people & Departments not inserted in the
Returns from the Adjutant General.

There is also an Extract of the General
Orders connected with Controul, one in particular
from his Excellency, Sir Eyre Coote, which gives the
clearest proof of his attention to prevent all improper
waste or loss of Stores or provisions in the field and
this single order of itself, if properly attended to by
those in Charge of provisions &c. might have the
most salutary effect possible.

If what has been done in this business
can be of public benefit every purpose in my
view is answered.

(Signed) James Stuart

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15th The following Letter to the Governor General and Council
having been prepared and sent in circulation ^{is} approved and
ordered to be copied fair and dispatched.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.

Governor General and Committee of Bengall.

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the honor to transmit you Copies of
dispatches just received from the Resident at Tanjore enclosing
Letters from him to this Committee, and to the Select committee at
Bombay, Letter from an officer belonging to Colonel Humberstons
detachment and a Letter to us from Captain Mearns Communicat-
ing the loss of the Honble Companys three Brilliant near
Johanna with the measures taken by him for the receiving of
the Cargo and the safety and subsistence of the Troops
which had embarked on her.

In our Letter of the 5th Instant we expressed
our Sentiments very fully on the Subject of the Southern
operations we now see with much Satisfaction that there
is at length a prospect of the war being terminated with
Success by a vigorous execution of your plan for attacking
the Enemy in the East of his dominions - The junction of the
reinforcement of his Majestys Troops lately sent from hence
to

to Bengal - enclosing
from Captain Mearns
acknowledging the loss of the
Brilliant near Johanna
giving a Statement of
present military Pro-
ceedings and transmitting Letters
to both Hydrabad & the
President.

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to Bombay and of Colonel Humberstone's detachment with
the for as that were about to embark under Brigadier
General Mathews will we trust enable that officer not
only to capture Mangalore but to proceed to other still
more important enterprises while the army under Colonel
Lang reinforced by the 300. Europeans lately embarked
and which we have the pleasure to inform you. —

Safely arrived at Megapatnam on the 1st Instant will
protect the Southern provinces and may eventually proceed
to offensive operations in the Enemy's country contiguous
to his Command or otherwise cooperate with General
Mathews as Circumstances shall render advisable — the
strongest detachment from Hyder's army would be
insufficient to cope with the for as under the two offi-
cers above mentioned conducted by their abilities and
experience he must move with his whole army to the
defense of the most valuable of all his possessions
and in that case the Fort he has taken in the Car-
patie will we hope soon be recovered by our grand
army on this Side and subsequent with the body
of French Troops which now garrison it be-
come an immediate object

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In this statement of our present situation, and prospects / as far as they are committed with military operations / we have reckoned upon having still to oppose the Enemy whose reputation established power, and resources have rendered him so formidable, but we have the satisfaction to acquaint you that the reports of his death are confirmed from so many different quarters, and so many persons all corresponding in their relations of the time and circumstances of it that we now believe it true.

We enclose copy of the last letter on the subject from the officer commanding at Tripesore - The Intelligence therein mentioned of the Lagun Matomed. His Highness the Natob has formally communicated in a letter to our President of which We also enclose a copy accounts corresponding with it have been received from Areat and Canjivaram, and the Calcutta Ajiah has actually performed the Ceremony of distributing Sugar to his people on the occasion of the death of Hyder ally.

Tho' there is as yet no actual certainty of it we think it our duty to communicate to you the various and corresponding intelligence which we have received of an event of so great importance that you may furnish us with such orders and Instructions for our conduct as you may judge necessary to improve and enable us to turn that event / Should it actually have taken place / to the most advantage for our Employers and the State.

We learn from Negapatam that there are strong Reports that among the Dutch Saiotab came from Colombo that

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that Sir Edward Hughes has taken two, and sent the same number of the Soffrins flat.

We have the Honor to be

Honble Sir and Sirs.

Fort St George
14th December 1792.

Your most obedient
and humble servants.

(signed) Macartney
Jas Select Committee

General Stuart on the foregoing Letter being sent to him delivers in the following Minutes.

Minute in the Letter to the Governor General
15 December by President's Minute of the 14th December.

General Stuart's minute
on the Letter addressed
to Bengal

I have repeatedly delivered my opinion on the matters
treated of in this Letter, and I have in objection to sign it without
changing the opinion already given
J. S.

And as to the Minute of the President and to the Com-
mittee last night, now communicated, I have perused it
with attention and shall deliver my Sentiments on the
Subject at the first Committee if possible
J. S.

To J. Huddleston Esq
Secretary of Committee

Sunday 15th December 2 P.M.

The Secretary by the Direction of the President addresses
the following Letter to the Members of the Select Committee

The Members of the Select Committee
Gentlemen?

From the Secretary to
the Members of the Select
Committee by the President

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President to inform you, that His Lordship intended
to

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desired requesting their
opinions on the orders sent
to Colonel Jones by the
Committee Chief and
that the President's judg-
ments of the dangerous tendency
of it, the Commander in Chief
orders should be supported to
mitigate with those of the
Common

to have moved at the meeting of the Committee last night, that
Major General Stuart be required to signify to Colonel
Jones, that he is, for the future, to comply, as far as may be in
his power, with whatever may be desired for the public service
by the Chief and Council of Masulipatam - The Lordship's opinion
on this point as expressed in the minute the 10. Instant not be-
ing in any respect altered by that delivered in by General Stuart
the 13th Instant, and His Lordship directs me to say, that he
thinks no time should be lost in adjusting this matter, because
by the Doctrine laid down in General Stuart's Minute, once
either of the Circars under Masulipatam to be suddenly -
attacked or a French Force to land at Coringa, Madapolam
or Wandamalakka, the Chief and Council could not send
a European from that place to repel the Enemy or reinforce
the native Troops stationed at either of those places, with-
out sending to the distance of 200. miles for orders. - The
President further directs me to observe to you, that it
appears by General Stuart's Minute above mentioned, that
he has given Instructions to Colonel Jones which mitigate
with those of the Select Committee to the Chief and Council
of Masulipatam the former directing him "to look upon his
detachment as the Garrison of Masulipatam" the latter inform-
ing the C. & Council that the Troops are sent "for the Gar-
rison of Masulipatam, to be employed as circumstances may
render necessary"

The President therefore moves, that General
Stuart be positively required that in future he send no
orders, nor Instructions to any of the King, or Company's
officers employed at a distance from the Presidency / excepting
on matters of detail, or the discipline of the Troops / without
previously communicating such orders, or Instructions to the
President

Chief

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Select Committee for their approbation

The President is clearly of opinion that neither His Majesty nor the Company intended that the Command in Chief should singly determine how, and where, the Troops sent to aid the Company's Establishments should be employed, otherwise there would be no object nor utility in his having a Seat and voice in the Select Committee upon military or political affairs. The Company have been accustomed to think it an advantage to them that the officer in the Command of their Forces should bear also a Kings Commission, but the President has no hesitation in declaring that if the System and opinions, advanced by General Stuart were to be admitted, instead of an advantage it would be a continual source of danger, and embarrassment, to their affairs, and in all events, the Company's Servants would no longer be responsible for the administration of them.

That the Company's Commanding officers their Servant, and a Member of their Select Committee can in another capacity refuse to comply with the Requisitions of their Select Committee without being answerable for such refusal to the Company. For such is the fact, if he is not answerable to their Government here, is in the President's opinion a doctrine of the most dangerous tendency and the President is confident that the Company would not approve of an officer being continued to be employed in their service, after he had asserted and acted upon such doctrine.

The above, the President desires may be entered as part of the Committee of Last night; and

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and on the motions included in it, the Lordship desires the
opinions and votes of the Members of the Select Committee
as soon as may be convenient

I have the Honor to be, very Respectfully,
Gentlemen,

Your most obedient and
Humble Servant
J. Hudleston.

Fort St George
15th Decemr 1792.
at night

Mr. Sadler delivers the following opinion on the
Subject of the foregoing Letter

Mr. Sadler's opinion coincides
with the Sentiments expressed
by the President in the
last Letter.

I am clearly of opinion with the President that
rules should be forthwith established to the extent contained
in his two motions as points absolutely requisite to
prevent those inconveniences suggested in his minute
A. Sadler.

16th General Stuart's opinion on the subject of the foregoing
Letter.

Fort St George
16th December Monday Noon.

The Secretary Letter dated last night are
to me written this hour and I have read it

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General Stuart minute
objects to the present mode
of transacting business &
refuses giving his opinion
on the Secretary's Letter
till the next Committee

I believe it will be found altogether irregular
to do Business, by making additions to former meeting
or to collect votes or opinions in the manner the President
now takes occasion to do otherwise, the Summingⁱⁿ of
Committee the free discussers of all matters there,
might be dispensed with; and for this reason I shall
reserve what I have to say until in Committee is called
it according to the practice of the Service — I desire
this may be entered as my opinion in the present
Stage of the business. — J. S.

Mr. Davidson's opinion on the Subject of the foregoing
Letter from the Secretary.

Mr. Davidson's opinion that
the Commander in Chief is
bound to carry into execution
the orders of the Com-
mittee respecting the dispo-
sition of the King's Troops.

I have always understood it to be the usage
of the Service that Assistance of the King's Troops
were to be applied for by Requisition. The Commander
in Chief of India, and the Commanders in Chief
of the Presidencies respectively being members of the
Select Committee, are bound to carry the orders of the
Board into execution. In all Instructions and in all
military Regulations it is understood and expressed
always subject to the orders of our President and Select
Committee. I am of opinion that neither General Cooke
or

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nor General Stuart would decline the Commands of
this Committee signifies to them in writing.

I approve of the Presidents minutes of the 10th
of December, and additional minutes of the 15th of De-
cember addressed to the members of the Select Committee
and I agree to the motions contained therein.

In the Government of Mr. Whitehill and
Mr. Smith I disapproved of any business of Im-
portance being agitated and concluded by Acclamation;
and I am still of the same opinion: but I consider
it is a good mode of conducting the current business
of little consequence.

Alex Davidson

16th December 1792.

Received the following Letter from Captain Campbell
to the Right Honble

Lord Macartney K: G.

President and Governor &c.

Select Committee.

Fort St George.

My Lord and Gentlemen.

I am this Day honored with your orders of the
11th that the 2^d & 4th Battalions and 50. of the irregular troops
proceed to engage in consequence have ordered them to march
the morning of the 17th.

The Nabob Subadar applied to me some
time

From Captain Geo. Campbell
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the 2^d & 4th Battalions and 50. of the irregular troops have been ordered to march on the morning of the 17th inst. and requesting orders on the subject.

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From Captain Geo Campbell
represents permit one of the
Nabob Subadar to recruited into
troop and requesting orders on the
subject.

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time ago for leave to go amongst the Company's Troops
to look for and bring Deserters from his Majesty's
Service as most of the Men in my Battalion & a
in the independent Company have been at one time or
other in the Nabob's Service I did not think it safe
or proper to suffer this man to go amongst them
without an order from Your Lordship & more es-
pecially as the Nabob has lately sent up people to
recruit for his Service who would probably avail
themselves of this pretence to tamper with our Sepoys
to come into a Service where they would be exempt
from the fatigue of Drilling or any other Duty that
might be disagreeable to them.

I have the honor to be
With the greatest respect

My self & Lord and Gentlemen.

Your obedient
Humble Servant

Geo Campbell.

Received the following Letter and Minute from
General Stuart.

Mr.

Mellore
15th December
1702.