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Mr Hudleston

Sir

Be so good to communicate to the Right Honble president & to the Members of the Select Committee - The Inclosed Minute, connected as with the proceedings in Committee here the 14th Instant at night

I have the honor to be.

Sir

your most obedient

Humble Servant

James Stuart

Fort St. George. 16th December 1792.

I have read the minute of the 14th Instant and I feel myself doubly affected by the President's taking so much trouble during his indisposition; the intelligence which came to the President with accounts of Hyder Alley's death are not new to me, but I have also had intelligence that Hyder is not dead and I rather give credit to this last intelligence — I do not from thence infer that

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General Stuart's minute respecting the measures to be taken to put the army in motion objects to the sending more troops to the northward than are necessary to the Southward —.

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Monday 16th December
1792.

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we are to relax one tittle in the preparations to take the field —

Whatever the President urged near a month ago has been taken notice of on my part, nearly about the Same time. But it really astonishes me there Should be So Little reflection as to think, that when the whole face of this Country was Covered with water, and no tents for Cover in the most inclement monsoon known in this Country, and with half allowance of rice from the necessities of the times any person can talk of undertakings against the Enemy, or of any Immediate movements of this army at the time —

I have Committed and will Continue to Comment on that, & every opinion or position of the President when to me they Seem wrong or impracticable, and Expect the Same freedom to be taken with my Opinions and positions; it is for this reason that we Sit in Council or Committee. —

I have from the instant this army Came into Cantonments, taken every measure possible and practicable to forward their being again in

Condition

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16th Condition to take the field — there has not been an hour lost in matters depending upon me; But however Secret we of the Committee may wish to keep matters yet I humbly think it imprudent on paper to State precisely what now impedes us, or to give the Detail of what we want, and what measures are actually taking to assemble the army quickly and in force — therefore with the leave of the Committee I shall from time to time acquaint the President seperately and previously of these matters, I have already begun to do so — The President will doubtless exert himself in his Province and I shall endeavour to keep pace with him —

The pay mentioned by the President to be in Mr Welches hands, is one of the two months long ago stated to the Committee it is only for the Black Troops, and for the month of July, I delayed to order it to be issued untill the Statement for the Bengal Detachment was nearly ascertained & then delivered over to Colonel Pearce it is now issued, and brings that part of the army to five months in arrear —

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The Presidents reasoning on the Disposition & Temper of Hyders Subjects & on the Genius of Mahomedans on the Reports of Hyders Death & the Consequent impression on Mens minds and Consequently what ought to be done, is so much in common observation, that I am surprised he could think it new to the members of this Committee if meant only for them. —

I am totally at a loss to know where the President could have found any Ground for a Supposition that the Committee will be remiss in their Efforts for the public Benefits or that their resolves will meet with open or Secret Counteraction? —.

Every thing that can lead to the assembling of the army, is done, or doing as fast as the nature of things will admit of, and I trust this will serve to answer the minute Military Detail, which the President so often enters upon. —

I have for weeks past wrote to Captain Flint to keep on a Sorting of Correspondence and to purchase grain from Hyders Millers and to Captain Asplan to avail himself of Hyders leaving the Annatick himself, and Garrisoning the Strong holds, which I then believed, & now believe, he means. do & yet it may be necessary to be more explicit in giving these officers greater latitude & the power of fulfilling Engagements to be entered into with Hyders Killidars. —

In regard to sending more Battalions of Sepoys — from

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from this army to the Northward, I am Clear in opinion that the proportion of Sepoy Corps now remaining to do the usual Duty, Considering the Increase of Europeans expected to take the field next Campaign with this army will be under what is proper & necessary; the Sepoy Corps do all the out duty, & are of all Detachments, the Europeans are the Corps de reserve from Constitution Cannot go thro the fatiguing part. — The Number last Campaign, with the two Battalions now seperated / was barely Sufficient and therefore if the President Shou'd wish to encrease the Diversion in the Canarese and Baddapa Countries, it may be best done, by a Battalion from the Circars. —

Vellore in my opinion will be Sufficiently Secured for every purpose of defence, and Revenue, by the old Garrison under Captain George Campbell. —

I dont know where the President has got such pointed information that a Strong Detachement of the most effective part of Hyders army is to the Southward as far as Palicatchery I have information which Says Colonel Long is equal to that Force or not keept be So or not, I can assure the Committee, that nothing but the want of rice, can be in the way of this army's movements upon any well directed plan of operations. —

I must beg leave to refer the Committee to my minute of the 10th instant with the Extract from His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote's Letter to me, for my reasons why I am not of opinion to Send any more of His Majesty troops to the Southward, whatever may be the Presidents original Idea, or the difference between Six Battalions / a Sepoy number / and the 300 Europeans and

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sons that were actually Sent, besides Supernumerary Non Commissioned officers for Disciplining these Sepoy Corps —

The Companys Europeans here with the army, do not make two Compleat Companys of Grenadiers, I add that in the present State of things, I See no need to Send any more Europeans troops to the Southward —

My Sentiments as to the principal Employment of Colonel Lang's army have repeatedly been Communicated to the Committee. —

Suppose the difference betwixt 320 & Six Companys —

He has discretional powers nevertheless, and I hope the difference betwixt 320. and Six Companys if more Europeans could be sent to him without prejudice to this army, it would not increase his powers of action towards the Mysore Country So much recommended by the President, because they would have neither time, means nor Constitution, to enable them to make a diversion in the way for the present acting Season. —

The President Supposes an Instance of Criminal Inaction in the part of Goverment; I may also Suppose a Case of Criminal action, when military operations are dictated to Commanders without sufficient local Knowledge, and from mistaken Judgement and Information. —

J. S.

Received the following Letter from Captain Cuppage

To The Right Hon.ble Lord Macartney K.B.

My Lord

From Captain Cuppage with an account of Hyders Death in great Distress for money to pay the Garrison, Tipu became very dear. —

This morning the Renter of this place had a Letter from the Sukkier Calgerie informing him that Hyder dies Saturday morning at 9. o'Clock, The intelligence is good

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and I believe may be depended on. I have many people in his Camp and I hope by to morrow night to give your Lordship a confirmation of it. His Camp is [illegible] at Chittoor and we remain very quiet Since the 4th Inst. I have not received a pagoda from Madras [illegible] there is now one in the paymasters hands what I am to do without a Supply, shortly I know not, as it is impossible for the Troops to live without Some pay and Rice for Some time past has been as dear as at any time Since I have had the Command. I have the Honor to be

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obedient Humble Servant

(Signed) John Cuppage.

Vellore
Decr. 16th December 1792.

Dispatched the following Letters to Bengal —

To John Peter Auriol Esqr.
Secretary to the Governor General
and Council. —

Sir.

I have the Honor to acquaint you for the information of the Governor General and Council that the Right Honble the President has just received a Letter from Captain Cuppage dated the 9th Instant of which the following is an Extract. This morning the

To the Secretary at Fort William transmitting the above Intelligence of Tippoo's Death —

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Peelore
Aug.st December 1782.

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Secretary to the Governor General
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I am
Sir
Your most obedient
Servant
J. Huddleston
Sec.

Fort St George
16th December 1702

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

Honble Sir and Sirs.

To Bengal enclosing Letter from the officer Commanding the Hanoverians and Regt. containing a Complaint against the Captain of the Anna and Emilia & requesting that it may be inquired into.

Inclosed we have the Honor to send you Copy of a Letter which we have received from Colonel Rambold commanding the Hanoverian Troops now in the Service of the Honble East India Company covering a Letter to him from his Major, which contains a Serious Complaint against Captain Topham the Commander of the Ship on which he arrived here with part of that Regiment. We request you will give orders to have the Complaint en=

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quired into, and such redress obtained, as the nature of its
demands. —

Major Waremin's Illness at the time of his arrival
here, prevented him from preferring his Complaint before
the Anna and Emilia had Sailed for Bengal.

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

Fort St. George
December 16th 1702.

17th Received from General Stuart Intelligence relative
to the Death of Hyder Ally as inserted in Miscellany Book
also the following Letter from Captain Cuppage —

Major General James Stuart

Sir

Since I had the honor of addressing You on the 7th
nothing particular has happened — Hyder still remains on
the same Ground without giving me any trouble — For this
some time past I have had frequent accounts that he
has been extreemly ill, and Yesterday and to day it is Strongly
reported that he is dead; certain it is that he has been
dangerously ill and that Tippoo has been sent for —
Since I last wrote to You we have had a good deall of
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From Captain Cuppage
to General Stuart the
Elevations are as well
as wants a Rise of 12. pounds
upon the Large Hill and
Upon the Battery were
to be finished. receives
a Supply of 300. Pars

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am sufficient for one Crop, and the Cultivation goes on aswell as possible I have got the big 12 Pounders upon the Large hill, and hope to have the Battery finished by the 11th of next month, the 16th Instant I received the remaining 500. Pagodas Sent me the 17th: ultimo; but I understand by a Letter from Mr Ogilvie — that there has been 2000. more dispatched the 9th Instant, which is not yet Come to hand, I hope it is not lost as my Cash is near out and it would destress the Garrison much. —

I have the Honor to be, &c.a

Vellore 17th December 1702. — Signed J. Cuppage

Received the following Letter from the President &c. Fort St. George with Copy of a Letter from him to the Rajah

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

Tanjore 23d: October 1702.

Gentlemen.

Since I had the Honor to address you, on the 15th Instant The Rajah has engaged to Supply 30000. Collums of grain and 22,000. Pagodas in money by Our Instalments

1 From Mr John Sclwan — with great Difficulty procures the promise of a Small Supply of Grain and Money

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enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to the Raja with a Copy of the Engagement entered into by him Substance of his Last Conference with the Rajas Ministers

as Your Lordship &c. will perceive by the accompanying translation of his agreement - The difficulty and Reluctance with which this Supply has been granted leave me but few hopes that we can have any confidence in the voluntary aids of the Rajahs Ministers. Having learned from the best authority that orders had been sent to dispose of part of the Grain even before it was cut and that it was intended to evade giving me a decisive answer on the Subject of the proposed Supply until this could be effected. I conceived it necessary not to await the translation of a Letter I had prepared for the Raja, but with the original in my hand to go and Demand in the name of the Company an immediate personal interview with him as the Delay of four and Twenty Hours might probably enable his ministers to carry off an additional quantity of Grain equal to the whole of our Demands - after four hours Spent in Shameful prevarications whether the palace I gained admission to the Rajah and having Succeeded to the extent before mentioned, I will not trouble Your Lordship &c. with the detail of unpleasing discussions which preceded the Rajahs acquiescence, too much will appear to You in this Letter which has Since been delivered to the prejudice proposed previous to our interview and which from the treatment I had received on this, and have so much reason to expect on future occasions, I could not in justice to the Company Suppress -

Your Lordship &c. may be assured of every exertion on my part to Secure an efficient Supply from the February Crop yet as I See no immediate reason to believe that the influence of his present favorites will then be less and as of

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of course I shall have these the same difficulties to combat, it will be a circumstance of much gratification to know that the time which I thought I should have been reduced to the necessity of taking for the Security, I may say Salvation of the Company's Interests in this Country would not have been Disapproved of by Your Lordship & the Committee; thus far at least I hope and think that Your Lordship &c will do me the justice to believe that the measures of Temper and moderation will ever be the first to Suggest themselves in every department of the important trust which I have the Honor to be charged with.

X At a late conference with the agent of the Rajah of Mysore It was agreed that I Should be immediately put in possession of a Magazine of Grain to the amount of 30 Lacks Rupees near Dendeguel and that I Should forthwith dispatch trusty Persons to be convinced of its existence that those persons should also receive positive Engagements from three of the principal Poligars. on Collateral Security to his own, for the payment of a Lack of Rupees immidiately on the face of Dendeguel & three Lacks & 50,000. Rupees within 2. months from that date the remainder of the Same Stipulated, to be discharged in proportion to our activity Success, against the other places. The agent proposed to ascertain Specific Sums to be paid upon the Surrender or Capture of certain Forts &c but I thought it more advisable to leave it open as the future objects of our military operations might vary from our present Speculation

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and Embarrasement might Consequently be derived from the very means adopted to avoid it. —

A vakeel immediately from the Wyreepatchet Polygar, but who was employed also on the part of a great number of other Polygar chiefs accompanied the agent at this conference — the vakeel gave one the most positive assurances that he was instructed and authorised by the Polygars to engage that a number of them to the amount of 5000. should join or Stand ready in Small bodies when we had entered their Country by [illegible] both he & the agent agreed that they Should beat their own Expences in money and provisions. Hyder he said had with good reason always distrusted the people of Dindigul they were ever inimical to him and were prepared in the Several forts to attack and Seaure the few who might be really attached to him. From this man I had the Satisfaction to procure much necessary information on the Subject of the Enemys Forces roads &c: our Conference ended with the Strongest assurances on the part of the agent that whatever might be the Fate of the Rana She had nevertheless Secured so permanent an Interest amongst the principal Families of the Country that the Rana could not Suffer, tho others might become the more immediate objects of our Support "you standard
give have little doubt / Said he / of this and of the extent of our resources when you have entered our Country we are prepared to receive you you can not be disappointed in any Expectations that I may have raised" I gave him the Same assurances on the part of the Company and promised to execute a Carrile in Consequence of the authority I had received from the Committee. I fear however that when I communicate to him, that it

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must be considered as null and void, if the Governor General and Council of Bengall should disapprove of, Hyder should accede — to the terms of peace prescribed for him — doubts and suspicions will again be awakened in his mind and that we shall be deprived for a time, if not altogether of the resources they have offered to put me in possession of; every endeavour in my power shall be exerted to prevent this, for this purpose as well as to shew Colonel Lang my wish to conduct the public business in perfect confidence with him, I mean to request that he will be present at the next conference when the Subject of the — coast will be particularly discussed.

I wish at present trouble your Lordships & no further than to say that the latitude which I have had the honor to be entrusted with by the Committee in this and on other Subjects will only become an additional motive on my part for the exercise of any possible Precaution and economical arrangement that can be adopted consistant with the Public Service

I have the honor to be. with the greatest respect.

Gentlemen,

Your most faithfull and most obedient Humble Servant

John Sullivan

Tanjore
23d Oct. 1782

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My. His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

Tanjore the 14th. October 1792.

Sir,

At a time when my heart so strongly feels the wish to be the Harbinger of Consolation, it is with the deepest concern that I find myself constrained from the most pressing necessity to approach Your Excellency with the ungrateful tho' respectfull Language of exportulation and remonstrance.

From the most seeking Considerations of the oppressive weight of your present affliction. I have resisted to the last possible moment every impulse of Duty to my Honble Employers. and I have almost resigned the preservation of the Company's Interests from a delicacy of Sentiment towards Your Excellency: the pressing exigency of the moment admits of no longer delay. nor am I Cyo impressed to the present candid declaration by a Sense of unaffected regard for Your Excellency's real Interests than by the Sincere of duty towards my Public Station as charged with the interests of the Company. Part of the army of Tippoo Saib has already crossed the Coleroon nor can it be doubted but that the main body when it has passed the River will approach to lay waste the Dominion of your Excellency and con-

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Unless the most vigorous measures are adopted will plunge the Country into Still deeper misery than the loss of the last Crop has entailed upon it. Also the deplorable Effects of which are too Sadly obvious in every Street of your Capital and even at the gates of your Palace. That we are now collecting together an army capable of resisting the ravages of the Enemy, is not an argument to induce the want of precaution, the pressing exegencies of that army must be supplied by the most decisive and vigorous exertion, nor must its increase instead of contributing to the publick Safety be permitted, by a consumption disproportionate to our means, to aggravate the publick calamity. Tho the extent of my applications to your Excellencys ministers has been moderate, they have been ineffectual. Excuses too frivolous to be particularized and the most shameful Procrastination have been substituted for acquiescence forgetfull or seemingly so, that every exertion it may bring by the Company for the protection and the Security of your Kingdom. The managers of your Excellencys Revenues have occasionally given me to understand that Little or nothing is to be collected, and it is in vain for me to urge to them the most positive proofs to the Contrary - Theft, Sir, are not

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17. not moments to crash in such inefficacious discussions -
I come with confidence before your Excellency with a pro-
position which at least must be taken in proof, of the
conviction of my own mind, that those Representations
are/to give them no harsher term/ erroneous. the Pro-
position, Sir is this. I offer in the name of the
Company. in receipt for one Lack and an half
of Cullums of grain. in the proviso that your Excel-
lency will give me an order for the whole of your
proportion of the Ensuing Crop and dry Grain, which may be
collected between this and the 30th. of December. ——

If this proposition, however Strongly it may
convey to your Excellency my opinion of the resources of
your Country, should not have the good fortune to meet
your approbation. and venture to follow it with two other
alternatives viz- that an order may be immediately given
to me as Representative of the Company for 50,000 Cullums
of Hon Pally with an Engagement to pay 25000, Pagodas
in money, before the expiration of the ensuing month of
December. or that the whole Collection of the manargdies
of my district, including Wandgewandy Mungalum, may
be assigned to the Company. These Sir are Propositions
founded in Candour and a most disinterested Zeal for
the interests of your Government, and I wice trust that
being now urged immediately to your Excellencys con-
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Siderations I shall receive an answers favorable to
the Exigency of the present crisis of our affairs. It
would be painfull alternative indeed for me to find
myself in Consience and Honor drawn to the harsh
expedient of asserting the Companys Rights at the Of-
fence of Your Feelings, and yet Such has been the
disingenuity of your ministers, that if I await Your
Excellencys answer untill it can be conveyed to me thro
their means, the most ruinous Consequences must ensue.
They have already issued orders to Your Amildars to dispose
of the Circar Share of the Harvest, even before it is cut, and to
send the money it may yield in the most expeditious and
the most Secret manner Tanjour hoping by these means to
render any partial assistment I might obtain from Your
Excellency, comparatively unproductive and possibly to convert
the difference between my collections and the real receipt
to their own private advantage. —— I have so much
Confidence in Your Excellencys attachment to the Company
that I am persuaded the difficulties I am now obliged to combat,
would not exist, if I were allowed to represent them perso-
nally to You. but those men know too well how
must their private views may be disappointed by Such
freedom of Communication, and I have reason to believe they
even Conceal altogether from Your Excellency, that any ap-
plications have been sent by me or that any Troops if left

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by them, for applications from me. Under these circumstances
I should be criminal towards your Excellency as well as the
Company, if I were to defer a Day longer to secure for the pub-
lick Service apart of the resources this Country now possesses.
I have therefore sent my dubash to wait on your Ministers
and to announce to them in form, that finding them deaf to
every representation that has been made to them in the
Course of the last Month and seeing no alternative but imm-
ediate Ejection, I have ordered him to declare that I
should this night send agents in the part of the Company to
attend your amildars in the districts of Manargody, and
Trandapparandy & Porto Novo, to receive from them whatever mo-
ney may be payed by the inhabitants on account of the Co-
-ast revenue, and to take the most effectual measures for
sending to this fort the quantity of 50,000 Cullums of Paddy
To avoid every opportunity of interfering with your Excel-
lencys authority. I have directed my Dubash to require from
your ministers, and order to the amildars to account to the
Companys agents in the same manner as is practiced —
throughout this country upon private assignments. — It
is not impossible but I may be refused by those men
such an order, and that I may have the mortification
to find the Company denied so common a mark of Justice
from the Ministers of a country which the English entered
by your Excellency in the confidence that its resources
would not be withheld from them in the hour of neces-
sity and that the proportion of the revenue assigned by
agreement to the Company, would be faithfully discharged
while the Country should continue to possesse. —

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I shall consider it as the greatest misfortune that could befall me, to be reduced by such a refusal to the necessity of announcing to your people and to the Enemy the want of harmony between your Excellency's government and the Company but painfull as this may be to me in my private capacity, my public duty requires that I should make this Sacrifice of my feelings rather than by further delays to expose this Fort and Country to the plunder and devastation of our own Troops whose Sufferings are beyond what it was ever supposed troops would submit to. but who can no longer subsist under an arrear of four months pay, while provisions are at a rate three hundred percent above the usual price in this Country. — I have the honor to be with the greatest respect —

Your Excellencys most faithfull and most obedient Humble Servant

/ Signed / D. Sulivan.

The Engagement from Sujah Maharajah to Mr John Sulivan, I agree to give to the Company of the Rent Corp & the Revenue arising from it the Sum of Twenty three Thousand Star Pagodas and Thirty Thousand Rulam Paddy, in the following terms. —

23,000. Star Pagodas. — in money Viz.t

5000 in the month of october to the 30.th Day
7000. to the 30.th of November
7000. to the 30.th of December
4000. to the 16.th of January

23000. Star pagodas. —

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30,000 Kallum — — — in Paddy Virgt

2000. in the month of october to the 30th Day
9000. in the month of november to the 30th Day
10,000. in the month of December to the 30th Day
9,000. in the month of January. to the 30th Day.

30,000 Kallum

In Such a manner will I give money and Paddy to the Company. But if the Enemys horse Should come and raise Some Trouble and war in the Country in the meane time: neither money nor Paddy can be paid. In Such a Manner have I given in writing my Engagement the 13th of the lunar month Jilkad in the Years Sallas Samanie anya Alef - In the month of October. the 21st day in the Year of the gira 1196.

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Rama Pratap. —

The Right Honble the President Sents in Circulation the following Intelligence just received through a Channel which he has had frequent reason to think a very good one.

18 the 10th December 1782.

On Saturday evening the 7th Instant when the Ulcer on Hyders back was cut by a French Doctor, the pain of which was So great that he roard out in a terrible manner, all his family being alarmed attended him with Cries and Lamentations, and when they found his dissolution at hand they endeavoured to keep

Intelligence containing Hyders Conduct previous to his Death with the precautions taken in his Camps in Durin=gunnee.

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I shall consider it as the greatest misfortune that could befall me, to be reduced by such a refusal to the necessity of announcing to your people and to the Enemy the want of harmony between your Excellency government and the Compa= ny, but painfull as this may be to me in my private capacity, my publick duty requires that I should make the Sacrifice of my feelings rather than by further delays to expose this Fort and Country to the plunder and devestation of your own Troops whose Sufferings are beyond what it was ever Supposed troops would Submit to. but who can undergo Subsist under an arrear of four months pay, while provi= sions are at a rate three hundred percent above the Usual price in this Country. — I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect —

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7000. to the 30.th of November
7000. to the 30.th of December
4000. to the 15.th of Jomary

23000. Star pagodas. —

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30,000. Kallum — — — in Paddy Viz.t

2000. in the month of October to the 30.th Day
9000. in the month of November to the 30.th Day
10,000. in the month of December to the 30.th Day
9,000. in the month of January. to the 30.th Day.

30,000. Kallum

In Such a manner will I give money and Paddy to the Company. But if the Enemys horse Should come and raise Some Trouble and war in the Country in the meanwhile; neither money nor Paddy can be paid. In Such a Manner have I given in writing my Engagement the 13.th of the lunar month Jilkad in the Years Sallaa Samanie anya Alef - In the month of October. the 24.th day in the Year of the gira 1196.

Rama Pratap. —

The Right Honble the President Sents in Communicating the following Intelligence just received through a Channel which he has had frequent reason to think a very good one.

The 10.th December 1782.

On Saturday evening the 7.th Instant when the Ulcer on Hyders back was cut by a French Doctor, the pain of which was So great that he roard out in a terrible manner, all his Family being alarmed attended him with Cries and Lamentations, and when they found his dissolution at hand they endeavoured to keep

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Agreement containing Contract proposed with the precautions in the Books in Persian.

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18 it a profound Secret. The next day being Sunday morning, the report of his being actually dead was spread abroad. Four days before his death, he Sent for his Son and all the other officers, and made them val-uable presents in the presence of 2 French ambassadors, and gave them the necessary instructions to act in every degree according to the directions of his sons, for the reputation and honor of his family after his decease; assuring them at the Same time that he did not think he would live much longer - on the Same day two French Gentlemen were dispatched for Cuddalore and arrived there accordingly, from whence they proceeded with a detachement of 500 or 600 French Soldiers and 1500 Sepoys, near the river of Vinnamungalum, where the above mentioned man Saw them encamped 5 days ago, and also Says that he thinks this French detachement must have joined the enemy ere now, orders were issued throug-out the enemys army to prevent any people from passing out of the army - This man further Says that he was charged by Mahomed Mirza Cawn to inform Hyder Cawn that this is a favorable opportunity for the Eng-lish army to proceed against the enemy - Tippoo Saib is not yet arrived, but is daily expected. This man Says that he met some of the enemys horse near Cuddalore, three fear of whom he threw away the Letter, he had in charge

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18th charge — The Horsemen took him and detained him three days, and then released him;

Received the following paper of Intelligence from General Stuart

Paper of Intelligence received 19th December 1792.

Information delivered by a Sepoy from Velore who remained some days in Hyders Camp.

Fattehmahomed Sepoy informs that he was dispatched with a Letter from Captain Cuppage the 4th Instn and in two days reached Hyders Camp near Chittore, where he was seized by one of the out posts and conducted to Hyders Large tents. That in front of them he was shewn to Meer Sadeck Cutcherry of arcot, who interrogated him particularly concerning his business in Camp — That he Fattehmahomed said he had came to see his Relations in Mahomed ali Commands Regiment and That his Relations being called on, owned him, and he was accordingly released — That till the 12th instant he remained in Camp from not having found a favourable opportunity to come off without the risk of being searched, and that during the time of his being there his Relations aforesaid assured him that Hyder was really dead, and that 9 days ago from the present Date his Remains were sent off to Collar. also that while he remained in Camp there had been no Durbar nor open Cutcherie, save that a few of the officers of the Regulations

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18; used some time in the mornings to assemble at the C
but dispersed again without the appearance of an
ness being done. — That Curreem Sahib (who appe
now an then walking in front of the Great tents n
Evenings) and Meer Saduck manage all the busin
and have been very deligent to prevent any Report
Hyders death being spread, warning the Encampment th
so doing they must expect the most severe punishment. —
altho' for the above reason people in Camp remaind
on the Subject of his Death, yet they seem convinced
it and in consequence are in the greatest consternation a
That Tippoo Saib is expected daily from the Southwa
that provisions are (now threwing in the Arnee — That fr
conversation with his Relations he could perceive
the army in General had the highest opinion of s
humanity and abilities to command them, and were confi
that they would prosper while he remained at their h
but their Idea of Curreem Sahib was different, a
imagined he had nother experience nor good Sense Suff
to guide him successfully in any important Situatio
and that as far as he (Fallen Mahomed) could
there does not seem to be any soon for the most dista
hope of Tippoo meeting with a reverse (consequence
the Kingdom.

At a Select committee on Military aff
present.

Wednesday 18th
Decemr. 1782.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartn
K B President

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Present

Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Major General Stuart
Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Minutes of Last Committee read and approved.

The President delivers in the following minute.

December the 10th 1792. &c.

The Length of the Last Committee on Saturday night and the Presidents indisposition at the time, prevented him from bringing on as he intended the business relative to the troops under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Jones at Masulipatam. But as he conceived it a matter of too much consequence to admit of delay, and as he could not assemble the Committee the next day, being unable to stir from his couch he took not a moment in communicating his opinion to them thro the Channel of Mr Secretary Huddleston. He is not without pain that he now attends the Committee, and as he has already fully declared his Sentiments upon the point, in which Mr Sadlier and Mr Davidson concur with him, he proceeds to move, that the Secretary do now read their resolution.

That Major General Stuart be required to Signify without delay to Lieutenant Colonel Jones that

The Presidents motion that General Stuart be required to send orders to Colonel Jones to Comply in future with the recommendations of the Chief & Council at Masulipatam and that the General be desired to communicate to the Board all the orders he may in future send to any of the Kings & Company's Officers

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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 at Masulipatam — And that Major General Stuart be required in future to send no orders or instructions to any of the Kings or Companys 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 Select Committee for their approbation. —

The Resolution being accordingly read, Mr Sadlier and Davidson repeat their concurrence in them, and the Requisition they certain are now made to Major General Stuart. —

The General before giving his answer till to morrow.

The General desires he may defer giving his answer until to morrow which is accordingly agreed.

Read the following Letter from Messrs Holland and Mowbray with the Extracts from General C: mentioned therein, and entered in Miscellany Book. —

Fort St George 5th Decemr.

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Messrs Holland and Mowbray Containing their Remarks on the grain accounts

Having in obedience to Your order

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in a Letter from your Secry: Mr John Hudleston dated 24th Ultimo examined the accounts of Grain that have been delivered in and made such enquiries as the Subject in the present State of the Accounts appears to me to admit of, and Considering that immediate Measures may be necessary on a Subject of so great importance, where very Considerable Ballances appear due to the Company, the precise amount of which cannot be exactly ascertained from the Accounts that have yet been delivered in. We hope no time in offering to your Consideration the observations that have occurr'd to us.

The accounts delivered in are entered vizt Mr Maunsells Statement of outstanding Ballances Mr Kenivorthys Account of Outt Receipts and Issues of Grain &

Mr Statement of outstanding Ballances

Mr: Erskines accounts of Receipts and Issues of Grain Receipts and disbursements of Rice and outstanding Ballances

Captain Hearseys account of Receipts & Issues of Grain, which exhibit the Gross Amount of the outstand from

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From Madras &c. this Receipts & Disbursements of Cash.

Mr. Forster has not yet sent in any accounts, but are understand they are in forwardness and will be shortly ready.

It appears that the Ballances outstanding are on Mr. Maunsells Statement ... Pagodas 7,52607. 4.

on Mr. Kenworthy's Statement ... 19,84,224. 78

on Mr. Erskines ... do. ... 17,24,432. 28.

and we understand that Large Ballances are also due both Accounts of Majr. Forster and Captain Heurey, which last Gentlemen informs us, that a very Small part of the amount of very Large Sums of Grain made by him has been received, the Cash that has been received by him, to the amount of about Twenty thousand Pagodas, being mostly for former Ballances.

We find that the Ballances due on Mr. Kenworthy's Accounts agreeably to the Statement he has delivered in, are disputed, in the article of Paddy Charged at the Rate of 2. Seers for 1. of rice, in Conformity to verbal orders from the Right Honble Lord Macartney in December 1781. which is claimed at 3 Seers for 1. of rice, as p General orders issued at Camp[t] Jamry 25th 1781. a Copy of which is herein enclosed, as also a Second order issued on the Same Subject dated 29th September 1781. Paddy delivered at 3 Seers for 1. of rice are

abstracted

apprehend to be greatly Cheaper than Rice, and the just proportion is we understand 2 Seers for 1. of Rice, but how far the above General orders are binding your Lordships Hon.rs will determine when Mr. Kenworthy will make up his accounts in Conformity. We learn from him, that Mr. Mason Sell has made up his accounts at 3. Seers for 1. of Rice and the amount of Paddy: issued by Mr. Kenworthy, Sums to be 23132.¾. difference arising on the diminished Price of which amounts to the Same of 4611 Pag.s 30. — It does not appear that Mr. Erskine has issued any Paddy, but Mr. Forster & Captain Hearsey, we understand have delivered a Considerable quantity, to the amount of between 2.; 300. Garce, which they have also Charged at 2 Seers to 1 of Rice, but we understand the officers do not admit, that the Subsequent order of the 29. September 1701. alters the price of the paddy — The difference from the diminished price is a Loss to the Company of 17. 9. 26⅜ Pag.s Garce, reckoning at 42. fan.s p Pagoda. —

It appears that the Grain was issued on Indents from the respective officers of the Several Corps, and that their accounts are respectively made up for the whole quantity issued on their Indents, including Military, Private, and Publick Camp Followers, distinguishing, with perhaps some exceptions, the different Cases

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Clapse, but it has been Suggested to me that Several
officers do not think themselves Responsible for indents
Signed on account of Publick Followers even for private
Followers excepting their own, as the Pay for the former is
not issued thro them, Neither are they Considered as so
immediately under their Command, and as tho' attached to the
Corps, they are engaged and dismissed at the pleasure of the
Paymaster, and paid by him, without their interference
and inspection, and they do not Conceive themselves au-
rized to make any Stoppages from the European offe
of their Corps, who receive their pay immediately fro
the Paymaster. They seem to consider their names
put to Indents, as a form only to facilitate the delivery
of grain - on the other hand, it appears that Some
of the Coast officers admit they are answerable for
the Publicks Followers, to the whole amount of their
Indents, and they wice all no doubt be ready to ac-
count for them, so far as they have made Stoppages
The officers of the Nabobs Cavalry in particular feeding
their Horses by Contract and Consequently paying them-
selves for the most part the publicks Followers of their Se
veral Corps, Will not, I believe make this objection to their
accounts neither do the Commanding officers of the Bengal
Detachement object on this account, as the pay of their Publick
Followers is issued thro them. We enclose a Copy of the Several
orders issued in Camp on the Subject of Grain from which

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Your Lordship &c will determine, how far the officers of respective Corps are Responsible for the whole, or for what part of the quantity of Grain issued on their respective Indents, and who is responsible for such part of the Grain issued to Publick and private Camp followers as the Commanding officers disclaim, when the Grain Keepers may be ordered to make up their accounts in Conformity.

As there appear to be Balances outstanding to a very Considerable Amount, and as Losses may reasonably be apprehended on accounts so uncertain and of so old a date, We think it proper and necessary in order to exculpate ourselves from any Reproach, to present to your Lordship &c. that we Conceive it impossible for us to interfere in the Liquidating these Concerns any further than to ascertain the Balances, when the accounts shall be delivered in; But the forming such extensive accounts being a tedious operation, will we apprehend require much time & must rest with the Grain-Keepers respectively, and we understand from Captain Kearsay that he has not yet begun the accounts to ascertain the Balances from the officers of the respective Corps; in the mean time Some General plan may be necessary to recover the Balances, such as shall appear to Government, proper and adiquate.

It appears to us, that for all Grain issued to that period of time to which the army have been paid, the

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respective officers of Corps, and departments, are answerable personally for the Balances of their respective accounts, made up in such way as Your Lordship &c. think proper to order, in regard to Publick and Private followers of the army, the Stoppages as it may be supposed having already been made, and where they have not been made they Can now be made only from those who were then in Service — We apprehend that for grain issued in that period of time for which the army are in arrears, the Stoppage may be general & the amount may be deducted from the pay & Batta of every man individually — all payments that are made should pass immediately thro the hands of the Grain Keeper into the Charge of the army paymaster, ascertaining the particular accounts for which the payments are made that the Grain Keeper's account of Receipts and Disbursement of Cash, may be in Conformity to the account of Receipts and Issues of Grain —

A large arrear are due to Cavalry officers on their Contracts for feeding Horses and Should suppose they will not object to carrying the Several Balances due from them, to those accounts respectively; It might perhaps be proper to appoint an agent or Committee in Camp, to whom the accounts of the Several officers made up for the whole quantity of Grain Supplied on their Indents Should be delivered, which would perhaps put the Business in a proper train of being liquidated, as the officers would then respectively State their objections to their accounts on their being presented to them. In the mean time, the

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Stoppages that are acknowledged to have been made ought be paid in, and Carried to the distinct accounts for which they have been made. —

If it be necessary in future to deliver Grain in advance for pay it appears to me eligible, that every Indent for publick Camp Followers unless the officers of respective Corps will become answerable for them Should be Countersigned by the Commissary and Paymaster and Commissary and agent according to their respective departments, and that the amount of the Grain so delivered Should be carried to the accounts of the Paymaster and agent respectively, who will be cautious to make the proper Stoppages in payments made to such publick followers, and the Balances due from them, as also from officers of respective Corps, Should methinks always be made to the Grain Keeper, on all payments issued to the Troops &c. and from him again to the paymaster. The accounts of Grain issued on this Plan must of course continue to be very intricate, as a regular Set of Books is the only method of precisely ascertaining Balances, and we find accordingly that the Grain Keepers accounts are very voluminous — It would be humbly Conceived be more eligible, if any plan could be adopted by which ready money Should always be paid for grain, and possibly a Sum of money not exceeding the amount of amonths issues of Grain, kept in Constant

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circulation, would answer the purpose, but how far such an arrangement might perplex the accounts of the paymaster to the army is an object of Consideration

We have called upon the respective Grain Keepers for their Accounts in General and for their accounts of receipts and disbursements of Cash — Mr Renneworthy and Mr Mainwell are understood have paid their Balances of Cash in accounts with the Deputy Agent Victualler, as they severally held that Employ in Conjunction with that of Grain Keeper, which will accordingly appear in their accounts, and the other Gentlemen we are informed have from time to time made payments to the Army Paymaster

Your Lordship &c have been pleased to appoint us to an arduous task, to which we feel ourselves very unequal, We shall however in obedience to your orders proceed on the business required of us — We have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient & most Humble Servants

Edwd Jno Holland.

Geo. Monbray.

To
The Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K:B:
President and Committee
Fort St George

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Minute of the Committee in Consequence

The Committee having perused the fore=
=going Letter from Messrs. Rollond and Maubray Mr Welch
the paymaster of the Army, Captain Moorhouse the
Commissary of Stores and Captain Hall the Quartermast.
of the Bengal detachement are called in and being
questioned on the Subject of the Indents for Rice for the
publick followers and the Responsibility for the amount of Such
Indents; Mr. Welch answers that he has always considered
the officers who Signed the Indents as responsible, that Sir
Eyre Coote in General orders the 26th. January 1782. directed
that the officers at the head of native Corps make regular
Stoppages on account of rice wherever pay is issued, that the
officers have accordingly made the Stoppages, being regularly
by apprized — by him Mr. Welch through his Conicopply,
when ever pay was to be issued — that he requests leave
to appeal to Captain Moorhouse and Hall (now
present) who have under them by far the greate
=st part of the publick followers of the army, whether
they do not allow themselves to be responsible for
the amounts of their Indents, finally that he does not
know what officers Signing Indents for Grain make
objections to account and be responsible for the values
of it, and if any Such there are, that he will Shew

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That those officers have made the Stoppages — that he has never till Lately been authorized to make the Stoppages himself, and that hereafter if he his to make the Stoppages he is ready To manoeuverable.—

Captains Moorhouse and Hall answer that they consider themselves as responsible for the amounts of their Indents excepting for the people who may have deserted — agreed that Messrs Holland and Mowbray be furnished with Copy of the foregoing answers, and that it be recommended to them to peruse the attendances of Mr Welsh and Captains Moorhouse and Hall, as also of the officers who object to being responsible for their Indents, that they may obtain the necessary Information on the Subject, and be thereby enabled to come to a final adjustment agreeably to the Instructions they have received from the Select Committee.—

agreed that in future the Indents for the publick Followers be countersigned by the Commissary and paymaster, and the agent as recommended by Messrs Holland and Mowbray according to their respective departments, that the Scrivans Keeper deliver in punctually every month

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an exact account of the grain issued, that the officers give receipts to the Grainkeeper for the Rice after they shall have delivered the Indents and received the Rice, and that the Grain Keeper give such indents to the person who may be appointed to receive the Stoppages. —

Respecting the paddy that has been already charged issued in the proportion of 2 Sears of paddy to 1 of Rice, the Committee consent to it as it was so issued in Generall orders by the Commander in Chief of the army, but in future it is resolved that whatever paddy is issued it Shall be reckoned in the proportion of 2 Sears to one Sear of Rice, as that one is certainly the just proportion. —

Agreed that the Commissary of the army Mr. Jackson be ordered to receive from the Several Gentlemen who have held the office of Grain-Keeper the Indents for Rice issued by them respectively, and not paid for together with the Sears paid to them for grain issued and to receive from the officers the monies acknowledged by them to be due for rice, or which they may hereafter be made accountable for, when that point shall have been adjusted and deliver up to them the Indents for such

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Jack Sums as may be so received, and that when the whole of the present outstanding accounts shall be adjusted; Mr Jackson shall render a statement of the same to the Select Committee and deliver the amount to the Paymaster.

The foregoing Resolution however is not to be understood by Messrs Holland and Monbray as transferring to Mr Jackson any part of the duty allotted to them by their late Appointment. They are still to examine the Reports of Mr Welsh, Captain Moorhouse &c. as resolved in the former part of these Minutes, and to give a decided opinion by whom the amounts of the Indents are to be accounted for, and to recommend a System for the future management of the Grain Department in Camp, and this we expect from them without delay.

It appears to the Committee on a cursory view of the Subject that it may be eligible to appoint Mr Jackson Superintendent of the grain accounts in the Field with authority and Instructions to send, as often as he may think necessary, for the Grain Keepers accounts to be examined, and to permit no charge whatever to be passed without

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without the Strictest investigation, Transmitting to the Select Committee, once, if not twice every month, if it be practicable, all accounts of Grain received, and issued to the Troops, with an exact account of all loss or deficiences which may arise owing to unavoidable accidents, and likewise to receive from the Grainkeeper once a month an account of the Grain he has issued daily, to the Troops to publick and private Followers, and to all others who receive it from the Company's Stores, stating in whose name the Rice is indented for, that he may receive from them the monthly Stoppages and that all Such Sums as he may collect be immediately paid to the paymaster, taking his receipts for the Same, and of which he Shall advise the Select Committee by every opportunity.

Agreed that Mess.rs Holland and Morgay be desired to take into consideration this appointment, and Communicate to the Committee their opinion upon it; together with any Instructions they may think needfull to be added to those above proposed, or to be Substituted in the Stead of them

The President Communicates to the Committee

Papers of Intelligence Communicated to the Comm.rs

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by the President corroborating the accounts of Hyders Death

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The President Lays before the Committee the following draught of Letters which he recommends may be written to the Commanding officers at Vellore Tripasore, Wandewash Carangoly and Chinglepat.

Fort St George 17th Dec. 1782.

Sir

Draft of Ltr. proposed by the president to be written to Capt. Cuppage, prescribing the line of Conduct to be observed in the event of Hyders death

The accounts received by General Stuart from Channels of the death of Hyder Ali are so Strong and circumstancial, as to have gained here a general Belief of the fact. From your Situation you will be enabled to judge if they are deserving of it, but the prospect of so interesting an event is sufficient to awaken our Attention to the Consideration of what manner it may be turned to advantage.

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It is not unlikely but that the opposite Claims of Hyders Sons, the Ambition of the principal officers, the discontent of others may give rise to Commotions. So Common after the Decease of an usurping Sovereign. The Division of the Territories, the Forces, and Authority, that were united under Hyder, might remove the Danger of the whole to the welfare of the Company.

As the Enemy's Camp is not very distant from vellore, you may have opportunities of informing yourself of what passes in it, and you will endeavour to derive every advantage from Such a Situation. Proper Emissaries may perhaps infuse you of Such Jealousies, and misunderstandings as may be likely to take place among the Chiefs in Camp. Those Divisions may be turned to the advantage of our Affairs. You will afford Such Countenance to either party, as may prevent the union of the whole against us for the future. Many of the Rabob Poulear Jaws Subjects had taken Service with Hyder Ali. you may treat with them or others for joining our Standard, and you will endeavour to maintain a Correspondence, and enter into Arrangements that may contribute to the Dissolution of the Power Combined against us. Any reasonable and necessary Expence you will

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will be allowed. The Committee will ratify your Engagements as far as can be done with propriety, and as far as they may be consistent with the welfare of the Company.

In the Course of the war many of the Nabobs Forts that have fallen into the possession of Hyder have owed their Change of Masters to the infidelity of the Killedars to whom they were entrusted. It is possible you may see opportunities of treating with the Commanders of Some of the Forts and recover back Some of the Companys Dependencies by the Same Means by which they have been lost. — on a Subject of which we can only Speak in general terms, it is Sufficient for us to mark the out lines of the Conduct we wish you to pursue, leaving to your prudence and discretion to fill them up, and empowering you to act in Such a manner as you may think most conducive to the Interests of the Company; and we Confide that no Zeal Activity or Exertion will be wanting on your part to take advantage of So critical a Juncture.

We are &c. — Macartney

Captain Cuppage

Vellore.

G. Com:

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We are

Commanding officers at
Ongole, Nellore, Tripasore, Wandewash, Caringoly
Chingleput

Hartcartney &c.
J. Com:

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The above Letter approved and ordered to be immediately dispatched. —

The Committee entirely approved of the foregoing Letter ordered that they be copied fair and dispatched. —

Promotions recommended by the Comm: in Chief to fill up the present vacancies in the Several Sepoy Corps —.

The Commander in Chief reports to the Committee the following vacancies in the Sepoy Corps with his recommendations of officers to Succeed to them. —

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1st Carnatic Battalion to be left for the recommendation of Colonel Lang in the room of Captain Charles Lucas prisoner

2d do do Cæsar Alexander Montgomery vice Captain Bishop promoted.

9th do do Captain George Macky vice Captain Lamotte, prisoner.

Adjutant of 9th Carnatic Battalion, Ensign Wemyss vice Lieutenant Radford dead

do 10th do Battalion to be left to Colonel Lang vice Lieutenant Gellon, prisoner.

Acting adjutant of 15th Carnatic Battalion to be left to Colonel Lang vice Lieutenant Lendpriner.

Vizagapatam Sibbendy vacant by the promotion of Ensign Mamo Munro.

Adjutant of the Garrison of Vellore vacant vice S. Baillee

do of Manilipatam vacant vice Dominicetti

Four Conductors wanted for the Commissary of Stores in Camp, and one for Chingapute, and the following men are recommended -

Sergeant Despinny
Donaldson
Sergeant Burke
Sergeant Cavenish
Sergeant Cowrie

Minute thereon. The adjutancies of the Garrisons of Vellore and Manilipatam and the Command of the Vizagapatam Sibbendy left vacant for the present - the promotions in the Sepoy Corps and those of conductors recommended by General Stuart to take place accordingly, and the vacancies in the Command of the 1st Carnatic Battalion and the adjutancy

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In the Course of the war many of the Nabob's Forts that have fallen into the possession of Hyder, have owed their Change of Masters to the infidelity of the Killedars to whom they were entrusted. It is possible you may See opportunities of treating with the Commanders of Some of the Forts in your Neighbourhood, and may recover back Some of the Company's Dependances by the Same means by which they have been lost. on a Subject of which we can only Speak in general Terms, it is Sufficient for us to draw the out lines for the Conduct we wish you to pursue, leaving to your Prudence and Discretion to See them apply and empowering you to act in Such a manner as you may think most conducive to the Interests of the Company: and we confide that no zeal, Activity or Exertion will be wanting on your part to take advantage of So critical a Juncture.

We are &c.

Commanding officers at
Ongole, Nellore, Tripasore, Wandewash, Caveripauk
Chingleput

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The above Letter approved and ordered to be immediately dispatched. —

The Committee entirely approve of the foregoing Letter ordered that they be copied fair and dispatched. —

Promotions recommended by the Comm: in Chief to fill up the present vacancies in the Several Topoy Corps —

The Commander in Chief reports to the Committee the following vacancies in the Topoy Corps with his recommendations of officers to Succeed to them. —

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1st Carnatic Battalion to be left for the recommendation
of Colonel Lang in the room
of Captain Charles Lucas prisoner

2d do — do Cadet Alexander Montgomery
vice Captain Bishop promoted.

9th do — do Captain George Macky vice
Captain Lamotte, Prisoner.

Aydt of 9th Carnatic Battalion, Ensign Wemyss
vice Lieutenant Radford dead

do — 10th do Battalion to be left to Colonel
Lang vice Lieutenant Gellon,
prisoner.

Acting adjutant of 15th Carnatic Battalion to be left to Col.
Lang vice Lieutenant Lendfra-
ser.

Vizagapatam Sibbendy vacant by the promotion of Ensign
Hamo Munro.

adjutant of the Garrison of Vellore vacant vice St Baillie
do of Masulipatam . . vacant vice Bominicatte

Four Conductors wanted for the Commissary of
Stores in Camp, and one for Ongole Guntoor, and the
following are recommended -

Sergeant Dispiney
Donaldson
Sergeant Burke
Sergeant Carnish
Sergeant Cowin

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General Stuart to take place accordingly, and the vacan-
cies in the Command of the 1st Carnatic Battalion and the
adjutancy

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adjutancy of the 13.th to be left to the recommendation of Colonel Lang. —

Mr Robbert Kelly appointed a Minor Cadet.

Mr Robbert Kelly appd a Minor Cadet —

The president Lays before the Committee the following Letter from the Chief of Masulipatam. —

Masulipatam 30.th November 1782.

My Lord.

From the chief of Masulipatam — on the Subject of Opparow Conduct and requesting that any orders respecting the paroah may be transmitted to him alone without Communicating them to the Counsel: — D.

I have Concealed the contents of your Letter of the 4.th instant / in which you Communicated to me the opinion of the Select Committee respecting the Seizure of the person Opparow / from every body except Captain Lysaght for fear of your intention being communicated to Opparow and that there by he would be put in his guard and the attempt entirely frustrated — Captain Lysaght from his Situation at Ellore about 12. Cop from Noozeed has tried to accomplish the only plan which carried probability with it, by engaging People in the Service of a friend of Opparow, / who is with him in Noozeed / in such numbers as to overpower his Velma Drahs or Lead Renters of his Country who are Solemnly engaged in the protection and welfare of all the respective Samindars in the districts — The friend of Opparow above mentioned is in Paupiah a pretender to a part of Chitcharm Jungs Country, one Commidenah Subbiah a Man who owns the Zimmindary of Chaar

one,

Mahal

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Mahal has been Longin confinment by Apparow,
he has however within these Few days made
his escapes from him, and as Apparow has long
kept possession of that Country at any rate because
it was many Years ago annexed to the Jumindary
of Norzud, the flight of this man affords Apparow
a great deal of uneasiness and concern — I am=
derstand that Etteshum Jung has now given Horde
to Dumarah Runniah / about whom he had so
much trouble at the end of last Year / that Appa=
row's interested attachement to Paupiah has ceased
and that he /Apparow/ supports Damarah Ra=
niah on a promise that if Chammedenah Sau=
diah appears in any part of his Country he will
Seize the person of Cummedinah Saibiah, and de=
liver him up to him — Captain Lyoageths depen=
dence was on people who had entered into the Ser=
vice of Paupiah above mentioned, but the Jea=
lousy of Apparow is so effectualy guarded against
any such attempt with any probability of Succes
that he is fearfull of making the experiment.

about this time however Apparow intends
to leave Norzud with a party of Horse to aplace
called Nithavole from an apprehension that his late
prisoner Cummidinah Saibah will assemble his
Peons

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guns and lay waste that part of his country — This
is another impertinent Step against Government
by this arming himself in any part of the districts,
and Nethavolee is one of the three Pergunnahs un-
norzeed under management — the Collection of
revenue is all stopt in that quarter in Conse-
quence of Apparow's apprehensions of Cummidanah
Suibiah, and a number of opparows guns already
there are eating up the revenue, the next expedient
therefore is the Seizure of his family during his
absence, and an attempt to catch him if we can — the
consideration of his family may bring him both to
reason and terms — but while he is permitted to
go on with impunity in those acts of violence we
not only lose the Revenue from one at least of
the three Pergunnahs, but set such an example
to the other Zemindars as may induce them to
follow it and save their revenue. — Apparow
I am afraid will not be absent more than ten
days, and therefore not a moment should be
lost in your Lordships determination — If no
attempt is to be made I beg your resolution
may be communicated to me only, and that you
will authorize Captain Lysaght to act at
this one without communicating it to the Board
here

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here for the reasons abovementioned, without which this Business may miscarry — The arrival of the Troops and the Seizure of his family (even if we do not Seize his person) will surely be attended with Some good with the other Zemindars, for little Service can otherwise be expected from them while this man's notorious conduct is apparently unattended to —

I Shall be impatient for an answer from your Lordship by the Return of the Tappal if possible, and am very respectfully —

Your Lordship's

Most obedient Humble

Servant —

Daniell.

Mr Daniell to be acquainted the last Letter he received from the President.

The Letter from the President to Mr Daniell of the 4 November fully expressing the Ideas and Instructions of the Select Committee on the Subject of Apparaw, it is agreed that he be referred to that Letter, and that it be again left to him to act as he Shall judge best for the publick Service; Taking care to make it known to the Zemindars and the Inhabitants in General that whatever steps he

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he may take against Operaw with ... the appearance of Severity are founded on necessity and justice —.

Letter from Nabob Complaining of an Insult offered to his Family at Trichinopoly —

The President Lays before the Committee a Letter just received from the Nabob [illegible] in Country Correspondence complaining in bitter terms and Stating as the act of the President, that the Presidents agents to the Southward have forced open the doors of the womens apartments in his house at Trichinopolly, notwithstanding the entreaties of the ancient Servants of his family, and looked at the dress and wearing apparel of the Begums and his Daughters and other persons of his family, and that the cloaths were thrown by way of mockery to all the people of Trichinopoly who happened to be present in order to throw eternal shame & disgrace upon his [illegible] &c.

The President also Lays before the Committee the answer which he returned to his Highness on the Subject of this complaint / as entered in Country Correspondence / and informs the Committee that he intends writing to Colonel Lang & M Pherson immediately upon it and to Send them Copy of the Nabobs Letter.

The Committee adjourn till to morrow morning.

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The Select Committee met agreeable to adjournments present as yesterday

The Company's Instructions respecting the Power of the Comm.r in Chief read to the Committee —

General Stuart desires that part of the Company's Instructions of 1774 to the Governor General and Councils relating to the powers of the Commander in Chief may be read, which being read accordingly the General delivers in the following answers to the Requisition made to him yesterday: —

Lt.t Stuart's minute stating the Grounds on which he sent his answers to Colonel Jones, with his Sentiments on the Honble Comp.s Letter. —

My answer to the first is — That my Instructions to Sr. Colonel Jones refer to the Company's Instructions of 1774. which were published to the army when Sr. John Clavering Commanded and particularly to that part of them now read beginning with the words "that the Commander in Chief or Superior Military officer residing with the words in whom the Executive military Power resides.

But as to an absolute order to Sr. Colonel Jones or to any of His Majestys officers or Troops when in all cases, whatever may be desired by the Chief in council of Assistance, without previous reference now on my part, to the Commander in Chief, if all His Majestys Troops in India I am not at Liberty to do it. however well I

may

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may be inclined; But I Shall Communicate on this point with His Excellency, and report his answer to the Committee and mean will I Shall be answerable that no Inconvenience can arise to the Service from the Delay, and that Colonel Jones Shall be endered to obey as now required.

My answer to the Second is that I know my duty as the Company's Servants better than to think of sending orders or Instructions to any officer in their Service contrary to the orders of Government; The Supposition is to me an injury — Never did I never mean to do it —

When I Write to officers in cases of Doubtfull orders or Instructions on the part of Government. I Shall previously Communicate what therein relates to Government without the necessity of requisition

J. S.

The Commr. in Chief's answers by no means Satisfactory to the Committee —.

The President declares that the answers of General Stuart are by no means Satisfactory and Mess.rs Sadlier and Davidson concur in the same opinion, the President adds that being desirous of avoiding discussion at this moment he Shall not make any further observations on the General's minutes at present but only moves that the two resolutions which

The Resolutions of yesterday

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day read again to General Stuart —.

were read yesterday be now read again to the General and they are read accordingly

Read the following Letter from the Military agent with the account therein mentioned —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the military agent reports the Resolutions of the Comm. of Off Reckonings respecting the Clothing, and the arrears due to the agent. —

A Committee of offreckonings having met yesterday pursuant to the orders of the Commander in Chief. I laid before them Mr Secretary Huddlestons Letter to the Military agent of the 11th Instant intimating that your Lordship &c.a were willing to discharge the Ballance of the military Bloppages due for the year 1780. by Bills on Bengal at the exchange of 100. Rs. for 100. Pagodas.

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The officers of the Committee of offreckonings having considered of the offer made to them for the payment of their offreckonings for the year 1780. Agreed to receive their own Shares in Bengal Bills, but not thinking themselves authorized to accept of this mode of payment for all the officers intitled to Share. They have requested of the Commander in Chief to pub-

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lish my General orders the proposal of the Honble the Select Committee with a List of the distributions of offreckonings for the year 1780. that the officers who have Shares assigned to them in this distribution may determine for themselves whether they will receive their respective Shares in Bills on Bengal.

The Committee of offreckonings at this meeting directed the Agent to apply to the Honble the Select Committee for an order to obtain Bills to be granted for such Sums as he might require to the amount of Pagodas 19562. 31. 16. being the exact Ballance of Stoppages due for 1780. I therefore beg leave to request that your Lordship &c. would be pleased to pass the necessary order required for this purpose as soon as convienient

I further beg leave to take this opportunity of laying before your Lordship &c: a statement of Sums due to the Military Agent for advances disbursed by him for making up the Cloathing for the years 1781. and 1782. with a charge of Interest at 8 per Cent to the 31st. Instant, which from Mr. Secretary Huddlestone's Letter of 10th August last in answer to mine addressed to the Honble the Select Committee dated 30th. July

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July representing the State of the off-takoning Fund and of the Large advances I had occasion to make. I have reason to hope that your Lordship &c? will allow me —

4843. Pagodas advanced for the year 1781. as Stated on the accompanying account is due from the Stoppages of the year 1780. and will be discharged from the Ballance of Pag? 19,563. 34. 16. which is now to be paid by Bills on Bengal — As the Interest on this advance and on the Sums advanced by me for the disbursements of the present Year cannot be charged by the agent in his accounts with his Constituents I trust your Lordship &c will be pleased to grant Separate Bills on my favor for the Sum of Pagodas 1812.. the amount of Interest on the Sums advanced by me for making up the cloathing of both Years —

1400. Pagodas is Still due to the Troops as half mounting for this year and as charged in the agents disbursements for the year 1782. the Ballance of which now due to me as per the accompanying account is Pagodas 5,927. 6. 49. As the Troops are very much in want of the half mounting due to them, I hope your Lordship &c will be pleased to order the payment of it in money that I may be enabled to make

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make a distribution of it previous to their taking the field. —

The remainder of the Ballance due to me for this year I am willing to receive in Bills on Bengall and to give credit for the amount of both to the Military Paymaster General in part of the Stoppages for the year 1781.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

With perfect Respect

Your most obedient and

most Humble Servant

J Brodie

Military Agent

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From the military agent to the Comm.r in chief requesting payment of the Ballance due to the Military Fund.

Read also a Letter from the Military agent to Ge= neral Stuart as entered in Miscellany Book /re= presenting the Inconvenience he labors under from the delay in discharging the Ballance due to the Milita= ry Fund and requesting his assistance in obtaining payment.

Minutes on the above Letters from the Military agent.

Agreeably to the Resolution of the 10th. Inst. Stant to discharge the Ballance of the aforesaid account for 1780. amounting to Pagodas 19.563.31.fp. by Bills on Bengal Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted to the Military agent for such Sums as

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as he may require not exceeding that amount and Carried to the debit of the Military Paymaster — agreed also that Bills on Bengal be granted to the Military agent for the Interest due on that part which he has advanced of the above Ballance being Pag.s 709. 31. 16. and that the Sum of 1400. Pag.s due to the men for half mounting and included in his Ballance of disbursements for the present ayear be discharged in Money — agreed that Copies of the Military agents Letter and account be sent to the Military Paymaster General and that he be desired to deliver in an attested account of the Stoppages due for the year 1781. in order that the Ballance due to the Military agent with the Interest on the Sum he has advanced for that year may be discharged. — Mr Hamilton the late military paymaster having been applied to without effect for an answer to the Letter written to him the . . . . on the Subject of the Ballance to be accounted for of the Stoppages for the Year 1780. and being as the Committee understand extreamely indisposed it is agreed that the present Military Paymaster be desired to call upon the Comicoply who acted under Mr Hamilton, and was entrusted with

The Military Paymaster to apply the Head Comicoply in his office for the Balance due from Mr. Hamilton

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with the Cash, and insist on his giving him informa-
tion as to the disposal of the Said Balance that
he may be enabled to Satisfy the Committee on a
Subject So material to the Company – and Should
he think it necessary to apprehend the person of
the Conceaply or any other Servant of the late
Military Paymaster that may be Suspected of
Collusion on this matter it is agreed that he be
empowered to do So.

a Seperate Set of Books to be kept for his Majes-ty's Troops –.

Agreed that the Military Paymaster be
directed to keep a Seperate Set of Books for
his Majesty's Troops and a Seperate Lead for
each Regiment.

Read the following Letter from Captain
Scoular with Copy of his Letter of the 29th
October

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

My Lord and Gentlemen.

From Capt Scoular inclosing a Dupl: of his Letter on consideration of the Tenders Complaints – sensible of his Incapacity in negotiating to acquaint the Coun: with the Breach on the wall.

Yesterday I was honored with your two Letters
one dated the 1st Containing Copys of Complaints
from Bowl Rawz and the Schumidar of Pulliat and
ordering my attendance at the Presidency to explain my
conduct in the Instances complained of, and accusing me
of

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of awaiting your orders of the 19th September — To this I will make my Reply and I flatter myself remove the whole Blame now laid on my Conduct —

I wish I Could as freely answer to yours of the 24th Instant, which gives me a Severe Rebuke for having neglected to inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, of a considerable Breach made in the works of Fort Cornwallis by the late Rains — all I can Say in Extenuation, my Lord and Gentlemen, is this, that I can assure the Board, it was no intended neglect, but Inadvertency and am very Sorry to have given You So just a Cause of displeasure: and flatter myself that in future You will have reason to Commend rather than Censure my Conduct in these respects —

I have perused your Letter of the 21st Instant, with the utmost attention, and am persuaded from the whole Tenor of it, that a Letter I did myself the Honor to write you, dated the 29th Oct. has never reached You otherwise I Should never have been honored By the receipt of the present Letter: I therefore in Justice to myself, take the Liberty of enclosing a Duplicate of it as near as I can, from a foul Copy accidentally in my Hands — for from the length of Time that is past Since I dispatched it & having received no answer, either of disapprobation, or otherwise, made me conclude that you were Satisfyed with the Reasons therein assigned for my conduct untile that Date —

Yrs

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The Aumildar of Policat has strained the meaning of my Letter to answer his own purpose - for mine was dictated agreeable to the Instructions I had Re= ceived from You - Viz.t - to take the Cattle as equally as possible and when my Letter to him is produced with my Signature and ingeniously translated, I make no doubt it will appear as I now state it a Letter dictated by Humanity; even Short just as you My Lord and Gentlemen would wish it; otherwise (is) not the Letter I dictated to my Servants - The Direction sent to the Aumildars &c. was this to make a level through their Dis= tricts - the number required was two thousand Cattle (cattle) and the Same number of Sheep and Goats to be equally taken and described the mode as follows. who Those, had an hundred were to give twenty five one like one Those who have but five were to ½ and So of the rest; however the total Sum from all was but as above, and not half that each possessed in the Dis= trict, as my Letter is made to imply

In his Letter he says that the Sepoys that lately went into Bom Ramzé's Pallam, took three hundred Bullocks from Naglapooram and that he wrote me concerning it &

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It I beg leave to assure You, that both there are most abhorrious Facts hood —

Bom Rawjs. Representation Contains not a word of Truth — He says that in a Fray between his Peons and my Sepoys joined with Narsing Rauze, that fifty of his Peons were wounded — The Fact is this — Nara Zing Rauze was not within thirty Miles of my Sepoys, neither did my Sepoys Discarge a Single Musquet: his people were not so mild for by the direction of Mack Zauze Cherrogar they fired on my people and wounded Six of them — one of whom is Since Dead of his wounds, the Man Should undoubtedly be Severely punished, if he is not, Your will be both dangerous and difficult to collect Cattle in these Countries —

The moment the Breaches made up, I Shall do myself the Honor of attending you to explain my conduct agreeable to your orders at the Same time I beg leave to represent to you my Lord and Gentlemen that if you write to the Rajahs and Sumildars in a Stile of disapproving my conduct in these Several Collections of Cattle Twice be the means of put a Sting Stop to any power to assist the Army with provisions (in future without a much greater Force than a Single Batallion, when Force may be requisite which you will find necessary — for you may rest assured they want produce a Single head on Pergue

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[illegible] Situation; and finding themselves Supported in their defending there Cattle their Expectations in future will be very Sturdy their Country being so Strongly defended by Barrier &c: &c:

I have the Honor to remain

My Lord and Gentlemen.

Your most obedient

and very humble Servant &

Robt Scouler. —

Tripasore
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P.S: The Europeans are very Sickly and our Surgeon, Doctor Lord is so very Ill that he begs a Surgeon may be Sent to relieve him he being obliged to proceed to Fort St. George for the recovering of his Health. —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen.

I was honored with your Letter of the 19th September respecting Some of my Sepoys being in Bomrauze's country in Support of Narsing Rauze's right of being Peshgar in direct opposition to Bom Rauze's Inclination and Remonstrances Informing me that you were determined not to interfere in this appointment, but would acknowledge as Such, Mucka Rauze, whom Bom Rauze had appointed to that office and ordering me to withdraw my Sepoys immediately and not to interfere in this matter. —

On

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In the receipt of your orders I instantly dispatched Letters to my Sepoys to return to Tripassore, but at this time, Mauka Rauze had Contrived to Stop up all the roads and Passes in Such a manner that for a Considerable time my orders could not reach them; and indeed before it could be effected I was obliged to write Mauka rauze on the Subject Nursing Rauze and Kistnam Rauze were at this time within ten or fifteen Miles of Trepatty, which Place they were going to retake from Hyders People / I under= stood from them that it was by your orders and the Commander in Chief; but in Consequence of my withdrawing my Sepoys from them they feared to advance nearer to.

when they wished to march back again, Mauka Rauze was in their way with a Considerable Force to prevent their return to Moodoor the Pollams of Kistnaw Rauze and where he and Nursing Rauze resided till the present troubles are over / and if possible to destroy them - all this they wrote me requesting assis= tance of: but your orders were so peremptory and were consequently obeyed

I beg leave to inform you my Lord and Gentlemen, that these Sepoys, were not sent by me on my own opinion or Judgement, but by the express Directions of Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief and the Intention of their being with Nursing Rauze, was to Shew that he was countenanced by Government Judge them

These

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Sir

Them how astonished I must have been, upon the receipt of your orders on this Head which were so diametrically opposite to those I had received from the General — Neither did Rose Raure or Monk Raure ever Remonstrate to me on the Subject, either by Letters or otherwise —

On the 4th October I received orders from General Stuart to do my utmost to Collect Cattle and Sheep for the use of the army — their Provisions running Short; I immediately dispatched people into our neighbouring Pollams to Search and inquire where the Natives kept their Cattle and in the mean time wrote to his Lordship and de Camp Captain Sydenham requesting to know from his Lordship, the mode he thought proper for to collect these Cattle but no answer arriving Soon I on the 5th October at night dispatched a Detachment of four Companys of Sepoys into the Pollams, in Compliance with the above order their Directions were to Collect Cattle and Sheep in the nearest Pollams, if Possible if not they were to enter the greater ones of Bom- Rauze and there Compleat the number I thought necessary for the army's use, throughout the Stations viz: about fifteen hundred or two thousand head of Cattle, and near the Same number of Sheep & Goats — as they met with few or none in the Small Pollams they were reduced to the necessity of entering

Bom

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To Bom Ranze Countrye

My reason for Sending there in preference to Catakotah Nagalapour Sellecarim &c &c was their I had been wrote to by the Board and his Lordship in terms of disapprobation for having Sent into those Districts which I have been given to understand is under their particular Cavil or Protection and not having there been honored with the Boards Instructions how to act, was fearfull of again gaining their Displeasure by Collecting Cattle in those Parts?

They were Successful there, but a Small Party which had in Charge a very Considerable number of Cattle were fired at by Mucka Ranze's People and by his Direction, by which discharge Six Sepoys were instantly wounded — as I had not given the Party any instructions to fire on those who might oppose their getting Cattle not foreseeing such behaviour, in what I thought a friends Country, consequently my people fell Back to Moodoor Pollam without Cattle they had and wrote me concerning this affair and that Mucka Ranze had collected his whole Force determining to attack them on their return to Tripasore they likewise represented the ill Treatment my people received who were left to their Mercy, and indeed, if it had not been for the civil temperate behaviour of a Subador they would have destroyed Several Small Party's of Sepoys, detached for the purpose of Collecting Cattle from different

places &

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what Cattle

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Places the Cherrogar having repeated[ly] given Directions for the Slaughter of the Sepoys they could meet with; but his Peons would not obey these Bloody orders - owing to the Soubadar dispassionate Conduct of the Subadar

Nawsing Rauze and Kistnan Rauze who had been waiting an opportunity to return to Moodoor, having of this unexpected Attack on our Sepoys, took this opportunity of joining my Sepoys in Moodoor Pallam they immediately wrote me from thence, professing every Service in their Power, either, in collecting Cattle for the Army's use or adding their Force to mine, if necessary - by this time Mauk Rauze's Force amounted to three Thousand, still threatening to attack the four Companies of Sepoys, the moment they should begin to march; who in such a Case could not have Sustained his Attacks & defended their Cattle, and further more Intelligence was brought me that he intended a night attack on them in the Pallam I therefore immediately dispatched a reinforcement of two Companys with two three Pounders, to join them with the utmost expedition, and them to Collect the necessary quantity of Cattle - Mauk Rauze then promised to Send the number of Cattle required, & kept the Detachement waiting for them several days, till at last finding he was only amusing us with empty Promises, and a part of Hyders army having moved from Arcot to Sholinghur, fearing treachery; Ordered their immediate return, with as many Cattle as they could collect

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Collect by Force, as fear means would not answer. Lt Stephens, who Commanded the Detachement, returnd with the utmost expedition to this place; having brought in all upwards of a thousand head of Cattle & Seven hundred Sheep, Goats & Hirs — Shortly after the Kalastry Rajah sent Som hundred Sheep & Goats, large and Small for the use of the army and got a Receipt for that number.

Besides the number of Cattle above mentiond, collected in Bom Ranze Pallam were more than a hundred and fifty Buffaloes had Mank Ranze behaviour been proper on this occasion, I Should have Sent them back to him directly; but now, I beg your directions concerning their disposal: —

This is not the First Instance of very Bad Behaviour in Mank Ranze; for we were near Starving at Chillore owing to his breach of Promise: where as Starving Ranze did every thing in his Power, to assist the army with grain, when we were in Bom Ranze Pollams — of this Circumstance, I was an Eye Witness at Pallapet and indeed, he & Mr Graham were indefatiecable in Collecting Grain for the army, during our Stay there. —

Every Body in these parts are of opinion, that Mank Ranze, would not dared to have acted, or exemplified

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Sir,

ofied in the Narrative, had he not been on very good Terms with Hyder, and in my opinion had Lt. Stephens Stayd longer in his Pallam, Some treachery was intended him and his opinion likewise / but the precipitate Retreat of the Detachement prevented it

I hope the Board will excuse my being thus explicate but having understood from a friend that Bom Ranze had lodged a Complaint against me, I thought it best to give you the whole matter as it happened. —

On the 7th Instant arrived here a Dundar from Pulicat with a Letter from you dated the 24th September accompanying two Lists one of Cattle and the other of Grain & Said to be plundered from Cotakatah, Naglapooram, Settecavind &c: likewise a very complaisant one from Mahomed Hoosaind Kauns amuil of Pulicat

The Cattle account is far from being just, as the whole received from those Parts amount to little more than 1000 Head and as far the Report, of these being but about 297, out of that number fit for the army's use it is absolutely false for they were the finest Collection of Slaughter Cattle, Fever Saw, amongst them were 800. fine Oxen. ——

I have made the most Strict enquiry respecting the Complaint of plundering Grain, Tobacco, Cloth, Chillies &c &c: have the happiness to assure you Sir

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My Lord and Gentlemen, that I find it to be, from
beginning to end an absolute Falsehood; the Inhabi-
tants of Cotakotah acknowledge it to be So even
Some of those, who have put their Names to the
Complaint, have told me it was only done to
engage the attention of the Committee of Revenue,
Applyengar, one of them, who was here the other
Day, assured me that this was their Reason —.

The Cattle are gone to the Mount by direc-
tion of General Stuart; who writes me Shee to
continue my endeavours to Collect Cattle for the
armys use —

In your Letter are you pleased to direct
me to apply to the ammildars for what Cattle may
be necessary and not being certain of the Success of
my Party; there in the Pallams, I wrote to the
ammildars Zamp Cotakotah, Naylaporam Sattecavis
& B: desiring them to Collect Cattle for the use
of the army — as yet no answer but from Cotako-
tah has arrived — and that plainly tells me that
none can be Spared from thence — I have the ho-
nor to be My Lord and Gentlemen with the greatest
Respect —

Your very Obedient and Most
Humble Servant
Robt Scott

Triplicate
the 29th October 1782.
Duplicate

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The Committee are Satisfied that Captain Scanlan
did not intentionally give occasion to the Complaints
that were made against him and therefore dispence with
his attendance here to answer them — They are also entirely
Satisfied with the candid acknowledgement which
Captain Scanlan has made for having omitted to
Communicate to them the accident which happened
to the wall of Injapore —

Read the following Letters

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the King's Surgeons proposing terms for accommodating and attending the Sick and wounded in the field. —

As the Season is nearly arrived, in which it is probable the greater part of the Army will be in motion, a very important consideration in our depart-ment presents itself Viz: a Suitable and fixed plan for the Care and of Course preservation of the numerous Sick of his Majesty's Regiments and as many doubts of late have arisen respecting the manner in which the Expences incurred for these Europeans are to be defrayed, / we conceive from a former neglect of a proper proposal being seasonably presented / we therefore in order to establish the most perfect understanding & to obviate all future difficulties, think it incumbent on us to lay before the Honble

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To the Honble Select Committee the following easy as well as customary plan, for regulating and defraying the Charges for the Sick and wounded of the said Regements in Cantonments, and the field as exactly Corresponding with the Honble Compagnies Regulations, with the Exception of a few extra Servants who become absolutely necessary in a moving Camp, the moderation of which at these distressing times will we hope meet with the perfect approbation of the Honble Select Committee. —

The allowance agreeable to the Honble Comp^s Regulations is Six fanums p^r Day each Man, for which we are to furnish the Sick and wounded with every Requisite which the regulations point out, But for the purpose of Conveying wines Spirits medicines — chirurgical apparatus &. for field Service, the Honble Select Committee we flatter our Selves, will not think it unreasonable if we make a request of an allowance for Twenty five Coolys not mention able expence which is not attended to in any Article of the regulations, & which is the only addition /occasionally/ necessary to render them as well calculated for the field, as any fixed Hospital

As the above proposals are no more than what were found to be absolutely necessary during the

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The Most happy & reasonable times, and accompanied with an impossibility of the Honble Company being Charged with more than the express number of men really Sick, as will be Satisfactorily ascertained by the monthly Returns being Signed by our Respective Commanding officers, with whose appro-bation these proposals are Submitted to the Honble the Select Committee.

We have the Honor to be:—
My Lord and Gentlemen.
With the utmost Respect

Your most obedient and
most Humble Servants
Robt: Wallace Surgn 78th Regt
Thos: Gordestone Surgn 104th Do
Wm: Horseman Surgn 73d Do

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To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President & Select Committee

My Lord, and Gentlemen

From the Compassion these gentlemen expressing an adjustment of their accts and that same under the allowance for their payment enjoined.

In our Letter of the 23d ultimo we with all possible respect, represented our Grievances by them laying out of the Money we have advanced on account of the Sick and wounded of the army ever

Since

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Since February last, and we were induced to believe it
only required a modest representation to procure an
order for the final adjustment of those accounts, we were
so perfectly conscious of the moderation of the Charge
as per Letr. to the Commissary / alluded to in our last /
that we had not a doubt of the Success of our application
nevertheless, it has so pleased the Right Honble Presi-
dent & Select Committee that we remain just in the
same Situation as before, without Redress from any
quarter — we are not Conscious of having in any
one Instance behaved improperly or neglected our Duty
we have gone on Chearfully in this time of Calamity
without giving the least trouble to Government on
account of either Sick, or wounded, and we have paid
the most exact attention to the Sick of the whole army / we
pendant on the Honble Company / without Sending Ser-
vants into the General Hospital during this unhealthy
winter, which has produced Some very troublesome and
dangerous maladies that have been got over with very trifling
loss. all this and our long forbearance to importune
the Right Honble President and Select Committee, we
were in hopes, would recommend our just claims to your
countenance and Protection — yet Still are remain unsatisfied,
and unable to Satisfy our Creditors or do justice to
our Families —

We

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Sir

The Season is now advancing, when many, very many
necessaries should be laid in as a Camp Store by
every Surgeon that is to attend the army - yet our long
arrears are seemingly forgot, and without their adjust-
ment, we shall be unable to provide for the future -
We have heard of a Committee that was
to regulate the expences of the Sick in the Field for the
ensuing year but we have barely heard of it, and therefore
do not know if such Committee sat on the Business -
but that Committee we do not learn had any Retrospect
to the Past, and I so past is needless they should;
as every delay in adjusting our accts. for the present year
and paying the same in Bengall Bills and Casts
in such proportions as the Treasury will admit of,
is a fresh wound to our Credit, and feelings as Men, as well
as the profession we therefore rely upon the justice and
candour of the Right Honble President and Select Com-
mittee, in releasing us from a State so derogatory to
the Characters we wish to support, and so truly pain-
full to our own Feelings -

We have the Honor to be with the most profound
respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient and most Humble Servts

Thos Davis
W. Gordon
R. Turing
W. Mackie
T. Gahagan
T. Howel
J. Sudderland
Alex Watson

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Copies of the above Letter to be sent to the Commrs. appd. to regulate the Surgeons Charges —.

Agreed that Copies of the foregoing Letter be Sent to the Committee appointed to regulate the Surgeons charges and that they be desired to include them with the other papers that have been refered to their Consideration — respecting the proposal made by his Majesties Surgeons the Committee are of opinion that the arrangement should be general extending to the King's and Company's troops without distinction and that the accounts which are in arrear, as well as those which are to Come, should be regulated and adjusted by the arrangement that may be finally determined on — with regard to the arrears the Committee are desirous of paying them as Soon as it shall be in their Power and of making the mode of payment as Convenient as they can to the Surgeons —

The President acquaints the Committee that Majr. High Maxwell & Mr. Mackell appointed members of the Surgeons Board in the room of Majr. Holland and Monbray

Majrs. Holland and Monbray have represented to him that they have so much other Business that they fear it will scarcely be in their power to pay so much attention as they would wish to the duty of their late appointment as Members of the Surgeons Committee —

Agreed that Majr. Hugh Maxwell and

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and William Mitchell be appointed members of that Committee in the room of Messrs. Holland and Monbray

The President delivers in a Letter from Bengal directed to Mr Holland as Resident at the Subahs Court and desires the opinion of the Committee whether or not it should be opened as the Letter in question may contain matters and Instructions that in the present Situation of affairs it may be material for this Government to be acquainted with the Committee resolve to open it, and it is opened accordingly and found to contain only an official notification of the arrival of Mr Stables and of his having taken his Seat as one of the Council of that Presidency - agreed that the Letter be sent to Mr James Grant at Masulipatam. -

Read Letters as entered in Miscellany Book - from Captain Kirkpatrick stating that under the Circumstances represented in his Letter of the 7th, he flattered himself with his being allowed 12 percent for all the money he has

The President lay before the Comm. a Letter from Bengall addressed to Mr Holland as Resident at Hyderabad. —

The Letter opened by the Comm.

to be forwarded to Mr Grant at Masulipatam

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[illegible] had advanced on the Company's account that at present he must accept of whatever they are pleased to dedate reserving notwithstanding a claim on the Company for the difference &c. between 8 and 12. p.r Cent.

From Mr. Irwin Surgeon of the 102d. Regiment enclosing an account of mine Supplied the Sick amounting to pag.s 289. & Stating that on consequence of the great Sickness which has prevailed among the men of the 102d. Regiment, and particularly that fatal disorder the Cramp mine has been recommended for the men by all the Surgeons in Madras and that he hopes in consideration of that Circumstance his account will be discharged. ——

From Ensign Frier prisoner at Trangue-bar Captured by the La Fine requesting to be allowed to draw his Subsistence ——

From Lieutenant Thompson representing his ille State of health and requesting a few months pay ——".

From Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy request-
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ing payment of his allowance for Lowe rent as Commandant of the Black Town and enclosing an extract from the Minutes of the Select Committee dated the 20th Novr 1780. Containing a resolution for granting him Such an allowance. ——

From Mr Hugh Mayville enclosing Colonel Nixon's account with the Company and requesting payment of the Ballance by Bills on England. ——

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Ordered that the foregoing Letters resolved, That Captain Pittington be informed that the offer made to him of Bills on Bengall at 400. Rupees p. 100 pagodas with Interest at the rate of 8 percent was meant as a final discharge of his account and that he Cannot acquiesce in his resolved Claim of the difference between 8 and 12 p.Cent. ——

Ordered

That in Consideration of the very peculiar Circumstances attending the Sick of the 102d Regiment, the Military Paymaster be directed to discharge Mr Irwin's account for wine and Tea and other necessary articles amounting to 249 pags.

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Pagodas, Ent. that this resolution be Rot here after drawn into precident for future applica= tions of the Same nature ——

That Mr. Batger at Frangnebar be requested to pay Ensign Frier his Subsistence as it becomes due in the Same manner as he has paid the other officers prisoners there, and to reim= burse himself by drawing Bills upon this Pre= sidency ——

That Lieutenant Thompson be paid his answer in money as far upon the rest of the army have been paid and the rest by Bills on Bom= gall the Same resolution respecting the Ballance Due to Lieutenant Colonel Nixon. ——

That Colonel Kennedys Bills for house rent be paid up to this date agreably to the resolutions entered in his Letter but no longer as it is a charge not authorized by the Com= pany's military regulations. ——

Mr Sadlier delivers in the following mi= nutes. —

When Colonel Kennedy presentes his Bill for house rent on my appointment to the Office of Com= missary

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Mr Sadliers Minutes
objects to an allowance
being made for House
rent

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rant to the Comm: of the Black Town —

Paymaster General I refused my Signature to it, as a Charge Contrary to the Standing regulations of the Service. I am now against Such an allowance being admitted. The Station of Commandant of the Black town is a new one the Governor is Considered there the Same as in Fort St. George; and the Troops both in the Fort and Town, but as one Garrison, under the Governors Command. The Senior officer next to the Governor is Supposed to conduct the military Detail of the Troops, and it is not usual to allow Batta to officers thus Stationed The appointment of Colonel Kennedy in these times may be of use, I have therefore one objection but but no allowance of Batta the Same as when in the field. I am of opinion a full Compensation for any extraordinary expence or trouble it occasions him —

A. Sadlier.

Extract of the Proceedings of the Select Committee of 19th December 1782.

The Secretary informs the Committee that the Artillery Man who is in possession of a Bond granted the 1st May 1784 by the Factors

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The Factors at Tellichery on account of the Honble Company a part of which the Committee were pleased to order to be paid in December, last has applied to hire and requested that the remaining part of the Principal and Interest amounting to Pagodas 19t.-.23. as by the account he has given in, may be discharged —

Ordered that the remaining part of the principal and Interest of the said Bond granted by Messrs. Samuel Stedman and Michl. Firth, Factors at Tellichery on account of the Honble Company be discharged by the Military Paymaster and that he be directed to debit the Bombay Presidency for the Same —

Read the following Letter from Captain Edmonds enclosing Letter to him from Lieutenant Boisdaune as entered in M: B: Containing his answer to the renters Complaints against him.

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

From Captain Edmonds enclosing Ltr from Lieut. Boisdaumes on the Subject of the Complaints preferred against him by the Natives in Confinement on his Command till further orders —.

I did myself the honor to reply to your Letter of the 2d Inst. having done all in my power to investigate thruth of the Complaints lodged against Lieutenant Boisdaumes, most of which are without foundation, I do myself the honor to enclose herewith Lieutenant Boisdaumes answer to my Letter & the complaints sent against him, which Correspond with such other enquiries as I have made, I also do myself the honor to send a paper written to me and Signed by the principle inhabitants of Terry Cottah village Setting forth such fact as have come to their Knowledge — I wrote to the ammildar of the Palnad requesting he would furnish me with such directions as he Should judge necessary for me be ascertain the truth of such Complaint as he found came to make against Lt Boisdaumes to which I have received no answer — It appears from every enquiring as well as by Lt Boisdaumes own confession that he Struck the Peasheare of Terry Cottah and I Should not hesitate a moment to put your orders in execution / If Lieutenant Boisdaumes has

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has in any pretence whatever beaten the Renters Peas
gar he is to be relieved from his Command / but I
have no other affairs to Send and on it appear to
me not Consistent with the good of the Service that
the Seapoys So Lately taken into the Honble Com=
pany's Service Should be left without Some one to
look after them, I Shall not recall Lieutenant
Boisdaume till I am Honored with your further
Commands, but in the mean time use my utmost
endeavour to prevent any cause of Complaints ——

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord and Gentlemen.

Your most obedient Humble
Servant

Edwd Edmonds Capt. Comm:

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8th December
1782.

The Committee having perused the Letter from Lieu=
tenant Boisdaumee observe that it appears from his
own confession that he Struck and abused the Renters
peishar and visited and Conversed with the late ammil
the first was an act of violence which would not fail
to lower the Renter in the opinion of the Inhabitants
and to indispose them towards the Company, and the
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Lt. Boisdaume to be informed that his conduct is highly reprehen=sible.—

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Seona must also tend to prejudice the renters authority and Influence he both those Instances therefore the Select Committee Consider Lieutenant Boisdaumes Conduct as very reprehensible and it is agreed that the Same be Signified to him, but in the hope that his future conduct will prove him Sensible of his error the Committee acquitted on Captain Edmonds' continuing him in his Command. —

Read the following Letter from Captain Scott.—

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Captain Scott with accounts of Hyders Death and of the Measures taken in consequence by his principal officers — his Camp in the greatest Consternation

About the 9th Instant I did myself the honor to write Your, that from various People coming from Hyders Camp at Chittore, all repeating the Circumstance of his Death, there Could now remain no Doubt of the Truth of it, Since these Several more have come to this Place, giving Circumstantial accounts of his Death Not being certain whether my Letter may have arrived safe, I again take the Liberty of writing to you on this Subject—

They Say he Died about the 5th or 6th Instant in the Evening, about five o'clock, his Boil or Carbuncle was opened

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opened by a Surgeon from Pondichery the Day before;
who had engaged to cure him in eight or ten Days.
His Body is embalmed and sent to Color - Soon after
his Death Abdoo Mahomed collected the Chiefs of
the army together and they put Kerim Saib into the
Tent of State, till Tippoo Sultan should arrive, to
whom they have wrote repeatedly informing him of his
Fathers Death and requesting his immediate Return,
which they expect hourly, indeed it is that only hope
that keeps the army together, not a Soul look upon to
Kerim Saib, but they wait the arrival of Tippoo
Sultaun, with the utmost Impatience & anxiety!
in Short the whole Camp is in great Consterna=
tion, fearing they may be attacked before he can
join them with his Force, almost all their Infantry
ary have deserted, except those with Tippoo and at
Cuddalore; and even among the Horse they have had
so much, as to oblige them to post Sentrys round the whole
Camp, to prevent their running away - The Force encam-
ped near Chellore is about twelve Thousand Horse, with all the
artillery &: They are sending up the Guns, the heavy
artillery with Elephants and other unwieldy Baggage -
The Expectation they have from Tippoo's Junction is,
that he will either propose Terms of Peace, or retire
into

Guns / to

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into his own Country; but if he should propose a Continuance of the war, his army will be reduced one half in a very short time. —

Soon after the Death of Hyder Ally Khan Several detachements of Horse were sent to Survey the Several roads, leading towards them, & for the purpose of bringing them Intelligence of the motions of our army they expect it will be formed immediately for the purpose of attacking them and it is the opinion of all their Deserters, that if we were to march Suddenly towards them before Tippoo Saibs arrival; that the whole army would disband and fly into their own country, without firing a Shot; they are likewise very apprehensive of being stopped in their Return by an army from Bombay which they understand is crossing their Country towards them; in Short they are in the utmost Despondency of Spirit; and I firmly believe, that if we could reach them before the Deserters would be verified — I have Sent Several People to explore the different Roads and in Case Such a measure Should be adopted, and on their Return Shall acquaint you with any Intelligence worthy communication. Hyders Deserters inform me, that the

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"The Nizam has formed a large Army, under the Command of his Son, which he has sent against the Son of his Brughshie, who is Deceased, his Name was Abram Bey Khawn, & has accumulated great Treasures and made himself Independant of his Master —

These Riches, with the addition of a very fine Country, he has left to his Son, of both which the Nizam is determined to deprive him —

I have done myself the Honor to address you my Lord and Gentlemen, lately, on a variety of Subjects but fear my Letters must have miscarried, not having received the Smallest Limit of their Safe arrival in particular regarding the 150. Buffaloes taken from Bom Bay's Pallam. —

I I have the Honor to remain My Lord & Gentlemen. —

With the Greatest Respect.—

Your very obedient and Most Humble Servant

Robt. Scott —

Tripassore the 15th December 1782.

Copy of the above to be transmitted to Bengal —

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Governor General and Councile

The President inform the Committee that my

Statement of rice in the garrison stores and of rice and

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Rice and Biscuit delivered to the army. —

On the 15th Instant there were by the Garrison Store-Keepers account 618,18 Bags of rice in Store and that on the 16th by the agents account it appeared that there had been delivered to the army from the 2d November 1782. to the 16th December 1782 14454. Bags of Rice which is at the rate of 329⅞ Bags pr. day being 44 days — also that from the 30th octobr inclusive there have been issued 361. 740. Sacs of Biscuit or 4739. Bengal Bags of Biscuit to the 30th November 1782. —

The agent, and the Dep. agents to use all possible Dispatch in making out their accounts. —

Agreed that the deputy agent at Cuddp be directed to use all possible dispatch in making out all his account, stating also what is due to the people belonging to his department, and that he transmit them immediately to the agent here — and that the agent be directed also to make out his accounts without delay to the present time and lay them before Messrs. Holland, and Monbray for their Inspection —

Inspection

a Bill ordered on Bengal for 5 horses purchased for the Cavalry —

The President lays before the Committee report of 5 horses for the Cavalry valued at Pa godas . . . . ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted

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granted for the amount.

Lieutenant Innis appointed to the Command of Ponamallee. — and Mr. Rollo to be Surgeon at Tanjaure

Resolved that Lieutenant Innis be appointed to the Command of Ponamallee in the room of Captain Alexander Montgomery. and that Mr. Rollo be appointed Surgeon at Tanjour in the room of Doctor Buckanan —

Col: Stuarts Bill for repairing the Barracks ordered discharged. —.

General Stuart lays before the Committee a Bill Signed by Colonel Stuart for the expence of repairing the Barraks where his men are lodged amounting to pag: 80. „ 37 — ordered to be discharged.

The Bullocks which have left Nellore to be met half way by an Escort &c. —.

The General informs the Committee that on this day or tomorrow the Bullocks were to leave Nellore and an Escort to met them half way from Pallicat &

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19th I have the Honor to be ——

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) James Stuart.

Friday 29th Dec.
1782 —

Extract from the Minutes of the Select Committee

Dated 29th January 1781 —

The President proposes that from

the 15th December last when Brigadier General Stuart

was honorably acquitted by the Sentence of a General

Court Martial, his Pay Staff and Allowances of every

sort be the same as before his Suspension by the Orders

of the Honble Court of Directors of the 30th August 1777

untill their pleasure be known

A True Extract

(Signed) Thomas Kingscote
Dy Sy

Date of the Gent Letter 30th Augt 1777

arrived at this Presidency Febry 1778

G. S.

20th Received from General Stuart the following

Letter to him from Captain Cappage ——

General Stuarts Compliments to Mr Hadleton

desires he will Send the inclosed paper in Circulation

Friday Morning ——

From Gent Stuart
inclosing a Letter
from Vellore & Chittore
with accounts of ——
Hyders death ——

Translation of a Persian Letter from Vellore dated 12th December
1782. Received the 19th at Night

By a letter from Benam Shah of the Bulgurs

Packeer (we learn that the Usurper is dead People

have been dispatched to the Enemys Camps to bring

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20 a Confirmation of this Intelligence and he Benam-
shah has written again that he is certainly Dead.
The first letter I have inclosed to the Presence and
the Commander of Vellour has taken the 2d letter
and dispatched it inclosed Besides there a letter
has been received here from Shah ali Hussunee —
Sahib the Contents of which are inclosed —

Substance of Shah ali Hussunees letter

Dated Camp at Chittaur —

Mahomed Sadeck who was formerly
in Arcot has the management of affairs here. the —
large Guns of Arcot and Arnee are sent for to this place
and some heavy baggage is now Actually going off —
for the Bala Ghaut

When the usurper despaired of —
recovering, he sent for Arshedbeg Khan and Augmenting
his monthly allowance to 3000 Rupees desired him
to proceed immediately and take charge of Tippoos
Army. Order Tippoo at the same time to join him
(Hyder) with all possible expedition. In —
consequence of which Arsedbeg Khan set out immediately.

The Army here is in great Consternation
from the belief that the Victorious English forces —
are ready to come against them —

A man having arrived from Tripatoor
acquainting that Tippoo with a body of 400 horse has
arrived at Syringapatam and that the Inhabitants
of Mysore are in great fear and Alarm — doubtless
the Victorious English will soon appear in these
Quarters

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20th Quarters and carry every thing Successfully before them —

Sent letters and Enclosures agreeably to the mintues of the 18th & 19th to the following Persons. — as entered in M.B —

To the Military Paymaster —
Messrs. Holland & Moubray
Mr Kenworthy Agent in Camp
Mr William Ross
Colonel Kennedy
Messrs. Walters Girdleston
& Horseman Surgeons of his — majestys. 73. 78. & 101st Regiment
Docter Davis
The Committee for regulating Surgeons accounts —
Mr James Irwine
Mr Baljir —
Ensign Hall Freer —

Dispatched the following Letters —

To James Daniel Esq.
Chief & Council of —
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam acquainting them with Orders having been Sent to Colonel Jones (by Genl Stuart to comply with their Recommendations & directing them to cultivate a good understanding with the Kings Troops —

We have received your Letter of the 29th Ultimo with its enclosures —, you were certainly right in — supposing that the detachment of the Kings Troops — under the Command of Colonel Jones which had been

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20th been sent to Masulipatam for the assistance and
Security of the Company's Interests there would have
been Stationed wherever you, to whom those Interests
are intrusted should judge they would be most —
conducive to the Public Service — we wished and
and intended it should be so. and since the receipt
of your letters we have required of Major General
Stuart to signify without delay to Lieutenant
Colonel Jones that he is for the future to comply
as far as may be in his power with whatever you —
may desire of him for the Public Service — so that
we hope you will meet with no further difficulties
on this head and we rely on your cultivating the
most perfect good understanding with Colonel Jones
and shewing the utmost attention to the Accomodation
and welfare of his majestys Troops — there is no Seperate
Interest between the Kings and the Company's Servants —
their cause and object are the same, and no disputes
can possibly exist between them if they are both actuated
by a sincere regard for the public Good ——

We are
Gentlemen
your most obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee. —

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James Daniell Esqr.
Chief of Masulipatam
Sir

To Mr. Daniell
referring him to the
President letter of this
date for directions
relative to his conduct
against Appearance —

The Right Honble the President —
having communicated to the Select Committee —
your

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20th your letter of the 30th ultimo. I am directed in answer to refer you to his Lordships letter of the 4th November which fully contains the Ideas and Instructions of the Select Committee on the Subject of Apparoo — they empowered you to consult with the Commanding officer in proper measures for Securing Apparoo and they now leave it to you to act as you shall judge best for the public Service taking care to make it fully known to the Zemindars and the Inhabitants in general that whatsoever Steps you take against Apparoo which have the Appearance of Severity are founded in Necessity and Justice —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) John Huddleston
Sec.y

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21st Received the following Letters —

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

For Capt. Edmonds inclosing an acct of horses purchased for the Company — make no doubt but Venkata Ranze will fulfill the engagements of the late Renter —

My Lord and Gentlemen

Herewith I have the honor to send you an Account of the horses I have purchased for the Honble Company and the money expended for that purpose. the balance remaining in my favor I will draw from Mr. Gardiner giving him any receipt — I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th informing me —

you

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21 you have been pleased to continue Vencata Rauza as Renter of this Country for one year, in condition of his discharging the engagements of the late Rama Chunder Rauze this from their present exertion I have no doubt of their accomplishing. I have the honor to be with the Greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen
your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Edwards Edmonds
Capt. Commt.

Angole 18th December 1782

To The Right Hon.ble Lord, Macartney K. B.

My Lord

yesterday I had the happiness to receive
1750 Pagodas dispatched the 8 ultimo and 1000 the
6 Instant One of the peons was very much cut near
wandewash & left there. but his money was saved
the one missing parted with them at the same time
so that I am afraid his bag is lost. The Enemy's
Camp remains in the same Situation near Chittoor

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
your Lordships most
Obedient Humble Sert
(Signed) John Cuppage

From Capt. Cuppage acknowledging the receipt of 2750 Pag.s apprehensive that one Bag is lost

Vellore
17th December 1782

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

My Lord

I have been honored with your
Directions to assist the Commissioner in collecting
Cattle for the use of the Army. and in consequence
of

From Capt. Scaife all the neighbouring Polygars have been desired to Collect Bullocks the Breach being repaired intends to proceed to madras with all the Europeans & some Bullocks for the use of the Army

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21st of it. have sent letters to all the neighbouring — Palligars desiring them to collect a Sufficient number for that purpose & that they would be duely — paid for all they sent. They are in number eight & the number required from each Palligar is a Hundred Bullocks or Cows & a hundred Sheep & Goats. — but if they did not comply with this — Requisition it would reduce us to the necessity of using force again —

The Breach is now repaired to the hights of the Embrasures — I shall therefore set out for the Presidency this night & bring with me — the Europeans belonging to the 2d Br. 2d Regiment who are well enough to endure the fategues of the March about a hundred & fifty carriage Bullocks for the use of the army with a Sufficient Escort of Sepoys & Palligars — & hope to have the honor of — waiting on your Lordship about the 23d of this month being my Lord with the greatest respect

your very Obedient &
most humble Servant
(Signed) Robert Scauler —

Trepasore —
20th December 1782 —

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

From Capt Campbell advising the Troops having marched to Angola agreably to Orders —

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform you — that the troops marched for Angole this morning —

as

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21 as ordered and that every thing is quiet on the Road & in this District

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect My Lord & Gentlemen Your Obedient & Humble Servant (Signed) Geo: Campbell

Nellore 17 December 1782

Dispatched the following letters

To Captain Edmonds Commanding at Angole Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8 Instant with the answer from Lieutenant Boisdaune to the Renters Complaints against him by which they observe that the two principal facts alledged in those Complaints were true, as it appears from Lieutenant Boisdaune's own confession that he Struck and abused the Renters Peshcar and visited and conversed with the late Armed the first was an act of violence which would not fail to lower the renter in the opinion of the Inhabitants and to indispose them towards the Company and the second must also tend to prejudice the renters authority and Influence In both these Instances therefore the Select Committee Consider Lieutenant Boisdaune as very reprehensible and desire the same

To Captain Edmonds desiring him to inform Lieut Boisdaune that the Comm[e] deem his Conduct very reprehensible with respect to the Renter

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21st same may be Signefied to him but in the hope —
that his future Conduct will prove him sensible
of his error they acquiesce in your Continuing him
on his Command —

I have the honor to be —
Sir your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secy

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To Captain Scouler
Commanding at Tripassoare —

To Capt.n Scouler
acquit him of having
intentionally given
the Renter any cause
of Complaint and
dispenses therefore
with his attendance
at the Presidency —

Sir —

I am directed by the Right —
Honble the President and Select Committee to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
28th November inclosing Copy of that of the 29th October.

The Select Committee are Satisfied
that you did not intentionally give occasion to
the Complaints that were made against you and
they dispense with your attendance here to answer
them —

of the various Calamities which
the Present war has brought upon the poor Inhab.ts
there is none more severe than that which they
must experience in being compelled to yield up
the most valuable part of their property for the
exigencies of the public service & it is equally the
wish and the duty of Government by every possible
means to soften its severity and to prevent them —
from feeling as an oppression a measure which arises
from —

21st from necessity. and which necessity alone can justify

The Select Committee make these observations in the hope and confidence that the same motives which suggest them will on every Occasion influence your conduct towards the Inhabitants around you. and thereby be the means of attaching them to the Company's Government.

The Select Committee also direct you to intimate to your their intire satisfaction with the candid acknowledgement you have made for having omitted to Communicate to them the accident which happened to the wall of Tripassore

I have the honor to be
Sir your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) John Huddleston
Sec.y

For Fort St. George
21st December 1782 ——

Dispatches letters agreeably to the minutes of the 19th Instant (as intered in Miscellany Book.

To
Mr James Grant
Mr Alexander Brodie
Captn James Edington
Mr William Michell
Mr Hugh Maxwell

22d — Received from General Stuart the following Letter to him from Captain Cochrane ——

To General Stuart
Commander in Chief

From Captn Cochrane to Genl Stuart inclosing an extract of news from Angengo with intelligence from Tranquebar ——

Sir —

I did myself the honor of addressing you the 25th & 26th Instant mentioning the news received

22 received at Tranquebar of an action between the
Fleets. no further confirmation of it. the Account
coming from M.r De Castelo Son made me write
it Extract of a letter from M.r Hutchinson
dated Anjengo the 8.th Instant Sir Richard
Bickerton passed the 16.th he had not seen Sir
Edward Hughes or his Fleet. The Active passed
the 15.th but where they came from I have not hear'd
no news of Admiral Hughes on the Malabar
Coast. Eight Battalions of Sepoys to Embark
under the Command of Brigadier General Mathews.
The Ships imagined to be french that were seen
on the Malabar Coast proved to be ours. The
Royal Bishop Captain Mears set out from
England in may last and was lost in September
at Johanna. The Captain of her is arrived in his
long boat at Tellicherry only 35 of the Crew lost
200 Hanoverians that were on board landed at
Johanna. M.r Sullivan mentions that Tippoo was
at Pallecatcherry the 16.th but it was said he had
since advanced nearer to the Malabar Coast.
The French news at Tranquebar is that their
expected Reinforcement that has escaped is
arrived at the Islands. They acknowledge 10 or
12 of their Ships being lost or taken that their men
are very sickly near 2000 being laid up in the
Hospital. They say they have accounts of M.r
Suffrain being at Trincomalie.

I have

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22 I have the honor to be &c.a

(Signed) Spencer Cockrane

Negapatam

29 November 1782 P.S The Packet despatched about 14 days ago from Madras was obliged to be thrown into the Sea off Cuddalore

I am Sorry to Acquaint you Mr. Cockrane Continues much indisposed

Report of Hyders Death confirmed & Intelligence received that a Body of French were on their way to Join Hyders Army

Received from General Stuart a paper of Intelligence (as entered in M B) which confirms the Accounts received of the Death of Hyder ally. and mentions that a Body of 1000 or 1200 French Troops with some Sepoys were at Chittepettah on their way to join Hyders Army

Received the following Letter from Gen.l Stuart

To Mr. Sheddleston

From Genl Stuart expressing his sentiments of the Regulations respecting the Importation of Grain

Sir

This day an Officer from brought me a paper to read of certain regulations concerning the importation of Grain after the 20th of December. It was said to be on the part of Government. I am a member of Government and were it not that I see evident detriment to the Service on which our existence depends. I should not trouble you with my interference or to shew that it is an unnatural Supposition that the Commander in Chief should be excluded from any consultation

Without entering into the Small Grain business I have only to State that the Reservation of Grain in the disposal of Government seems

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22 seems may Ventured to Say is the Surest way to
prevent the importation—

If Grain is allowed to be imported
free as the small Grain every one will be tempted
to Send it

The Gentlemen in the Civil Line—
keeping horses will pay the market prices—

The Gentlemen in the Military
Line and above all the Commanding Officers of
Cavalry having contracts must buy it or give up
their Contracts—

The officers on the Staff from
their allowances must buy it, and with no
Restraint on the Market every importer will
push for this Part

I desire therefore that you will
in Circulation acquaint the Right Honble
President and Select Committee, and enter the
same next Committee, that in my opinion the
Regulations in Council will defeat the very
purpose meant, & that Grain ought to be fully
as free as the small Grain, mention'd in the paper
I by chance saw this morning—
and also that after the most
extraordinary expence which the public have
been at to keep up the native Cavalry. This
Government whether as a Council from which
I am at present excluded, or as a Select Committee
of

22d of which I am a member without knowing any-
thing officially of Revenue or Stores of any kind
whither Rice or Provisions will in fact be
Instrumental in depriving the Publick of the
Service of that very valuable Corps of Cavalry.
recommended in every letter of his Excellency
the Commander in Chief to me to be kept up
because without full grain the Horses must
perish in less than five weeks from the opening
of next Campaign. & because next to Rice for this
Army Grain for the Horses is the Consideration

gram

gram For Ft St George
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(Signed) James Stuart

Received the following letter from Captain
Edmonds —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Capt. Edmonds
transmits to Masulipt.
Indents of Stores &c.
forwards to the Collectors
Rajah & the Council
of Bellary the letters
inclosed to him & will
observe every Oeconomy
in repairing the Breach
in the Fort Wall —

I have the honor to receive —
your letter of the 12th informing me that you have
written to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam
to furnish me with 20 Artillery Men and to comply
with my Indents for Guns. Ammunitions. Stores
& Lascars as far as they may be able consistently with
their own Safety. I have done myself the honor to
furnish the Gentlemen of Masulipatam with Indents
for such things as I am at present occurs to me that
I am in want of and flatter myself they will find.

no

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22 no difficulty in complying with them — The Training Carriage Bullocks may occasion a little delay but I shall spare no pains to obviate it as much as possible —

I have had the honor to receive letters from the Right Honble Lord Macartney inclosing a letter to the Calastry Rajah also from the Vencatagherry Rajah to the Killadar of Pollore both of which I have forwarded as directed and hope they will produce the desired effects —

The report of Hyders death prevails throughout the whole Country. It is Generally believed but as yet I have had no authentic accounts — I have sent for people to repair the Breach in the Fort wall and shall observe every necessary Oeconomy in doing it —

I shall do myself the honor to — inform you when the detachment is completed for taking the field and flatter myself my Conduct in this business will be such as to merit the confidence you are pleased to place in me —

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen
your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Edward Edmonds
Capt. Commt.
Dispatches

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Ongole —
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22 Dispatched the following Letter to the —
Governor General & Council —

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

To Bengal — entertain no doubt of Hyders Death: a detachmt. of French march from Cuddalore to join his Army. every exertion used to put our Army in motion & to avail ourselves of the Event of Hyders death — lament is our ignorance of the Negociations of the Government & our want of authority to take advantage of the present moment by Concluding a favorable Peace —

We have the honor to acquaint you that no doubt seems any longer to be entertained of the death of Hyder ally which is said to have taken place between the 4th and 8th Instant: But great pains have been taken to conceal the fact from his Army. His Son Tippoo Saib is said to have been absent at the time, at the head of the considerable Detachment which Hyder had found necessary to send to the Southward to obstruct the progress of Colonel Humberston and Colonel Lang. — Intelligence is also received that a party consisting of 500 French and Two Battalions of Sepoys with five Guns marched from Cuddalore on the news of Hyders death with a probable intent either of reinforcing the Garrisons of Gingee or Permacoil or of going to Chittore for the purpose of assisting to check disturbances likely to arise in the Camp there, which is said to be surrounded by Guards — to prevent desertion of which however we already have hear'd some instances. — It would probably encrease very much on the approach or even the movement of our Army. Every order depending on the

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22 the Committee for enabling it to march has been already given, and Major General Stuart assures us that no time shall be lost to put it in Motion We have taken every Step within our power to favor the disunion and dispersion of the Enemys forces and for the restoration of the Carnatic to the Obedience of his Highness the Nabob and the Company. But we are equally precluded by our Ignorance of the State of your General Negociations with the powers of Indostan, and by act of Parliament from entering upon any negociation which the present moment might render favorable to the Welfare of the Company. That part of your letter of the 19th October in answer to our request for your explicit Instructions and Opinion on what you might consider such a case of imminent necessity as might warrant us to act on our own Authority, and what might be the most judicious Plan for us to adopt, as well as the most consistent with our General System having added nothing either to our Information or Authority. We shall refer to your Board any proposals for Peace which may be sent to us, unless the Arrival of the French in great force, or some unexpected danger should place us beyond all doubt in the Situation in which the Parliament allows and our necessity would Compell us, to terminate a Treaty without Reference or delay —

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We are &c.
Macartney &c. Committee

The President having proposed in —
Committee

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22 Committee of the 18th Instant to write to Colonel Lang and Mr Sulivan relative to the Nabobs Complaint of the indecent and disrespectfull behaviour said to have been shewn to his Family by some persons under the Authority of this Govermt in the Fort of Trichenapoly. the following letter to them is now dispatched with a Copy of Hes Highness's Letter of the 15th Instant and the Presidents answer thereto —

To Colonel Ross Lang & John Sulivan Esqrs
Resident — Tanjore

To Mr John Sulivan & Colonel Lang desiring that an Enquiry may be made into the cause of the Nabobs Complaint of disrespect having been offered to his Family at Trichenapoly —

Gentlemen

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of a letter which I lately received from his Highness the Nabob together with a Copy of my answer in which you will perceive how little I think it likely that the persons invested with Authority from the Company at Trichenopoly could have given cause for the Complaint of disrespect towards his Highness which is the Subject of his letter — It neither mentions the time when this offence is supposed to have been committed nor the names of the Offenders — But I request you will make an immediate Enquiry & Endeavour to find out and communicate to me the Circumstances if any which may have given rise to this Complaint

The Court of Directors and their Representatives would

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22 would feel a just indignation against any insolence of indecent or disrespectfull behaviour on the part of any person under their Authority towards His Highness or any part of his Family —

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) Macartney —

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22 December 1782 —

Sent the following letter to Mr Hugh Maxwell

To Mr Hugh Maxwell

To Mr Maxwell cannot grant him Bills on England for Colonel Nixons arrears of Pay but will pay him part in money & give Bills on Bengal for the remainder —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th of November — enclosing Colonel Nixon's Account with the Honble Company and to inform you that they cannot Consent to grant Bills on England for any part of his arrears of pay but that they have agreed to pay them in money as late a period as the other officers of the Army have been paid and to give Bills on Bengal for the remainder and for the money he has advanced to the Paymaster at the rate of 4 Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas —

I am Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) John Huddleston Secy

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22 December 1782 —

23 — Received letter from Captain Trent (as entered in M. B.) desiring that the Off reckonings now due to him for two years and a half in the Sepoy Corps may —

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23 may be discharged by Bills on Bengal —

Ordered that Captain Trent be directed to apply to the Military Agent from whom he will receive the offreckonings due to him to as late a period as they have been received by the other officers of Sepoy Corps —

Received overland from Tillechery the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes —

Lord Macartney K B &c.
Select Committee of Madras — (Triplicate)

My Lord & Gentlemen

I am extremely sorry the blowing weather on the 15th of last month obliged me to leave Madras Road sooner than I intended with his Majesty's Squadron under my Command on the night of that day His Majesty's Ship Superb lost Her main & mizen masts & Foretop mast & was in great danger of Sinking Several of the other Ships of the Squadron then and Since have also lost their Topmasts & the Wind continuing to blow from the N. E & the Current setting to the Southward I did not think it possible with the disabled Ships to recover Madras road again & therefore proceeded Leward Bombay for their refit but have been greatly delayed by calms and Contrary Winds I have thought it necessary to dispatch his majesty's Ship Seahorse to Anjango with this Letter in Treplicate to be forwarded by the Company's Present there to inform you His majesty's Squadron is so far on its way to Bombay & that I have hitherto

From Sir Edward Hughes several of his majesty's Ships greatly damaged by the high Winds — finding it impossible to recover madras intends to proceed to Bombay to refit has received no — Intelligence of Sir Richard — Bickertons Squadron or of the active

Presidency

heard

23 he hitherto heared nothing of Commodore Sir Richard —
Becher Bart or any part of His Squadron or Convoy nor
of Captain Mackenzie of his Majesty's Frigate the
Active Sent to Madras for the Officers & recovered Men
of the Squadron after the blowing Weather but so soon
as he joins me which I expect will be at Anjengoo or —
Tellicherry. I shall order him to proceed to his Station
for the protection of the Ships & Vessels sailing between
Madras Road & Bengal — I have the honor to be —
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Edward Hughes —

Sultan off Point de Gaule
the 17th November 1782 —

— Received the letters from Wadcott & the Subject of
Bullocks with a list of those purchased by him at
different times for the use of the Army. as ordered in
Miscellany Book —

Dispatched the following letter by a Pattamar
to the President and Select Committee of Bombay —
with the Several Inclosures therein mentioned —

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr
President &^c Members of the Select Committee
at Bombay

To Bombay advising of the death of Hyder ally - inclosing copies of the last dispatches to Bengal communicating our Ideas on this Event on the Subject of the proposed Negociation with the Rana of Mysore

Honble Sir & Sirs

From the date of our Address to you
by the Royal Henry nothing Material for your —
information has occurred on the State of Public affairs
in the Carnatic until the beginning of the present —
month when Hyder ally expired at Chittoor —
after

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mysore respecting our sentiments of the probable Consequence of Hyders death with respect to the Operations of the present war & of the French Fleet.

after having for sometime withheld our belief of this event we at length venture to announce it to you as certain upon the Authority of a great Number of concurring Letters and Intelligence received from Various quarters every day for this fortnight past all Conforming the fact of his having died between the 4 and 8 Instant

We transmit you Copies of our three last letters to the Governor General and Council which contain a full Communicate of our Ideas upon this Event and our hopes of the good consequences it may produce to the Companys affairs; we beg leave also to refer you to those letters and to the papers which accompany them for our proceedings and the Sentiments we entertain respecting the Southern Operations in which you are likely to bear so Considerable a share Mr Sullivan has agreeably to our Orders written to you from time to time and in particular we find has communicated to you his negotiation with the Rana of Mysore and the Agreement he has lately executed with her against least his dispatches to you should miscarry Copies of them & of our last letter to him are included in our present Packet you will observe we have gone as far as our limitted powers from it to confirm the agreement and give effect to his plan of Cooperation with your Army how far the proposed Cession of the provinces of Sounda and Anore would be advantageous to the Companys Interests under your Presidency you must be

23 be the proper Judges—

We much approve the measure
Mr Sullivan has taken to provide against the
difficulty which General Mathews might find in
procuring Bullocks for his Army. should those
which Mr Sullivan has prepared be wanted we hope
a Plan may be concerted for having them Conveyed
to him—

We think it Probable that Tippoo
Saibs immediate Object will be to come to an
accomodation with the Company; good policy will
naturally dictate this to him as the first Step
towards establishing himself in the power and extensive
dominions of his Father. who having obtained them
by violence and Injustice it may be expected that some
of those whose rights he had usurped will avail
themselves of the Present Juncture to attempt the
recovery of them— But should Tippoo Saib adopt an
Opposite line of Conduct an Invasion of his dominions
were before he will have had time to take possession
of them Conducted by so able and experienced an
officer as General Mathews will, We trust, produce that
which we should esteem the most Compleat success—
a safe and honorable peace which we look to as to
the only event that can restore the Company's authority
and Influence and which may gradually relieve
them from the heavy load of debts they have contracted
and the losses they have Sustained during the war

and ...

23 and give Security and Stability to all their Establishments

The probability of the French and Dutch making an Attack upon Negapatam and the Southern Countries renders it prudent for Colonel Lang to — Consider their protection as his first Object we have given him however a discretional latitude and — should Tippoo Saib withdraw his Troops from the Southward in consequence of the death of his Father we hope Colonel Long will be able to cooperate — effectually with General Matthews. —

Our only Intelligence of Sir — Edward Hughes Since he sailed from the Coast is — contained in a letter which we received yesterday from himself dated off Point de Galle the 17 ultimo both our Squadrons ~~are~~ this are at Bombay. and in the — copper'ed Bottom Ships alone Sir Edward Hughes — in our Opinion posesses the means of distroying the french power in India we therefore now write to him earnestly recommending his coming round with those Ships without a moments delay. and we doubt — not but you will unite your endeavors with ours to prevail on him to adopt a measure on which the Interest of our Employers are so deeply Concerned —

We have as yet nothing more than vague — report to respecting the French Fleet some of which say they are gone to the Islands and others to Batavia we rather incline to the latter Opinion and think it

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23 it not improbable that our first certain Intelligence of them may be given by their Appearance in these Roads —

We have the Honor to be
Honble Sir and Sirs —
your most obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney &c.
Sel Committee

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Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr
Governor General and Council
Fort William

To Bengal —
inclosing letter
received from Sir
Edward Hughes —

Gentlemen

This moment the inclosed Letter has been received which brings us the first authentic Intelligence of Sir Edward Hughes since his departure from hence on the 15 of October last — Having had no account of the French Squadron for a very considerable time past or any of their Frigates appearing on the Coast, I am disposed to think they are gone either to Batavia or Mauritius to refit. If I flatter myself our Army here will be able to take the field in a few days —

You may be assured that no exertion has been wanting on my part to accelerate its movement — It is now so late I have only time to add that I have the honor to be with the greatest

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23 greatest respect

Gentlemen

your most obedient
& faithful humble Servt
(Signed) Macartney

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regard to the Enemy —

Tuesday —
24 December 1782

At a Select Committee summoned on —

Military affairs present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K B. President
Anthoney Sadleir Esq Major General James Stuart
Alexander Davidson Esq

Minutes of last Committee read and Approved —

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer —

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

From the Chief Engineer requesting that the Commd. officer at Poonamallee may be directed to attend to the Preservation of the Buildings on the Glacis & to the Soldiers Barracks and recommending that that the latter be so far finished as to prevent their falling into decay

My Lord & Gentlemen

In Consequence of a Report —

I lately received from Poondamallee that some —
attempt had been made to damage a Part of the Wood
work in the Companys Buildings on the Glacis —
I beg leave to request your Lordship &c. will be —
pleased to direct the Commanding officer of that
Garrison to pay particular attention to the Preservation
of

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of these Buildings which from being at present —
uninhabited and without the Fort are very liable to
accident— at the same time I must beg leave to Solicit
your Lordships &c attention to the Soldiers Barracks
one of these Buildings which was left in great
forwardness at the Commencement of the War the Walls
and part of the Varanda Chiefly raised the Arches —
turned and part of the Roof put on but not covered in,
These Walls being formed of Brick & Clay must have
must have suffered from Standing three Monsoons
in this State & I would therefore beg leave to recommend
that as soon as it can be effected with Convenience —
they should be so far finished as to prevent their receiving
further Injury from the Weather. The Officers Quarters
& Hospital which were not long compleated and
inhabited when the Army first took the Field in
the year 1780 received considerable Injury from the
Followers on its return from Conjeveram in — September
of that year Several Doors and Windows were removed
and burned & the Contractor at the same time Sustained
much damage in the loss of a Quantity of materials
he had Provided for the Completion of the Barrack —

I have the honor to be with respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
most Humble Servant
(Signed) Patrick Ross —
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer —

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18th December 1782 —

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The Committee cannot at present put the Company to any extraordinary expence or Account of the Buildings at Poondamallee further than may be necessary to prevent their falling into decay —

No further Expence to be incurred on the above Account than what is absolutely necessary to preserve the Buildings from the Injuries of the Weather —

Read the following letter from General Stuart with enclosure from Sir John Burgoine —

Mr Hudleston

Sir,

From the General Stuart inclosing letter from Sir John Burgoyne respecting his allowances and mentioning that a quantity of Gram will be wanted for the Horses expected from Bengal to mount Genl Burgoyne's Regiment

I have just received the Inclosed letter from Major General Sir John Burgoine which you will please to send in Circulation to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee — and acquaint them at the same time, that by my latest intelligence there will be sent by Sea from Bengal Horses to mount Sir John's — Reg^t. and that Gram will be wanted for them here — in addition to the quantity I mentioned many Weeks ago. for the black Cavalry &c^a —

I have the honor to be —
Sir
your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) James Stuart

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11th December 1782 —

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The days orders having announced me major General in this Army. I beg leave through you to know what allowances as such the President and Council intend to give me —

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) John Burgoyne
major General

Choultry Plain
12th
December 10 - 1782

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as the directors have made no mention of Sir John Burgoyne as a Major General and have not given him any rank in their Service the Committee feel themselves under great difficulties with regard to his application as they imagine the directors either did not advert to his Situation or if they did advert to it did not think proper to order any provision for it desirous however of marking their attention to Sir John Burgoyne the Committee are disposed to do all that is in their power on this occasion and it is therefore agreed that he be allowed the British pay of a Major General in addition to the other allowances which he is to drawn as Colonel according to the Statement lately published

Sir John Burgoyne in addition to his Stated allowances to draw the British Pay of a Major General till the Company's Pleasure shall be known

draw

The Committee venture upon this measure in the particular case of Sir John Burgoyne till they shall receive Instructions from the Court of Directors from whose regulations and Instructions in all other points they must be uncommonly careful not to deviate

tentions

Read the following letter from Doctor Anderson

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

From the Surgeon General with his Opinion relative to the Applications for Establishing an Hospital Contract at Ellore

My Lord and Gentlemen

Having received letters by order of the Chief and Council of Masulipatam inclosing Copies of Applications to them from Mr. Westan and Mr. Anderson for holding an Hospital Contract at

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at Ellore and desiring me to inform their Secretary —
what is the Practice here when Kings and Company —
Troops are doing duty in the same garrison together —
deeming however any Answer from me to them irregular
and liable to produce confusion in the Service. I have
thought it my duty to lay this matter before you, with
the following Observations —

That Mr. Weston is appointed only —

as far as I am acquainted to do the duty of Regimental —
Surgeon with the detachment of his Majestys 102 —
Regiment and Mr. Anderson that of Ellore where the
Surgeons have never held a Contract for the Sick of a —
Detachment and it would be well to recommend to
these two Gentlemen to be Satisfyed with an attention
to their respective dutys —

The Chief and Council may be —

assured by you more properly than me I conceive the
ill tendency of making distinc— tions between his —
Majestys and the Honble Company's Troops in matters
of this Sort, what has been found to answer for the One —
may ceteris paribus Succeed better than new Experiments
for the other, and of one thing I am Confident the Inland
Situation of Ellore will not be so eligible for the Sick
during the hot months as the Sea Coast, and therefore —
cannot recommend any Contract Hospital to be held
elsewhere in these three Circars than at Masulipatam
to which the Sick may be occasionally removed in
Dooleys or Palankins —

There

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There are already 50 men of that Detachment sick in Hospital at Masulepatam and to establish another Contract Hospital appears to me fraught only with an excuse for saving a little expence in Dooley hire—

I have the honor to be with due Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
and very Humble Servant
(Signed) Jam.s Anderson
Surgeon—

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Dec.r 23.d 1782—

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam with directions to take the matter into consideration and if their Sentiments upon it should correspond with those of Docter Anderson to adopt the measure he has recommended—

An Indent of Cloth wanted for Cloathing the Corps of light Infantry in the Tinnevelly Country having been made by the Attorney of Lieutenant Hugh Wheeler the Commanding Officer of that Corps it is agreed that the said Corps be Cloathed and paid exactly in the same manner as the other Battalions that is to say paid by the Paymaster and Cloathed by the Agent for Sepoy Cloathing— X

The Corps of light in the Tinnevelly Country to be paid by the Paym.r & to be Cloathed by the Sepoy Agent.

General Stuart informs the Committee that

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That Colonel Jones was to march the 19th with his Majesty's Troops from Masulipatam to Ellaur and that the two Battaleans of Sepoys marched from Nellaur to Angole the 17th Instant

Read the following letter and proceedings from the Committee of Works with the papers mentioned therein as lodged in the Office—

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

From the Committee of Works enclosing Extracts of their Proceedings—

My Lord and Gentlemen—

We have received Mr. Secretary Hudleston's Letter of the 21st November accompanying—

The proposals for Supplying Bricks and Chunam and agreeably to the Order of your Lordships &c. Communicated in that letter we have maturely Considered the Subject with the view of suggesting some Mode by which the—Necessary Supplies of those Articles may be insured—upon Attention to the Present highly advanced prices of—Labar, of ferewood, and of every other Article necessary for—the Provision of Bricks and Chunam being fully Convinced that as was by no means likely that those materials could be procured in any way—but by Contract with Mr. James Johnson (if he would have engaged for One year Only) on terms so advantageous to the Company as those mentioned in his proposal for the first year of the three for which it is—formed, we applied to him to know whether he would enter into Contract for One year on the Terms of his proposal but

were

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were sorry to find them declining any engagement for so short a period —

As the advertizement made by your Lordships &c.a has not been productive of any eligible proposal for Supplying Bricks and Chunam by Contract, we know of Any one other mode by which those Articles may be provided that is by an Agent on account of the Company. and in Consideration of the pressing representations of the Chief Engineer of the necessity there is for a provision of the Materials requisite for a Seige and for a Supply of Bricks and Chunam. and of the danger which in Certain events may result from the want of them we take the liberty of recommending to your Lordships &c.a that this mode may be adopted for the present to procure whatever may be thought necessary —

If this recommendation meet the approbation of your Lordships &c.a we would request that you will authorize us to give notice that such mode will be adopted, so that those who may be inclined to engage in conducting the business may apply to us for the necessary information respecting it.

2nd We also request that your Lordships &c.a will instruct us what Assurances to give respecting resources for the payment of Bricks and Chunam and other requisite materials which may be delivered in this way —

We herewith lay before your Lordships &c.a an Extract from our proceedings of the 5th. Instant Containing

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Containing a minute delivered in by Colonel Ross with our Opinion on the Several parts of it — also Copies of papers which Accompanied it and are there in referred to —

We also lay before your Lordships &c.a an Extract from our proceedings of the 8th instant containing our Opinions on Mr. Garrow's letter to Colonel Ross which we Submit to the Consideration of your Lordships &c.a —

We are with great respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
your most Obedient &
most Humble Servants
Alexander Davidson
Edward Saunders
Robert Barclay —
Patrick Ross
Geo. Maule

Fort St. George
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Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works
Dated 5th December 1782 —

The Committee having read and attentively considered the following Minutes delivered in by Colonel Ross with the Several papers therein referred to and Entered hereafter proceed to minute their — resolution on each Paragraph of it

Colonel Ross Minutes	Resolution of the Committee
Par. 1 — The Chief Engineer informs the Committee that he sometime since addressed the Right Honble the — President and the Select Committee on	Par. 1 — Resolved that the list delivered in by Colonel Ross of Stores wanting for the defence of Fort St. George be laid before the Select Committee

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on the Subject of deficiences of the Stores for the defence of the Garrison in the Engineers Department and as several of the Stores lie within the Province of the Committee of Works to direct the Provision of the days before the Committee the accompanying List of all such as come under that discription in the procuring which he does not doubt every Exertion in the Committee when they shall be honored with the Commands of the Select Committee on this Subject

they

Para: 2 — The Committee of Works will Observe the great diffuciency in the Number of Gabions Fascines and Puquets for the Garrison Stores and Colonel Ross earnestly recommends that such Steps be speedily taken as shall best insure a provision of these Articles so essential to the defence of the Place — He represents that most of the Fascines now in Store were made up in the year 1778 and have been preserved since the period by occasionally remaking them with fresh Branches.

that

The Committee whose Orders thereon it is agreed to request may be Communicated to this Committee as soon as Possible that what they may be pleased to direct in respect to the provision of Articles so essentially necessary may be Carried into execution without delay —

Para: 2 Resolved to recommend that a further Supply of these Articles be procured and as the Committee understand that there are several small Vessels now at Publicat which cannot return to the Northern Ports for same time and which may be employed in bringing down Fascines &c. to Madras agreed to recommend that endeavours be used to hire for this purpose —

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them

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The quantity provided by the
Contractor at Chicaracolah
and now lying at that place
must be perishing very fast
for want of looking after such
of them as still remain —
good should be brought
hither as soon as possible —
The accompanying Calculate
of the Expence of providing
the Several Articles is
formed on the prices such
materials bore antecedant
to the troubles in the Country
the present increased prices
of every Article will Course
render a considerable advance
except for the Gabions Fascines
and Hurdles necessary This
will more fully appear from
the Comparative view in
Mr. Garrows Letter of the prices
advanced him by the Company
at the period of their entering
into a Contract with him
and such are at this time
incurred —

Para: 3. The Completing the
Palisdoes of the Fort and —
laying in a Store of spare —
Palisdoes are Objects of much
importance, and should be
attended to without delay —

Para: 3 — Resolved to recommend
that Redwood for Completing
the Palisedoes be procured —

Para 4

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Para 4 Colonel Ross lays before the Committee a letter he has received from the Contractor for Repairs — setting forth the great — difficulty and Expence he has been at in making — and procuring materials for the Purpose of Complying with such Orders as he has long since received to this Representation Colonel Ross cannot too earnestly call the attention of the Committee as Several — essential Works formerly recommended, and even — such repairs as are already in hand cannot be Completed without some Mode is adapted for providing Materials — The advanced expence of every article appears by the Statement Subjoined to Mr. Garrans Letter —

Para 4 — Resolved to postpone the Consideration of Mr Garrans Letter till the 8th Instant when it is Agreed to meet for that purpose —

Para 5 Colonel Ross informs the Committee that in — Consequence of the permission given him by the Select — Committee to form and keep up an Establishment of Artificers for the Constant repair of the fortifications Consisting of 20 Bricklayers. 12 Smiths. 12 Carpenters &

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Para 5 Resolved that the Eight inform Lascars be put on the Invalid List

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50 Lascars he applied to the
President of this Committee
for the Lascars who not being
able to Supply him from
the Garrison Establishment
proposed that Colonel Ross
should raise that Number
and attach them to the Pioneer
Company of Lascars which
he informs the Committee
he has in consequence done
he begs leave to acquaint
the Committee that there
are 8 Lascars of the Pioneer
Company unfit for Service
from their Age and infirmities
& therefore recommends they
may be put on the List of
Invalid Lascars that he may
supply their places with
good and able bodied men

Para. 6th Colonel Ross begs
leave to repeat his wish
that the managers of the
Theatrical Society be
addressed from the Committee
to request they will without
loss of time remove the
ruins of the Old Play house
from the Island the Ground
which Clear of all Hutts
and Incumberances would
afford him the highest
Satisfaction

Para. 6th Resolved that the
Clerk do write accordingly
to the managers of the Theatrical
Society

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Satisfaction He further recommends that such Steps be taken as are Necessary to Secure the Timber remaining from the Old Play House — and belonging to the Company for the Publick Service —

7th Colonel Ross lays before the Committee a List of Such Timber private property as remained on the Beach and in the Black Town after the late Gale of Wind, these he thinks may serve as a resource in case of Necessity —

7th Resolved that a Copy of this List be laid before the Select Committee —

Para. 8th Colonel Ross represents to the Committee that Considerable Quantity of Chevaux de frees placed on the Beach for Security of the Grain landed there was destroyed in the late Storm and as this formed a part of the Stores for the defence of the Place he has to request Orders be issued that it may be immediately replaced —

8th Resolved to request the Orders of the Select Committee on this Subject —

Para. 9th Colonel Ross lays before the Committee a List of the Repairs necessary to the several Companys

9th Resolved to lay the List of Repairs before the Select Committee and to request their Orders for directing the Execution of them —

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Companys Buildings &c. in the Fort under his Charge which he recommends may be undertaken as soon as materials can be provided. The Oeconomy and Advantage of early repair where it is requisite are too Obvious to need much — insisting —

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

Agreed that Colonel Ross minute with the Resolution of this Committee thereon and the Papers which accompanied it be laid before the Select Committee —

A true Extract
John Balfour
Clk to the Committee of Works

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Works Dated the 8th December 1782 —

Read the following letter from Mr Edward Garrow to Colonel Ross delivered in by the Colonel at last Committee and then Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration —

Lieutenant Colonel Ross.
Chief Engineer

Sir

I have received a letter from the Committee of Stores desiring to be informed when Paving to the Magazine in the South Curtain will be completed fit for the reception of Powder and that the Traverse in Front of the

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The Magazine in the South West Curtain late ly built and Arched in Clay should be compleated in Chunam

I think it Necessary Sir to State to you some Circumstances and difficulties that I have met with which I presume you cannot be acquainted with I have not been furnished with materials from the Contractors for the publick Works for near two years the greatest part used at the Powder mills, Hospital Banqueting and other places within that period. I have procured at an extravagant advanced price Bricks in particular I have had burnt at the rate of three Hundred Pagodas ₱ Lack — The Firewood which is used for this Business used to be bought for Three and four Pagodas ₱ Thousand before the commencement of the troubles but now it sells for twelve and fourteen Pagodas the Thousand this owing to the encouragement small Vessells have to bring grain in preference to Firewood and the supplies by land for publick purposes having been totally cut off since the war with Hyder —

By the assistance of Captain Smith at Pullicat I have at different times brought down Chunam by Sea. I paid for it at the rate of Six Parahs ₱ Pagoda the hire of Vessels to bring it increased the price 100 ₱ Cent exclusive of Boat hire at Madras — so that this Article bears an equally advanced price with the Bricks: Charcoal for Working Iron, Copper and Brass is increased to double its former price —

I have

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I have Bought Teakwood for to compleate the powder Works and Hospital at one and half Pagodas the rough Foot this is Sixty p Cent more than I am allowed by the Company without the Diminution of loss I sustain in working of it up. the expence I am at in falling it where wanted, and the labor of my artificers on the material I shall with the greatest chearfulness make every exertion in my power to compleat the Works that are in hand as soon as the Weather will admit of it. and as I have the several Bills for materials supplied I shall leave it to the Gentlemen of the Committee of Works to make me such an allowance as they think adequate, and have subjoined the prices allowed me by the Company for several materials and the prices I now actually pay for them myself which are known to every person conversant in business in the place. Several Vessells that have brought Grain this Season I understand are at Pulicat as they cannot return to the Northern Ports for two months to come. I submit it Sir to your whether it might not be made worth their while to bring down a considerable quantity of shells from thence for the Traverses to the Powder Magazines and those part of the Works which it is essintialy necessary should be Compleated, I am confident it might be easily done and would readily offer my Services to go there on the occasion. I am Sir.

your very Obedient
and most Humble Servant
(Signed) Edward Garrow

A True Copy
John Balfour
Sec.y to the Board of Works

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Prices allowed by the Company—		Prices now paid by the Contractor
Bricks	105 ℳ p Lack	300 Pagodas p Lack
Chunam	9½ Parras p Pagd.	3½ Parras p Pagoda
Charcoal	9½ Do p Pagoda	6 Do p Pagd & Boathire
Teakwood	21 fanams p foot Worked	17½ foot p rough
Palmeiras	12 p 100	30 Pagd p 100
Reepers	2½ p 100	11 Pagd Do
Jaggery	10 p Candy	34 Pagd p Candy
Linseed Oil	½ ℳ Gallon	1½ p Gallon
Varalties for Burning Tyles & Cart hire	100 ℳ fanam 50 p Ct advanced	40 Varalties p fanam 50 p Ct advanced

A True Copy
J Balfour
Clk to the Comm. of Works

The Contractors for Bricks and Chunam having failed to supply the necessary quantity of those articles the Committee believe that Mr. Garrow must have laboured under disadvantages in procuring them and they are sensible that the prices of Charcoal Firewood &c.a are considerably risen—

It likewise consists with their knowledge that the price of Teak Timber is very materially heightened—

On Mr. Garrows Representation in his Letter dated 15 August to the Committee of the want of Bricks and Chunam and his offer to provide what should be sufficient to complete the Works he then had in hand it was agreed in Committee the 16 August that he should be directed to procure what he might

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might be found Necessary. that he should charge the exact cost of them. and that a reasonable allowance should be made him for his trouble. On the same principle the Committee are now of Opinion, that Mr. Garrow is entitled to an allowance adequate to the increased Price of other materials which he may purchase for the Company's Works. and it is Agreed that enquiry be made into the present prices of such Articles.

Resolved that Mr. Garrow be called on to prepare and to lay immediately before the Committee his accounts with them to the 16 August the Date of the Order to him for Providing Bricks and Chunam, from which time allowance is to be made him on those Articles agreeably to the resolution of the Committee.

A True Extract
J. Balfour
Clk to the Comm.rs of Works

Minutes of the Select Committee thereon

The Committee having considered the foregoing proceedings of the Committee of Works, come to the following resolutions.

That as no eligible proposal has been received for supplying Brick & Chunam by Contract

The Comm.rs of Works to be authorized to supply the Company with Bricks and Chunam by the means of an Agent

the Committee of Works be authorized to adopt the mode of providing those Articles by an agent for the present. and to cause due notice to be given accordingly. and finally to adjust the matter as shall appear to them best for the Interest of the Company.

That respecting Resources for the

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The agent to be advanced as much Cash as the State of the Treasury will admit & to be paid the remainder by Bills on Bengal

The payment of Bricks and Chunam and other requisite Materials such advances be made to the Committee of Works from time to time as the State of the Treasury will permit and the Agent must receive a part of his money in Bills on Bengal

approve of the proposal of hiring Vessells at Pulicat to bring down Fascines Gabions &c

That they entirely approve of the recommendation of the Committee of Works to hire small Vessels at Pallicat to bring down Fascines Gabions Hurdles &c and as Mr Garraw has offered to go to Pulicat to procure Vessels to bring down Shells That the said Committee be authorized and desired to obtain his assistance in effecting both those objects and in arranging with Mr Desouza for such articles as are at Chickeracolah

That 6000 Pagodas be advanced to the Committee of Works and Bills granted to them on Bengal for 8000 Pagodas to provide the Stores recommended by the Chief Engineer

That it is observed with regard to the List of Stores laid before the Committee of Works by Colonel Ross that the State of the Finances is such as absolutely requires that no expence should be incurred which can possibly be dispensed with and it is hoped that with proper Management and oeconomy 12000 Pagodas will be Sufficient to procure every Article that is absolutely necessary That that sum be accordingly advanced to the Committee one third in Money and two thirds in Bills on Bengal

approve of the other recommendations of the Committee of Works

That they approve of the other recommendations of the Committee of Works that they are of opinion Colonel Ross should apply to

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to the managers of the Theatrical Society and obtain
the Timbers Remaining from the old Play House —
belonging to the Company that he likewise agree with
those private persons who have timber on the Beach for
the price of Such as may be required for the publick
Service, and report the same to the Committee of Works —

That the Chevaux de frize destroyed

by the late Gale of Wind be replaced —

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Received the following Letters.-

Right Honble Lord Macartney

Governor &c Select Committee -

My Lord & Gentlemen/

I was Honoured with yours of the 18th Instant only last night & beg leave to assure you the strictest attention shall be paid to your Orders tho there is no doubt of Hyders death the Enemy have still parties over the Country & the French are yet in the Neighbourhood of Chitapeat - a Detachment of Sepoys I sent to the Westward of Permacoil after Cattle were attacked on the 20th by a party of Peons & a few Horse however they brought off about Twelve Hundred head with only the loss of two of the drivers I have this day sent them to Capt Caterson to be forwarded to the Army.-

From Capt Crawford- no doubt remaining of Hyder's Death, but parties of Horse are still over the Country, & the French in the neighbourhood of Chittapet: — collects a number of Bullocks —

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obed. Humble Servant

(signed) Arthr Crawford

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To the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen -

I have to inform you that a detachment of the French troops came to Ginga five days ago & that the

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From Capt. Flint – advising of the arrival of a Detachment at Ginjee consisting of 1500 French & 3000 Sepoys – wait the Return of a person who had been deputed to Hydors Camp –

to
25. the General joined them yesterday morning with all the effective Europeans from Chelumbrum & Cudalore, their force now in the neighbourhood of Ginjee is about 1500 European and 3000 Sepoys they have with them forty guns. my harcars assure me that they left neither man or thing at Cuddalore that was possible to bring with them, they are not expected to move from their present encampment 'till the return of a French gentleman who went to Hydors Camp at Chittoor four days ago –

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient and
very humble Servant –
(Signed) W. Flint

Wandewash
20th Dec. 1782

Recd from General Stuart the following Letters to him from Capt. Flint and Captain Campbell

To Major General James Stuart –

From Capt. Flint – with a Confirmation of the above Intelligence

Sir/

Yesterday the French General with all the effective Europeans joined their Camp at Tullapatt by the best accounts from Cuddalore they have taken with them every thing of value and left the Fort under the Care of four or five Hundred men black & white such as were considerd unfit for field Service 2000 of Hydors people remain near Cudalore I understand they are to join the Camp that Tippoo Saib formerly Commanded on its Coming to Shungemah – The night before

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25th before the French marched from Cudalore they had lights all night on the top of the flag Staff but no appearance of Ships the next day. its whispered their Ships have intirely left the Country, they are not expected to march from Pattapett for three or four days. all the Coolies they can they are collecting — their guns about forty great & Small —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient &
very humble Servant
(signed) Wm. Flint

Wandewash
20th Dec.r 1782

To Major Genl. James Stuart
Commander in Chief &a &a &c

Sir/

I Received your Letter of the 15th, on the 18th and yesterday Morning all the Bullocks & followers setout for Madras except those you ordered to Ongole which are also sentoff — I have had no Letter from Government — The Guns were not sent as the Carriages were found unserviceable — I hear they are going on very well & I hope they will join Lieut.t Cox at Durgapatam to Morrow as the Road is quite Clear — I sent to the Amildar to collect some sheep & Bullocks for Slaughter but he told me he had no orders — I was prevented by sickness from writing sooner —

From Capt.n Campbell — all the Bullocks & Followers set out for Madras: — the Guns not sent the Carriages being unserviceable; the Amuldars refuse to collect Sheep having received no Orders. —

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I have the Honor to be
with respect
Sir
Your Obed.t Humble Servant
(Signd) - Geo Campbell

Nellore 25th Dec.r
1782

Received the following Letter and enclosure
from General Stuart -

Mr. Hudleston

Sir

Be so good to send the Inclosed Note of
the 15.th Instant from Vellore - it is most alarming
to think of the Situation of that important place
thro' want of money and because the principal
Leaders of the Enemy's Army are so near at
Hand to tempt with the Garrison in their present
Disposition. I am of opinion to Empower Capt.
Cuppage to raise money & to buy the Rice on
the best Terms he can. & that Money be sent
him by Vandewash in different Ways. Please
to Communicate & enter this Note of mine as
well as the Inclosed from Capt.n Cuppage

I am Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) James Stuart

To

From Gen.l Stuart
enclosing a Letter
from Capt.n Cuppage -
in great want of Cash,
the Sepoys begin to
Murmur for Provisions
the Cultivation in great
Forwardness desires
Instructions with respect
to purchasing the
Inhabitants share of
the Crop -

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To Major General James Stuart

Sir

I had the Honor to acquaint you the 9th & 10th Inst. of Hyder Ally's death since which I have had several people of my own who all confirm it. His Camp is still in the same situation as when I wrote last. I have only received 2000 Pagodas since the Army was here which was sent from Madras the 17th of October the Sepoys had been so long without getting any pay that they were beginning to murmur & with great difficulty I raised 600 Pagodas to pay them 20 fanams for the Month of May & have been just able to pay the Europeans a weeks pay to day, but am confident that it is not in my power to raise another, & am obliged to stop the Repairs of the Hill Fort in short without money it is impossible for me to be answerable for the behaviour of the Troops, or for those that have Families to live on a Seer of Rice a day. We are going on as well as possible in the Cultivation as some part of the Crop will be cutting in a little more than a Month. I should be glad to know whether it would be agreeable to you that I should purchase what Grain the Inhabitants have to spare of their share I think it may be got at the rate of 3 Measures the Rupee payable on the arrival of the Army at Vellore. I never saw so mild a Monsoon for this Month past we have not had a drop of Rain –

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

(signed) John Cuppage

Vellore
15th December 1782

P.S I have not heard from Madras since the 8th ultimo –

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Received the following Letter from Capt.n Cochrane

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor & Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Capt.n Cochrane — advising of the safe arrival of the Latham with the Troops on Board; — the Detachment march to Tanjore —

I have had the honor of your Letter dated the 28.th of November with the Duplicate. Also by the Ship Latham that of the 29.th ult.o — As I immediately dispatched accounts of Lieut.t Colonel Forbes with the Detachment & a duplicate the 1.st of December, I hope Your Lordship & Honors have had the agreeable news some time. Every thing has been safe hitherto owing to the favorableness of the weather for some days; the Detachment marched yesterday for Tanjore, escorted by the 23.d Battalion with some irregular Horse & foot. Two more Battalions are with cutting of the grain near Tanjore, have likewise orders to move, should it be necessary to support them — a considerable number of the 102.d Regiment are ill of Scorbutic complaints, but of which many recover. Every thing possible is now doing, to put this place in the best state of defence our very limited means will allow of. The Houses round the whole extent within musket shot, I am sorry to say, & Capt.n Johnston is of the same opinion, cannot possibly be destroyed, as we have neither Money nor People sufficient for the purpose. The rubbish was perfectly removed: it would be worse than the houses themselves. I flatter myself from the good Opinion I have of the officers & men who compose this Garrison will be able to baffle any attempts of the Enemy

Enemy

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25.th Suffrein can make against us. Till such time as Colonel Lang is able to move to our relief, except he brings a larger force, than we have reason to believe is now in his power, I was in hopes your Lordship & Honors, would have sent us a small supply of Cash. Should the enemy permit us to collect in the Harvest, we may do pretty well without drawing on the Presidency, for supplies, the Looteys to the amount of about 1000. have already begun to be troublesome round Erichinopoly & between that & Tanjore. Hyder's Commandant sent Salem — they write is taken by a party sent for the purpose, by Shatangoro, he could not get a cross the river to join Capt.r M.c Leod, as he gave out.—

I am My Lord. & Gentlemen
with the greatest respect
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant
(sign.d) Spencer Cochrane
Capt.n Com.r

Negapatam
December the 9.th 1782

P.S.
By Letters from Anjengo Lt. Edward with the Fleet passed that place, the 26.th ult.o on his way to Bombay. Sr. Richard Bickerton was at an anchor off Tellicherry. the same time Col.o Hamberston from the same information has been hard pressed by Tippoo. in an action — he said he lost 20 Europeans & 200 Sepoys. the Enemy suffered considerably. & the 2d in Command lost an arm, it is feared Colonel Humberston may have lost some of his heavy guns. other reports say, Tippoo is retreating from the Col.nl by my last information from Tringuebar, Hyder was very ill indeed. his own Vakeel confirms it.

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The French as I have already acquainted your Lordship & Honors have lost of 2000 men that followed M.r Bussi 1200 & the remainder at the Islands very sickly 4 Ships of war unstable to proceed for want of hands: M.r Bussi not expected to leave Colonel Lang to procure Money & grain & to overawe the Polygars who are very troublesome to the Southwards, has moved towards Tripatore with a part of the army; — —

Dispatched the following Letters —

To M.r Daniell Buchanan.

Sir/

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 18.th November, and am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to express their concern that your ill state of Health should have obliged you to apply to them for their permission to return to Europe — As they cannot possibly object to anything that may contribute to your recovery, they have accepted of your resignation and consent to your proceeding on your Voyage as soon as it may be convenient to yourself — and, that you may return to this Country, upon the reestablishment of your Health, without inconvenience or prejudice to your Rank, or if you should be under the necessity of remaining in England, that you may obtain such allowance out

To M.r Buchanan; — Granting him permission to proceed to England for the Recovery of his Health & accepting of his Resignation —

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25th out of the company's contingent military Fund, as they may be pleased to grant — the Select Committee will not fail to mention your merit, and your long and faithful Services in their next General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors.

Mr Rolls is appointed to succeed you as Surgeon of the Garrison of Tanjore upon your leaving it and now proceeds to his Station.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

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To John Sullivan Esqr
Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To Mr Sullivan — acquainting him with Mr Rolls's appointment to succeed Mr Buchanan —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you, that they have appointed Mr Rolls Surgeon of the Garrison of Tanjore in the room of Mr Buchanan who has requested permission to proceed to Europe for the recovery of His Health —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obed.t Humble Servant
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

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To Colonel Lang

Sir/

To Col. Lang — acquainting him with Mr. Rollos having been appointed to succeed Mr. Buchanan —

I am directed by the Rt. Hon.ble the President and Select Committee to inform you, that they have appointed Mr. Rollo to be Surgeon of the Garrison of Tanjore in the room of Mr. Buchanan who has requested permission to return to Europe.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
December 25th 1782

26th Received from General Stuart the following Letter to him from Lieutenant Cox —

Major General Stuart
Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir/

From Lieut.t Cox — advising of the Detachment with the Bullocks having arrived at Duraspatnam —

I have the Pleasure of Informing you that the Detachment with the Bullocks and followers Joined me at this Place this Morning. all well, and I think in good Order: I shall Halt here to Morrow to refresh the People, and Cattle, and on the 25th at 4, In the Morning will Proceed on my Return — I will Muster the Whole to Morrow Morning when I will Immediately send you a Return of them — I expect to be at Trevatore the

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26th the 29th or 30th In the Morning, where I would wish to Receive your Orders (If not before) Relative to the sending them to the Different Departments —

I am Sir
With respect
Your Most Obed.t Servant
(signed) John Cox

Durasapatam
December 23d 1782 -

Received the following Letter from Captain Edmonds -

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to inform you that the 2d & 17th Battalion of Sepoys with 50 irregular Horse arrived at this place from Nellore yesterday morning - As soon as the Guns and Stores arrive from Masula=patam I shall move toward the borders of the Commun Circar in order to support & assist the different Polygars that are in our interest & whose spirits are nearly exhausted — I have the Honor to be with great respect

From Capt.n Edmonds - the 2d & 17th Battalions of Sepoys with some irregular Horse arrive at Ongole; - will move immediately towards the Borders of the Comtam Circar.

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obed.t humble
Servant
Edward Edmonds
Capt.n Comd.t —

Ongole
22d Dec.r 1782

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Dispatched Letter of Intelligence to the Governor General & Council &c.

The Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r

Governor General &c. Council

Fort William

Gentlemen/

To Bengal – enclosing Letter received from Col. Lang & containing Intelligence of Hyders Army & of the French Troops –

I have the Honor to send you the Copy of a Letter this moment recvd from Colonel Lang, who has the command of our Army to the Southward. I congratulate you very sincerely on this agreeable intelligence and hope soon to be able to convey to you an account of still more important Successes in that Quarter.

There is a vague report of Tippoo Saibs having been dangerously wounded in the late Action. It is certain that on the 23.d Instant he had not arrived in the Army of his deceased Father which is now under the Command of Herim Saib Hyders second Son assisted by Mahomed Ali and Young Meer Saib. The latest news from them received within this Hour is that their whole Army had arrived at Arcot on the 23. and were preparing to march to Arnee.

Captain Silent commanding at Wandewash writes that the French had marched from Cuddalore a body of Troops consisting of 1500 Europeans and 3000 Sepoys with 40 Guns, and were now at Gingee. Sir Edward Hughes passed Anjengo on the 26.th of November in his way to Bombay. No news of the French Fleet since my last, and there seems

26th Seems every Reason to believe that it has left the Coast. It is natural indeed to suppose that Mr. Suffrein having lost two of his Line of Battle Ships and having suffered considerably in the remainder should wish to get them refitted at Mauritius or Batavia in order to return in good Condition as soon as possible especially as he has accomplished so great an object as the acquisition of Trincomalay and secured it beyond a probability of our recovering it during his absence, Our fleet being absent also -

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most obedient
and most faithful
humble Servant
(signed) Macartney

Fort St. George
26th december 1782

27th Received the following Letter from Captain Flint -

To Major General Stuart

Sir

From Captn. Flint - Hyders Army move to Coleray - the French still at Cuttepett; understand they intend (when joined) to attack Wandewash -

My Havecarrakkeering me information of Hyders Army coming this day to Coleray and is to be at Arnee tomorrow; — The French are yet at Cuttepett. A Detachment from their Camp came last night to Depore consisting of a Battalion of Sepoys and two Guns, its reported that when joined by Hyders Troops they will attack this place, whether it is so imagined from their collecting Cooleys. I can not tell — I have the honor to be

Sir

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Sir

Wandewash
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Your most Obedient Humble
Servant —
(signed) W. Flint

To John Hudleston Esq.t
Military Secretary &c
Sir,

From Capt.n Pidington —
respecting the Interest
due upon the Money
advanced by him to
the Troops in the
Tinnevelly Country —

I have received your letter of 21.st inst.t,
and request you will acquaint the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee that I could not
suppose my reserving a Claim for the difference of Interest
would have been objected to, from my former Representations;
for if deemd unjust would not be admitted at a future
Period. —

The Exchange given will be in no degree
adequate to the loss I have sustaind in not receiving
the Money here when due, but, as I am still paying
higher Interest than that allowed me by the Honble
Board, submit to their ultimate Determination;
requesting that Bills on Bengal be immediately
granted me. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Humble Servt
(signed) James Pidington

Fort St. George
Decem.r 27.th 1782

I dispatched the following Letters to Masulipatam
with the enclosure therein mentioned —

To

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To James Daniell Esqr.

Chief &c Council at Masulipatam -

Gentlemen, -

I am directed by the Right Honble

To Masulipatam - enclosing the Surgeon Generals Opinion respecting the Establishment of an Hospital Contract at Ellore: & Submitting to them the Measure. -

the President and Select Committee to transmit you the enclosed Copy of a Letter received from Mr. Anderson, wherein he has given his Opinion on the applications made to your Board by Messrs. Weston and Anderson, for the establishment of an Hospital Contract at Ellore.

The Select Committee will gladly approve of any Arrangements that can be made to contribute to the relief of the Sick, or accelerate their Recovery and they therefore desire you to take this matter into Consideration, and if your sentiments upon the subject should correspond with those contained in the Letter from Mr. Anderson, they wish you to adopt the Measures which he has recommended.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(signed) John Hudleston

Secretary,

Fort St. George

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Dispatched the following Letter -

To

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27.th

To Captain Scouler

Commanding at Soripapoire

Sir/

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send to you the enclosed Letter for Muckrauze. Peshcar of Bommrauze. and to desire you will forward it to him by the Party Proceeding to the Pollams.

To Capt.n Scouler — enclosing Letter for Muckrauze which if not attended with success; — to obtain Cattle in the best manner possible. —

It is hoped, that it may have a proper effect in procuring the supply of Slaughter Cattle which is wanted for the Army; but in case you should find Muckrauze, or his people inclined to trifle with you, or indisposed to render that Service which may reasonably be required of them you must endeavour to obtain it in the manner most likely to be attended with success; taking care at the same time to avoid, as much as possible, any violence or severity towards the Inhabi= =tants —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

(signed) John Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St George

27.th December 1782

Sent

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27th Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Works —

To. Alexander Davidson Esqr.

President &a Members of the Committee of Works —

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th Instant with extracts from your Minutes of the 5th and 8th and Several other enclosures, and to signify to you their resolutions in consequence.

To the Committee of Works — with the Resolutions of the Select Committee on their Proceedings of the 5th & 8th Dec.r

As no eligible proposal has been received for Supplying Bricks and Chunam by Contract the Select Committee authorize you to adopt the mode of Providing those articles by an Agent for the present and to cause due Notice to be given accordingly, and finally to adjust the matter as shall appear to you best for the Interest of the Company.

Respecting Resources for the payment for the Bricks and Chunam, and other requisite Materials. the Committee will make such advances to you from time to time as the State of the Treasury shall permit. and the Agent must receive a part of his Money in Bills on Bengal.

The Committee entirely approve of your

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Your recommendation to him, the small Vessels at Pullicat to bring down Fascines Gabions Hurdles, &c and as Mr. Garraw has offered to go to Pullicat to procure Vessels to bring down Shells they authorize and desire you to obtain his Assistance in effecting both those objects, and in arranging with Mr. de Souza for such articles as are at Cheracotah.

With regard to the List of Stores laid before you by Colonel Ross the Select Committee direct me to observe to you that the state of the finances is such as absolutely requires that no expence should be incurred that can possibly be dispended with and they hope that with proper Management and Oeconomy 12,000 Pagodas will be sufficient to procure every article that is absolutely necessary - that sum will accordingly be advanced to you - one third in Money and two thirds in Bills on Bengal.

The Select Committee approve of your other Recommendations - Colonel Ross they think should apply to the Managers of the Theatrical Society and obtain the Timbers remaining from the old playhouse and belonging to the Company - respecting the Timber on the Beach belonging to private persons colonel Ross must agree with them for the price of such as may be required for the public Service and report the same to you.

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The Chevaux de frize destroyed by the late Gale the Select Committee are willing should be replaced.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
John Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
27th December 1782

(Signed)

Firriday
27th December
1782

At a Select Committee Summoned on Military Affairs Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B. President
Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Major General Jas. Stuart
Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Minutes of last Committee read & approved —

General Stuart desires the Letter to Colonel Lang of the 23d. November impowering him to give orders for blowing up the fortifications of Negapatam, and his Minute of the same date may be now read, and they are read accordingly — together with the following Letters -

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor of acknowledging

the

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From Col: Lang — determines to destroy Negapatam & containing advice of the Junction between Gen: Matthews & Col: Hambertston & of their having attacked & defeated Sippoo Saibs Camp —

Camp on the North Side of the Coleroon 15.th December 1782

the Receipt of your Letter of the 22.d past, my Letter in answer is not yet closed; I take this opportunity of informing you that I have begun the necessary preparations for destroying Negapatam & Removing the Guns, Stores &c.a from thence to Tanjour; my reasons for this measure shall be fully explained hereafter — Lt. Colonel Forbes is arrived at Tanjour & will join me immediately — The cause of the present Dispatch is to inform your Lordship and the Select Committee ~~that I received~~ a Letter this day from Captain Baillie importing the following pleasing News: "I have the pleasure "to acquaint you that a Detachment from Bombay "having joined Col: Hambertston under General Matthews "He attacked Sippoo Saibs Camp about four o'Clock "on the morning of the 24.th ultimo took a number of "Prisoners, Killed & Wounded many of the Enemy with "little or no loss on our side. The Enemy not being able "to stand before our Troops fled for several Miles, &c.a "Officer from our Army is Arrived at the King of "Travencore's Court to acquaint him with the good "news, & to request he will supply our Troops w.h "Provisions, which His Majesty has complied with: "I shall give His Majesty such Information as He "Esquires, which will give him pleasure." The particulars I hope to be able to forward with my Letters in a Day or two.

(signed) Rob.t Lang

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c &c &c — Fort St. George

My Lord

Your Lordship will beyond doubt be
From Capt. Johnston — acquainted with the Resolution Colonel Lang has come to
will use every Exertion in Consequence of the Powers granted him by the Latham —
in the Demolition of I assure your Lordship of every exertion I am capable of in
Negapatam — putting his orders in Execution — The Colonel having determ=
=ined on this Step, it would I think be imprudent in me
to enter into further particulars till a safe opportunity
offers, as it can answer no usefull purpose to the Publick
Service — I have the honor to be —

With the Greatest Respect
My Lord
your Lordships most Humble Servt
(Signed) Ja Johnston —

Negapatam
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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor &c Select Committee —

My Lord & Gentlemen

I am to acknowledge the Honor of your
From Capt. Lordship & Select Committees Letter to me, dated the 25. of
Cochrane — is taking Ultimo As Capt. Johnstone, I suppose, has wrote you
measures for blowing fully on that Head, I will not trouble your Lordship & Honors on the subject
up Negapatam having already mentioned the business. Colonel Lang having
sent me orders for the demolition & blowing up the fortifi=
=cations of this Garrison I am to acquaint your Lordship &
Honors

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Honors. that every step is taken to forward this business agreeable to my Instructions. our want of hands & the few boats & Catamarans to be procured will be a great impediment to our speedy conveyance of the heavy Stores to Vizapatnam. The Harcarahs having been detained from day to day. in hopes that Capt.n Johnstone would be able to write. Which he will not forward of Col.o Langs answer to some questions he proposed to him. is the occasion of your Lordship & Committee receiving letters of different dates. Hyder from every intelligence is in a most dangerous way. Col.o Forbes & his detachment will I suppose arrive at Sangrur to day. they write, Colonel Humberston was safe at Colicut.

I am.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

with the greatest respect

Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t

/signed/ Spencer Cochrane

Negapatnam

December 12.th 1782 –

Read also Letters from Colonel Lang to the President & to General Stuart of exactly the same purport with his Letter to the Committee as entered in No 3.

Read also the following Letter from General Stuart sent by him yesterday to the Secretary –

Mr. Hudleston

Sir /

In my utter amazement I now read the

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From Genl Stuart — objecting to the Demolition of Nega=patam & Requesting that the Subject may be reconsidered —

The Letter in circulation from the Commanding Officer at Negapatam concerning the demolition of that Place by Colonel Langs orders in Consequence of instructions from this Government also a Note from Captn Johnston the Engineer which implies that he has not had time to make a sufficient Report on the Subject which I recollect to have been the intention of the Committee I must therefore desire you will in circulation inform the Right Honble President and Members of the immee=diate Necessity in my opinion to call a Committee for the reconsideration of this Business my sentiments concerning it stand on Record but the Present Situation of the French Sea & land Forces and the seeming certainty of Hyders Death may perhaps on consultation lead some other of the Members to alter their former opinions at this most important crisis There is a boat goes off to day for the Southward and the Commander in Chief of India is hourly looked for to arrive from Bengal it may not yet be too late to suspend the orders - The situation of His Majestys Ships for Hospital and Refreshments and indeed of every Armament intended against Trincomale will be defplo=rable if Negapatam is to be destroyed as at Present — without any Known necessity I must therefore request

December 26th 1782 - of you to communicate this in circulation and enter it on ½ past 7 in the Morning — Record —

Jam: &c

(signed) Jam: Stuart

General

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General Stuart— Beg leave, if it is proper, to ask the Right Honble the President whether he has any official, or other Information from Colonel Lang, from the Engineer at Negapatam or the Resident at Tanjore which may be of use to this Committee in guiding their Judgment to decide on the propriety of the measure of the demolition, as there are no reasons now appear to me from any Quarter, and it may be too late to wait for reasons hereafter —

I have no official Information, but what is before the board — I have never written to Colonel Lang upon the Subject of demolishing Negapatam, but in conjunction with the other Members of the Committee in the letter of the 23 of November, but from other Quarters I have information that it is the decided opinion of the ablest & most reflecting officers who know Negapatam that if attacked by a French force it would assuredly fall. — What Letters or opinions I may have received relative to the demolishing of Negapatam, some months since, I cant now recollect, but I am sure I have received none from Col. Lang, Mr. Sulivan, the Resident of Tanjore Captain Cochrane, the Commandant at Negapatam or Capt Johnston the Engineer there, upon that subject since the above Letter of the 23 of November was written besides those which are

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December 27.th 1782 are before the Committee —

General Stuart requests that the following Question may be put — whether from the Knowledge possessed by this Committee of the situation of Affairs relative to the French, the state of Politics likely to be the consequence of Hyders death it would not be proper to send orders to Colonel Lang to suspend the Execution of the Orders to demolish Negapatam until the Committee can be informed of his Reasons. —

The President puts the foregoing Question accordingly —

I am of opinion the discretional Orders of the 23.d November should remain in Force because not to mention the Company's Instructions we are + uncertain of the Situation of Mons.r Bussy and Admiral Suffren. They may, for ought the Committee Know to the Contrary, be expected daily in force at Cuddalore. Private Accounts mention great prepara= =tions making at Cuddalore for reinforcements. In such case Negapatam would not be tenable against a French Fleet and the Troops expected; Capt.n Johnstone's Letter is dated the 12.th of December, the business Probably is therefore commenced. I am however for no alternations in the discretional Instructions above mentioned. /signed/ Alex.r Davidson

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Mr Sadlier — I see no reason for any change in the discretional Instructions of the 23d November sent to Colonel Lang.

The President — I am against making any alteration in the Instructions to Colonel Lang and will hereafter give my reasons more at large —

The Question carried in the Negative

The President thinks it his duty to lay before the Committee the following Exact Statement of the force now possessed by the Nabob within the Walls of the Black Town and at the Amers House in Choultry Plain Viz.t

Cavalry - - - - - - 108 Troopers - - - 60 Horses
Artillery - - - - - 83 Men - - - - Guns
Infantry well Cloathed & disciplined - - } 438
Ditto: indifferently Cloathed & disciplined } 250
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The President gives it as his opinion that the above force is too considerable to come within the denomination of a Guard, or to be allowed with propriety to be Kept up in this Settlement independant of his authority. but out of delicacy to the Nabob he has hitherto been silent on the subject and with the same motive in view he

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He has drawn up the following Note to his Highness which he now submits to the Committee.

Lord Macartney presents his Respects to his Highness the Nabob, and has the Honor to acquaint him that Captain Campbell, who was sent to command at Nellore with the Knowledge and by the desire of his Highness as being fit and trust-worthy to defend that important Province in time of War, has expressed very strong apprehensions that the Public Service, in which his Highness is deeply concerned, may suffer materially if his Officers continue orecruiting there, as great Numbers of the Privates, in Captain Campbell's Battalion as well as in the independent Companies, would of course desert to a Service of less hardship and danger than that of the Company at this time.

Lord Macartney therefore hopes that the Public Good and the common Cause in which the Nabob and the Company are concerned, will induce his Highness to withdraw the Recruiting Party for the present from the Nellore District. Such motives would be sufficient to reconcile him even to inconvenience: which however cannot take place to any considerable Degree; for beside such other Recruits as may be found necessary to oraise elsewhere, the Troops still attending upon his Highness and

and his second Son amount to Several Hundreds; being more than the Number that usually accompanies a Prince residing in the Territories of his Friends His Highness, justly Sensible of the Protection afforded to him by the Army, consisting of British as well as Native Troops, and by the Garrison of Fort St George, was pleased some time ago to lend a Part of his Body Guard for the Public Service; Lord Macartney did the Governors usual Body Guard soon after his arrival at the Presidency His Lordship means that the Latter should remain during the war constantly on Service. But as the former are now returned to the Nabob it is hoped that every Purpose of personal Dignity and Respect will be fully gratified without wishing His Highness's and the Company's real advantage by desertion in the Troops intended for Action.—

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Mr. Davidson — I approve of the proposed Note to the Nabob —

General Stuart — I think it unnecessary to send a Message of this length to his Highness on this occasion — I should rather advise to ask him how many Recruits he wants, and of as small number to grant his request.

Mr. Sadleir — I think an application might

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might be made to the Nabob to know what number of recruits he wants, and if a small number to comply with his request but I have no objection to the Note.

The President — His Lordship having desired an Order to Captain Campbell for his Subadar to Recruit at Nellour without specifying any Particular Number and that the order should go through the Channel of this Lordship I am of opinion that the most delicate method should be taken to induce his Lordship to wave his request, and therefore wish that the Committee would approve of the Note now laid before them to be sent to the Nabob for the present

Mr. Sadlier — I have no objection to sending the Note to the Nabob —

Resolved that the Note be accordingly sent to the Nabob —

General Stuart lays before the Committee for their approbation the proceedings of the Committee to invalid and pension European non Commissioned Crank and file and Black officers and Sepoys — approved.

General Stuart thinks it proper on his part to lay before the Committee the Line of Battle which he accordingly now delivers in, as lodged in the office. and he observes the Officers next in rank to himself are

Major

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Major General Sir John Burgoine Colonel Rumbold and Colonel Peirce – the two former by rank in his Majestys Service – The General is of opinion that this Army should take the field with a Battering Train which is now in readiness and that as the principal operations may be directed to places of strength ~~where~~ where the French Troops may be in Garrison or which contain the Enemys principal Magazines the Chief Engineer Lieutenant Colonel Ross should proceed with the Army with such a number of Engineers as he may think necessary. The General observes to the Committee that he recommends these Arrangements in Consequence of the Instructions of 1774.

The President. I think the Battering Train should go with the Army if it can be got ready by the 2d. of next month at which time, at latest. I am of opinion, and have long been so declaredly such part of the Army as can be assembled ought to march – It's appearance alone in the field ~~even~~ in a less complete state than it may be brought to with longer time being likely to produce very good effects for the Company's Service –

The President desires the 38th. Paragraph of the Companys General Letter of the 2d. February 1781 Regarding the preserving the Command of the Companys Army in their own Officers.

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may be read, and it is read accordingly, and the President moves That the consideration of this matter be postponed till the next meeting of the Committee Monday the 30th. Instant when he will submit to the Committee his Sentiments oregarding it — Agreed to accordingly.

General Stuart thinks it his duty to acquaint the Committee that by 7 distinct oreports of the Quarter Masters of the Army, having no connection with the Company's Agent. or the Grain Keeper, and taken on rotation, the medium defeciency of Rice in quantity between its measurement in the Company's Stores here, and the delivery of it at the Mount is at least 8 per Cent. and that many months ago he gave orders to make the same Experiment upon an Average of 3000 Cooley load sent to Tanjore Camp. and the defeciency was rather more than what is now stated. at the same time the 250 Bags p.r day have been delivered, and accounted for in Captain Kearsay's Books at 80 Seers the Bag — the deficiency thus becomes a loss to the Company — the Rice delivered to the Officers Servants from the Stores is never under that defeciency.

The President acquaints the Committee that General Stuart having given similar Information at last Committee he sent for Mr. Rose the Company's Agent and communicated the same to him —

Mr.

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Mr. Ross's answer was, that the Piece was delivered to, and measured by the Conceaplies of Captain Heavsey of the Bengal Establishment the Grainkeeper of the Army appointed by Sir Eyre Coote some months ago

Read Letters as entered in Miscellany Book from Captain Muirhead oreguesting Payment of his Arrears of Offreckonings by Bills on Bengal &c

From Mr. Baggle dutch Prisoner at Pullicat oresenting his distreſs. and oreguesting that his subsistence may be continued till an opportunity offers for him to proceed to Ceylon &c

from Lieut. Mc Kerras belonging to the Garrison of Carengoly oreguesting Payment of his Arrears —

Ordered that Captain Muirhead be paid his arrears of Offreckonings his Bills on Bengal — that Mr. Boggles Subsistence be continued for the present. and that Lieut. Mc Kerras be paid his Arrears on Money as far as the rest of the Army have been paid and the oremainder by Bills on Bengal.

General Stuart lays before the Committee Surgeons Certificate of the ill Health of Lieutenant John Barton and the neceſsity of his proceeding to Sea for his orecovery. Agreed that permiſsion be granted him accordingly —

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December 28.

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Received the following Letter from Captain Flint &c.

To the Right Honble the President and Select Committee &c.

My Lord and Gentlemen

A Report prevailing that the French were only waiting for a junction with Hyders Army to attack this place, People were sent to Cayan the Roads, their Coppals generally go Some Letters were brought in this morning, the Canada Language being little understood here, I have taken the Liberty of sending the whole for your perusal — Hyders Army is encamped at Calvay and the Paish Connah near Arnee, to which place I am informed the whole is to move tomorrow.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t

Humble Servant

W. Flint

Wandewash

23. Dec.r 1782 —

From Capt Flint report prevails that the French in Conjunction with Hyder's Army propose attacking Wandewash that Hyder's Army is encamped at Calvay and the Paish Connah near Arnee

[signed] .....

Sent the following Letter to Sir John Burgoyne &c.

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Sir

General Stuart having laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee your letter to him of the 10th Instant, desiring to know what allowances they intended to give you as Major General

To Sir John Burgoyne the Committee agree to allow him their Military Pay of a Major General in addition to the allowance he had as Colonel, and his Aid de Camp and Secretary to be Pay —

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General, I am directed to inform you in answer, that, as the Directors have made no mention of you as a Major General in their Letter, and have not given you any rank, in their Service, the Committee feel themselves under great difficulties with regard to Your application, and having received no Instruction from home upon the Subject, imagine the Court of Directors either did not advert to Your situation, or if they did advert to it, did not think proper to Order any provision for it.

The Committee, desirous however of making their attention to You, Yet doubtful how far the Court of Directors may approve of their conduct, are desirous to do all that is in their power upon this occasion, and have therefore agreed to give You the British pay of a Major General, in addition to the other allowances, which according to the Statement lately published You are to draw as Colonel. — Your Aid de Camp and Secretary, will also be allowed 10/ ₱ Day each.

The Select Committee have ventured upon this measure in Your particular case, till they shall receive Instructions from the Court of Directors from whose Regulations and Intentions in all other points they must be uncommonly careful not to deviate; they have shewn too their attention to your wishes by not waiting for an immediate, and more regular communication of them to their Board —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obed.t humble Servt

John Hudleston

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The following Draft of a Letter to Sir Edward Hughes having been prepared, is sent in circulation

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes -

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive the triplicate of your letter of the 17th of November Dated off Point de Gaule

After your Repeated Declarations that you would proceed to Bombay on or about the 15th of October we had little hope to see you return to the Road after the Gale which happened at that time was over. But the Action which you sent from off Cadras on the 16th with your letter of that date announced to us that you were then proceeding to the n[orth]ward arrived here the next day, as did Letters Days afterwards Sir Richard Bickerton of whose intended Departure from Bombay for this place we had an Intimation Accounts before you left us - A Junction at that time of your Squadron with so large a Reinforcement of Ships and Men might have been attended with the most fortunate Events to the British Interests in India.

The Enemy has not as yet availed himself of the exposed situation in which the absence of the Fleet had left us, or of the Distress to which we were reduced in consequence of the loss sustained by the Gale in Provisions and in Tonnage. By the most economical management of our Stock, by the safe arrival of several Grain Vessels, and by sending

To Sir Edward Hughes, advising of the arrival of the Active Sloop, and Sir Rich[d] Bickerton's Squadron, asserting to the deplorable situation of the Natives for want of subsistance &c &c and informing him of the death of Hyder Ali -

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sending part of the Army to the Northward we have been enabled to subsist the remaining Troops in Cantonments and in Garrison. But we have had the melancholy Spectacle of a famine among the Natives, and the Black Town of Madras is depopu-lated partly by Deaths, and partly by the Departure of many of the Inhabitants in Search of Subsistence elsewhere, among the precautions which the State of this Coast made it necessary for us to take we gave to Colonel Lang who Commands in the Southern Provinces a discretionary power in case that Nega-patam could not be defended against such a force as the Enemy might bring against it to give Orders for blowing up the fortifications, expressing at the same time an reliance on his Judgement and Caution with respect to this measure. The Colonel has determined on the Demolition and we shall transmit to you a Copy of the particular Reasons which led him to make this Determination as soon as the Original shall have reached us.

With the Stock of Rice now in Store and we can have no certainty of receiving more, there is not a Possibility of Subsisting this Establishment and the Army until your Return if you wait at Bombay for the Repairing of the unequipped Ships, we therefore only follow the Dictates of our Duty in earnestly recommending that You will return to this Coast as soon as possible with those that are equipped of the Squadrons, and with which we conceive you will be Superior to M. De Suffren.

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Hyder Ali expired at Chittoor sometime between the 4th and 8th Instant we hope this Event will accelerate a Peace with the Country Powers.

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Macartney &c. Committee

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General Stuarts minute giving it as his Opinion, that the Governor General and Council together with Sir Eyre Coote, might have done previously consulted concerning the Demolition of Negapatam, if discretionary Powers were given to Colonel Lang by this Government for that Purpose.

General Stuarts Observations on the foregoing Letter.

On the Letter proposed to Sir Edwd Hughes.—

If the Admiral has said in his Letter of the 17th November off Pt de Galle that Hervey Bay he meant to return to Madras road after the 15th of October, I think this word ought not to be doubted, the first part of this Letter conveys to me that Idea;—

I think also that whatever this Committee knows concerning Negapatam or the Intention of Colonel Lang for the Demolition of it, ought now to be plainly stated to the Admiral without losing any Occasion.

I am of opinion, that in what regards the discretionary powers given to Colonel Lang on the first instance and in not now doing the utmost at this present Crisis to prevent the Demolition of that place. This Government interferes directly in the peculiar province of the Governor General and Council of Bengal and also in that of His Majesty's Commander in Chief by Sea, both of whom ought to have been previously consulted on the Subject, and with this as my minute

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Minute on the occasion, I shall join my Name to the Letter of the 28th December 1782. assigned to Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes.

Signed J. Lames Stuart

Ld President's answer to the Observations made by General Stuart.

The draught of the letter to Sir Edward Hughes contains facts indubitably certain, and which are mentioned as operating upon the belief of the Committee, not upon the intentions of the Admiral. But as facts of a public nature are to be suppressed, to whatever doubts they may give rise, In the Admiral's letter of the 16th October the day after the gale, he declares his intention of proceeding to Bombay to refit, without the smallest mention of any inclination to return here, or of any Obstruction to such a purpose from winds or currents; which in fact did not prevent the Active Frigate from getting here the day after she left the Squadron. It must be some consolation to the Committee who in vain opposed the Admiral's resolution of going to Bombay on or about the 15th October, that on the 17th Nov. he should so forfeit the impropriety of adhering to it as to regret that winds and currents had rendered it impossible for him to return. If the Admiral whose instruction directed him to concert with the Company's representatives, has in opposition to their advice, requisitions and solicitations persisted in a measure injurious to the public cause, it is proper to be mentioned without

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The President in answer to the foregoing — The admiral has persisted in a measure injurious to the public Cause, by proceeding to Bombay on the 16th October contrary to the solicitations of the Select Committee — The Demolition of Pigapatam mentioned in a letter to him thinks it unnecessary to expunge the Imputation at present, of this Government interfering with that of Bengal

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reserved, that he & other Commanders may in future
be more attentive to their instructions, & to such
requisitions. A paragraph mentioning the intended
demolition of Negapatam is added to the letter, which
would have been originally inserted, but that it will
reach Bombay much sooner in the dispatches from
Mr. Sullivan Resident at Tanjore. As to the supposed
interference with the Governor General and Council of
Bengal and with the Admiral on the part of the Select
Committee in the discretionary power given to Colonel
Lang for the demolition, if necessary, of the fortifications
of Negapatam which is now mentioned by General
Stuart, instead of being urged when that discretionary
power was transmitted to the Colonel, the President
thinks it utterly unnecessary, at this time to defend
the Committee from the imputations of the Governor
General & Council of Bengal or the Admiral should,
contrary to the President's expectation, adopt the new
doctrine of Major General Stuart; it will be time
enough to demonstrate that it is neither founded
on reason or authority.

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9 O'Clock P.M. †

Macartney

The following Paragraph mentioning
the intended demolition of Negapatam is now
inserted in the Letter to the Govr. Hughes after
the words "in search of subsistence elsewhere" and
it is again sent in circulation to the Members of
the Select Committee.

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Paragraph inserted in the Letter to Sir Edw.d Hughes concerning the intended Demolition of Negapatam

"Among the Precautions which the unsettled State of this Coast made it necessary for me to take on my leaving Fort St George, I gave to Colonel Lang who commands in the Southern Provinces, a discretionary power in case that Negapatam could not be defended against such a force as the Enemy might bring against it to give Orders for blowing up the Fortifications, expressing at the same time our Reliance on his Judgement and caution with Respect to this measure. The Colonel has determined on the Demolition and we shall transmit you a Copy of the particular reasons which led him to make this Determination as soon as the Original shall have reached us."

Mess.rs Sadleir and Davidson approving the Draft to Sir Edward Hughes with the above addition it is Ordered to be Copied fair and Dispatched.

29th ..... The following paper is received from General Stuart in Reply to the Presidents Answer to his Observations on the Letter to Sir Edw.d Hughes.

From General Stuart reports to this minute of the 23d Nov.r concerning Col.o Lang's discretionary Powers, and the propriety of destroying Negapatam till the Report could be known, and that he had reserved his sentiments on that Head in Expectation of another Committee

I have just now read the paper in circulation signed by the Right Honble President dated last night, and nevertheless do now desire that what I wrote on seeing the first draft of the Letter may still remain with this addition, that I refer to my Minute of the 23d of November regarding Colonel Langs discretionary powers and the propriety of the Demolition untill the Report could be known here.

I expected from what fell from the Right Honble President & since was the sense of the Committee

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Committee last meeting, that another Committee was to be held this morning & I expressly reserved what I had to say in support of my Opinion why I thought it interfered, in such Situations of public affairs as at present, with the powers peculiarly reserved to the Governor General and Council, and why on public ground I thought the Admiral should be consulted when the matter does not press for execution, But to my Regret I just now hear that the Right Honble President seems inclined to defer calling a Committee till Tuesday next Therefore I have no other way left to communicate my Sentiments to the Governor General and Council at Bengal and to my Honble Employers than as I now do.

Fort St. George 29th Dec. 1782. In past Nine in the morning

Received Letters from Mr. Daniell as entered in M.B. advising of his having sent 428 paires of Shoes by the Sloop Fly from Masulipatam.

From Mr. Daniell advising of his having sent 428 Prs. of Shoes to this Presidency.

Received the following Letter and enclosures from

General Stuart.

Mr. Hudleston.

You will Communicate in Circulation the paper of news received by an Officer of the last Detach-ment which went to Negapatam, who received it from the Friend at Pallamcottah.

From General Stuart, requesting that the enclosed Papers may be sent in Circulation. The one received at Negapatam from Pallamcottah giving an account of an action between Colonel Humberston and Tippoo Saib. The 2d Letter arrived at Bengal from Sir Edward Hughes with dispatches for Government the Polygars are very Refractory since the News from Humberston and the King of Travancore has withdrawn his Battalions. The other from Tranquebar to Tyder from his Agent there informing him of the late Consultations at Madras respecting the Demolition of Mangalore and that Sir Eyre Coote is expected shortly from Bengal with money and Troops for Madras — The Convoy with Rice for Chingleput is arrived safe.

Shoes

Kararee

You will likewise communicate the Translation of a Letter from Tranquebar to Tyder dated the 18th December in Manara Language which I have just now had done by my Order here. The Letter in Original is with me and was intercepted by Captain Flints People.

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You will inform the Right Honble Com-
-mittee & that the Conway with Lieut arrived safe
at Chingleput yesterday and the Convoy with the
Bullocks from Nellore on the same day at
Pulliaut.

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I am Sir

Your most Obed.
humble Servant
Signed/..... James Stuart

Extract of a letter just received at Negapatam
from Palamcottah dated the 29th Novr.

I have received your letter about an
hour ago and have hardly time before the Sappal goes
to inform You that Colonel Humberston has lately an
Engagement with Tippoo at Nilandum near Ramgerry
for there as upon his March to Dimmary near the Sea
Coast and attacked between the two Villages, it is said
he has lost 20 Europeans and about 200 Sepoys, many
wounded on both sides, and the Second in Command
of Tippoo's Army lost one of his Arms it is report-
-ed the Colonel has lost all his heavy Artillery -
The Sea Horse is arrived at Anjingo with Dispatches
from Sir Edward Hughes for Government Gen. with
whom she Separated on the 17. off Galle. The Polligars
about us are Refractory and insolent beyond measure,
since the last news from Humberston - The King
of Travancore has withdrawn his Battalion from
hence -

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The Purport of a Letter wrote by one Gopala Nircara Residing at Tranquebar to his Master.

Dispatched at 12 O'Clock at Night the 18th Dec.r 1782.

I hope you will receive my last Paper of Intelligence before now.

It is reported here, that the Gentlemen at Madras had received a true and particular Account of the sailing of Mons.r De Bussy and his Fleet towards the East from Mauritious, held a Consultation and Determined to destroy the fortifications of Negapatam, that the French may not have their men there, nor have the advantage of keeping that place in their possession and on that purpose sent Orders to Demolish it - it is now since 8 or 10 days they have begun to do it, and that they have also sent all their Guns and other Warlike stores from thence by Sea to Sandy and Arampatam, and from thence to Trichenopoly, and Ordered the Garrison of Negapatam to be withdrawn from thence and go to join Colonel Lang, only leaving a small party and some Officers at Negore.

It is further Reported, that after the arrival of General Coote at Bengal he has sent an Officer with 1000 Disciplined Sepoys, to Madras - also some Money with 2 or 3 Sowcars - it is past Ten days they have arrived at Madras - The said General is also expected shortly at Madras with a further Supply of Money which he borrow'd of one of the Sowcars named Sagadapy and that he has sent to conclude the Treaty with the Marattas.

The above news was spread in this place by an English Gentleman named Mackintosh who resides here

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Have the has sent a great Store of all kind of Provisions &
Wine to Colonel Lang from Tranquebar.

Sent Letters (as entered in N. B) agreeably to
the Minutes of the 27th Instant.

At a Select Committee Summoned
on Military Affairs — present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President — Anthony Sadleir Esqr.
Major General Stuart —
Alexander Davidson Esqr.
John Holland Esqr. — at Bengal

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The Minutes of last Committee read and approved

The President delivers in the following Minute

Minute of the President in Select Committee

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The President has the Honor to observe to the Committee, that as the Army, now in Cantonments, will be very soon ready to take the Field, it will be necessary to determine on the Operations, which may be the most eligible to be pursued in the present Juncture. For this purpose, the President proposes, that as this Army is under the immediate command of Major General Stuart, he may be desired to communicate as

The President's minute requesting the Commander in Chief will communicate to the Board his Plan relative to the Operations that most eligible to be pursued by the Army which will soon take the Field under his immediate Command and desiring his opinion concerning Major General Burgoyne and Colonel Fremblers taking the Field — but

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as soon as may be, his Plan and prospects relative to it,
for the consideration of the Committee,— The President
likewise proposes, that the General should give, to the
Committee his sentiments on the expediency of Major
General Sir John Burgoyne, and Colonel Reimbold's
taking the field, with the Army, if their healths should
permit it, their Names not being inserted in the
Order of Battle, laid before the Committee by Major
General Stuart, tho' mentioned by him afterwards in
Committee, as the two next in Rank to himself — Of
the merit of these two Officers, the Committee have
no reason to entertain the smallest doubt, but as Major
General Stuart has not been able for some time past
to mount on Horseback, and when in the Field has been
confined to a Carriage sometimes drawn by Oxen, it might
perhaps be thought more conducive to the Public service,
that the persons nearest to him in command, should
have such a knowledge of the Country, where the Army
may march, and of the Native Troops of which it chiefly
consists, as to be able in every Respect occasionally to
supply the want of activity in the Commander in chief

General Burgoyne and Colonel Reimbold,
who are so very lately arrived from Europe, can scarcely
be supposed to be at once possessed of that knowledge,
tho' the President is persuaded they are possessed of every
other quality of brave and good Officers — It may be proper
in consideration and delicacy towards them, to observe
likewise that as they bear no commission in the Compa.
ny's Service the Committee would in Obedience to the
Orders of their Employers be under the indispensible
necessity

but by their early residence
in India, and holding no
commission in the
Company's service the
President suggests that
it may be more eligible
to reserve their services
for this Garrison in
case of a Siege —

necessity, in case of any accident happening to the present Commander in Chief, of giving such a commission to the Officer in the Company's Service, now next below them in the line of Duty, as would give him the Command over them, rather than expose those Respectable Officers to a chance of what they might consider as a mortifying supercession it might, on this account also, be more eligible to reserve their services in this Garrison, which in the very possible case of a Siege, would not be less essential or honorable, than those that could be rendered in the Field.

The President suggests these circumstances, merely for the consideration of the Committee, and particularly for that of the Commander in Chief, whose Opinion must be of Weight, in this instance.

Mr. Davidson delivers in the following Minute. Macartney.

Mr. Davidson's Minute is of opinion that Sir John Burgoyne and Colonel Kaimbo ought to take the Field in order to acquire that knowledge and experience which is so essential to the carrying on the War in India, the entire disposition of the Line of Battle to be left to General Stuart.

His Majesty's Officers ought in my Opinion to take the Field, and to rank with the Company's Officers as hath been usual on Service in this Country. — Should any accident happen to General Stuart, the Commander in Chief, the Company's Orders in Regard to the next Senior Officer of the Company must, of course, be carried into effect. There is great Reason in the President's Minute wherein he expresses the impossibility of the present Second and Third in Command being acquainted with the Military Service carried on in the East Indies, but this difficulty, and the Embarrassment the Select Committee now labour under, have arisen from the present System of the King's and Company's Service, known to our Employers. —

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If General Burgoyne and Colonel Baimbold, the two next Senior Officers to General Stuart, are to remain in Garrison how are they to acquire local knowledge, or experience of the Nature of the Service in India? Men of their Knowledge, Feeling, and Military Ardour will not remain in Garrison during an active Campaign — If Madras is likely to be besieged the Army must return to defend it — The Corps on the greatest part of General Burgoyne's, & Colonel Baimbold's Establishments, and though from their Rank they may not Command them, yet they must wish to be present, and be anxious for their Success and Reputation —

The favorable Idea conceived by the Right Honble President, and by the Committee, of the Military Abilities of General Burgoyne, and Colonel Baimbold, operate with me, in wishing them to take the Field to acquire that Knowledge and Experience of the Mode of carrying on the War in India immediately necessary to Officers of their high Rank in the Army. His Majesty no doubt will expect the greatest delicacy and Attention to be shewn particularly to General Burgoyne as commanding a Corps of Dragoons and to Colonel Baimbold Commanding the first foreign Corps ever sent to this Country belonging to the Crown. I have an high Opinion of the Officers Commanding Brigades, as well, as of those who Command Sepoy Battalions, and Regiments of Cavalry: whoever Commands the present Veteran Army I am not apprehensive of any reverse of Fortune — General Coote, is expected from Bengal

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Bengal, and may still arrive early in January.

The Commander in Chief having rested this Arrangement on our Decision I on a deliberate consideration of this important matter think it the better expedient to leave the entire Disposition of the Line of Battle, being Military Detail; to General Stuart the present Commanding Officer of His Majesty's Troops, who I doubt not will employ General Burgoyne, and Colonel Baimbolt, in the Field.

Alex. Davidson

General Stuart Requests that the above Minute of the President may be sent in Circulation and he will deliver in his Answer and Opinion upon it. Resolved accordingly.

The President delivers in the following Minute and Letter.

The President's minute requesting the sentiments of the Committee how to act with Respect to the Letter from the Nabob

The President has the honor to lay before the Committee a Letter which he has received from the Nabob conceived in the same Style of unbounded & groundless invective which his Highness has affected for some time past towards this Government. The President wishes to know the Sentiments of the Committee whether it is proper to take any other notice of this late performance than that of transmitting it to the Court of Directors, who can best vindicate their Representatives from such unbecoming and improper Treatment.

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From the Nabob to the Governor.

Dated 25th December 1782.

Received 28th — " — 82.

From the Nabob, full of Invective and Abuse against the President.

I received Yours Lordships letter of the 17th December, on the 19th at Night — "You say that you have no Real cause of dispatisfaction against you, and that you have on the Contrary endeavoured to merit my approbation and esteem — My friend If my astonishment could be encreased at your Lordships extraordinary conduct, Your writing to me in this manner would do it because it is known to You, and all the world, that the Blood is still flowing from the wounds of injury, and indignity, I have received from You, and that they threaten me, my family and Govern- ment with ruin — I have set forth in several former Letters to You, the Oppressive injurious and dishonorable measures which you have taken against myself my family my Rights and Government and I have particu- larly mentioned many of those Oppressive acts in my Letter of the 17th August last — Is it possible; my friend that those representations, can have so soon escaped Yours remembrance, or can you hope that the world can credit such an extraordinary assertion as you have made, / notwithstanding all the injuries I have suffered from You / that I have no cause of dispatisfaction against You, or do you think it can be a veil to those daring violences you have committed — You should have recollected, My Lord, that if you have entered my Representations in the Company's Records their books are full of the real cause of my dispatisfaction.

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The Style of your Lordships to Me was unbefore me may perhaps be good for your purposes in the Books of the Company, which you call "records beraw".

the English word records is wrote in Persian characters in the original.

I understand, that you wish that the Company, may know only what you are pleased to write and assert. Your Books are certainly filled with your praises and your own goodness, and the good qualities of those Books, are that Your Lordship frames them with great labor Yet it is evident to all that the public has been ruined by Your conduct, towards the Army, and your measures respecting provisions ——— With Regard to the first My Lord, it is sufficient to renew to the brave efforts of Sir Eyre Coote, during all last Year, which were totally defeated by the failures neglects and want of Supplies that were to have come from You, — Also since Sir Eyre Cootes departure to your Dispersing over all India the European Force sent from England for our protection, at so great Risk and expence and to your dispersing and disbanding such a Number of Bullocks and Artificers Sarvants, and other necessary followers of the Camp, which renders the Army unable to move, at this critical time, when such advantages might be obtained by it — After the length of time I now find it will take to collect the followers & enable the Army to march God knows what may be our Situation — What we have suffered is unexpressible from want of intelligence of the Operations of the Enemy, in every quarter, notwithstanding you have drawn large sums from the public treasury under that pretence Even the event of Hyder Naigs death which I now find happened on the 27th

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Lethidge ord. 4th December. What atime did it not take,
to come to your knowledge at any certainty tho' within
the distance of Ninety Miles and how much are we not
deficient, at this Moment in information of its effects —
and of the measures of the Enemy in consequence of it.

With Respect to the Provisions Your Lord.
-ship well knows, that the Merchants who used to bring
large quantities here have been so much oppressed and
ill used that they are all ruined and in a state of despair
and thereby deterred from bringing Grain as usual —
Your Lordship has not sent for a single Seer of grain
from all my districts on the Sea side of the River which
you have possessed Yourself of and for this Reason, the
distress for Grain, and the scarcity of it — for these three
Months have been beyond all discription — You know in
what manner, the Sepoys and their famely's have been
supplied — It is happy that so many of them remain.
But my Lord the inhabitants of the Town, and Country
about it have died from the most dreadfull famine —
that ever rage, even to the Number of Lacks, and this
number perhaps is not less than all that have
been put to death, by the cruelties and Tyranny of
Hyder Naig — My Lord, such distresses and oppres-
-sions have not been seen till your time, and they
are felt by and known to all But as you can not
when left alone Reply to all, it is convenient to you
to say to those who complain of their distresses what
you have wrote to me, "That is that it is not your
"intentions to trouble me with any justifications of your
"conduct and that you have done well" —

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It is the custom of the World, that even
speak well of those who have acted well — The good that
you have done to the people, is of a very extraordinary
kind that you alone speak of it and all the rest of the
World speak against it — With regard to the manner
Your Lordship applies to me for You cannot be
ignorant of Your own actions and Orders and when
You have mentioned those Names Yourself there is
no occasion for me to repeat them — This same
Colonel Lang was a long time at Vellore and also at
Trichenopoly — Why did he never do any such thing before
— Mr Sullivan, was a long time Your Gomastah, or
agent at Tanjore Why has he not acted in this manner
towards the Tanjorians? And Mr Pack, has for some
time been Paymaster at Trichenopolly why has he
not done this before — What power or desire could
they have to commit such acts without Your Orders —

This is a continuance of those injuries
and indignities, I have so long suffered from You,
which You tell me have been committed "with an
endeavor to merit my approbation and esteem" —
My Representation of this first Act of Violence at
Trichenopoly was not made with a hope of obtaining
any justice or Redress from you — It is true, the injury
is not to be remedied, but it is long since I have wash'd
my hands of Your Justice after what I have experienced
from You When your Lordship tells me that you intend
to direct the same persons who have ill treated me to
make enquiry into their own conduct, It is a fresh proof of
Your injustice The same thing is done when in your

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frequent answers to my Representations of your Conduct you say that your justifications is upon the Companys Records — It is true My Lord, that to hope Justice from you would be like the Shepherd making a complaint to the Wolf that has been devouring his Sheep — I used to write to former Governors to put a stop to the bad conduct of some of the lower Companys Servants — but When my complaints are of the Governor himself, to whom have must I make them —

With respect to what you say of your indignation, and that of the Company towards those who may act indecently or disrespectfully towards me or my Family — When you have overcome me and my family with oppressions and indignities of every kind, Your Lordship will in that case certainly have yourself a share of the Companys indignation — Otherwise your Lordship must have a right to insult, disgrace and trample under foot all the Rights of the Old Ally of the King of Great Britain which have been secured to him by the repeated assurances of His Majesty and of the Company —

What shall I say more? —

S. C. December 30th 1782.

The foregoing Letter being written in the same Stile of Invective and abuse and originating from the same Malignant Council with many of those which have been already fully answered upon the Records, the Committee are of Opinion and accordingly recommend to the President that no further Answer be returned than a mere acknowledgment of the Receipt of it

The Committee recommend to the President that no further Answer be returned to the Nabob's Letter than a mere acknowledgment of it's Receipt —

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The Commander in Chief informs the Committee that the Army will be in the field the 2d January the Escort from Nellore with Army Bullocks arrived safe. no material loss in the Army Bullocks during the Cantonments the Artillery in perfect repair a great deficiency in Tents for the additional Europeans, recommends that the Bullocks approved of be sent from Ellore in droves of 500 or 600 at a time. The Gunny Cloth made at Masulipatam much superior to any here.

The Commander in Chief informs the Committee that the whole Army will be encamped in the field the 2d. January. That the Escort with the Army Bullocks from Nellore are arrived in good condition and without any loss, and the convoy with Rice arrived safe at this place. That by the Quarter Master Generals Return there has been no loss worth mentioning of the Army Bullocks during the Cantonment. The Artillery is in perfect Repair in every respect except the Chain Straps which are nearly finished. After Supplying the additional Europeans with Tents there will be a very great deficiency but they are in hand. That as to the Carriage of the Army, after supplying the additional Europeans with Carriage for Camp Equipage the thinks it would be improper to State were here the deficiency of Carriage for provisions, but proposes with the leave of the Committee to State it to the President in the mean while recommends that the Bullocks approved of by Mr Cotsford Office sent to the Northward to import the Bullocks be sent from Ellore in droves of 500 or 600, at a time or more if they are Ready, and properly escorted with People to take care of their feeding, and that Magazines of Straw be formed at Ongole, Nellore, and Durraspatam to be kept in Readiness for the Bullocks in passing otherwise they will come in a Starved miserable State to the Army. The General further informs the Committee that the Commissary of Stores reports that the Gunny Cloth made at Masulipatam will be better for Rice Bags than any here and advises that a quantity of Cloth to the Amount of 1000 Pagodas be sent from thence to Ellore to be brought hither on the Bullocks

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Bullocks Backs—

The General further informs the Committee that Lieutenant Fox who Commanded the Escort of Bullocks from Nellore Reports that within 4 Miles of Durraspatam where he halted, there is the greatest plenty of Cattle Sheep, and Straw— that he bought Sheep at 4 Pa Pagoda a-piece also Lieutenant Dawes and the Sepoys— the Cattle they saw were fit for Slaughter, and were supposed to belong to the Amuldar of Nellore— they brought Rice at 10 Seers for a Rupee within three days March of Madras— The General therefore recommends that the Army may be supplied with Slaughter Cattle from thence as there are not in Camp more than sufficient for 8 Days consumption—

Great Plenty of Cattle 4 Miles from Durraspatam, supposed to belong to the Amuldar of Nellore

The General also acquaints the Committee that upon further enquiry, and an additional Report from the Officer Commanding at the Mount of an Average of measures— ment of the Rice he finds that he stated the Loss at the last meeting at the lowest Rate— that he has likewise— enquired of Captain Dearsay and finds that the measurement here is not by the People at the Mt. they may be present that it is a Legerdemain in measuring of the Black People and that one Black measure is as bad as another, but as on the present System there is a loss of 1/12th. of all the Rice sent to the Army it well deserves the attention of the Committee to Remedy it, and the only way that occurs to the General is this— that the present Company's measures measure half the Grain and the other half be measured by the Army Grain keeper's measures, and the average taken between the two, and in Order that the Army Grain keeper may be answerable in the absence of the Army, The General proposes that a Man on his part be left

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have at the Presidency with proper People to assist him, to be answerable for the first Issue of Rice - by this method the General thinks there will be a saving of twenty thousand quantity now lost -

The Committee approbation of what the General has recommended -

The Committee approve of what the Genl has recommended on the subject of Bullocks, Magazines of straw for feeding them, and Gunny Cloth for Rice Bags and it is Agreed that Orders be sent accordingly to Masulipatam, Ellore, Angole and Nellore - It is Agreed also that the Committee of Inland Revenue be desired to write to the Tahsildar of Nellore to furnish the Deputy Agent with the Army with Slaughter Bullocks on his paying the Owners the full value of them - and it is agreed that Orders be issued for adopting for the present the mode of measuring recommended by the General -

Letter written to the different Agent advising him of a Deficiency in the draft and carriage Bullocks, and requiring him to account for it

There appearing a Deficiency of 132 draught Bullocks and 246 carriage Bullocks between the Deputy Agents Returns of the 1st. November and the Quarter Master General's returns delivered in by General Stuart at Committee the 27th Instant, independently of such as may have been supplied intermediately - Resolved that a Letter be written to the Deputy Agent requiring him to account for this Deficiency -

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The President having made many enquiries & consulted a Number of persons upon the best method of conducting the Agency of the Army and obviating the Inconveniences that have arisen in that Department lays before the Committee a Memorandum upon the subject which has been put into their hands for their Consideration -

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Memorandum

Memorandum from the President respecting Regulations to be established in the Agents department

At present the different Offices dependent upon the Agent hold themselves so distinct and seperate from him that any enquiry upon his part into the manner in which the busines is conducted or any controul over those who do conduct it, would be considered an encroachment and resented as such by those who felt themselves injured and by their Friends—

The different Departments in Camp of Deputy Agent and Grain keeper are equally independent in fact of each other and every Department of the Army in which Bullocks are employed holds a sort of seperate responsibility so that the whole is unconnected broken and irregular—

The only way to remedy these evils I apprehend will be for Government to make the Agent who is the head of the Office responsible for the whole and to give him such assistance and support as will enable him to connect the different parts so that he may be accountable for them to Government

It will be necessary for Government likewise to supply such other defects in the old System as shall be proved from experience to have retarded publick Service—

The name of the Office of Deputy Agent implies subordination to a superior—the Office of Grain keeper which is now a seperate Department was formerly executed by the Deputy Agent but was resigned by Mr. Kindersley as too great a charge when united with the other duties he has to perform—the accounts and Returns are delivered by the

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the Grain keeper to the Agent and I conceive the change which has taken place does not alter the Subordination in which the office should stand to him.

The Departments therefore dependent upon the Agents Office in camp are the Bullock Department — the Grain Department and Victualling the Europeans —

The whole Bullock department is at present nominally under Mr. Kenworthy but then the Commissary of Stores (who is very deserving of this and every other trust reposed in him) and the Grain keeper whose departments require the greatest number of Bullocks both on account of that the Masstrys are obliged to depend upon them more than upon Mr. Kenworthy —

Another inconvenience arises from the Payments for Bullocks being made by the Paymaster in Camp and not by the Agent —

These seperate Interests Operating together with the long arrears due to the Bullock Masstrys and the want of any Settlement of their Accounts, have had such an effect that the People are distrustful and backward in receiving the necessary expence for maintaining their Bullocks in proportion as they are removed from the prospect of being Reimbursed for their Labour &c.

Founded upon these principles I have to propose —

1st — That all those who have been in trust in camp shall be obliged to bring up their account to a certain day with the Ballances due in their respective Departments

2d — That the Agent be invested with the full superintending power in his own Department and that he

he may be enable to conduct it properly-

3.—— That the appointment of all the Subordinate Offices be made by him or by his recommendation-

4th..... That to prevent the effect of the seperate Interests now operating and drawing different ways, that money be issued to the Agent or his Deputy in Camp by the Paymaster for the payment of his own Department - Subject to the inspection of the Commissary and that the whole Arrangement of the Grain and Bullock Departments and Victualling the Europeans be given to the person to whose management by his recommendation they shall be entrusted in Camp-

5th..... That through the Person appointed to the first of these Departments Bullocks shall be allotted to the Grain keepers to the Commissary of Stores &c. who shall have no other direction over these Bullocks or their Masters but to employ them as the publick Service may require-

6th..... In addition to the Hire served to the Bullock Drivers in Camp it is absolutely necessary that they should have a little money to buy them Gurry Stuff and some covering for their Body a want of this necessary supply of late has rendered it difficult to maintain the required number of Drivers and through this defect many Bullocks have been left behind in the different marches lost and starved for want of Food it being the business of the Drivers to provide forage for the Cattle-

To Obviate this it will be necessary that 10,000 Pagodas P. month of the Money sent to Camp shall be regularly issued by the Paymaster Show to the Agent or his Deputy for the purpose of being paid to the Bullock Drivers for their monthly Subsistance This Sum will probably relieve present

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present necessitys and keep up expectation.

As the success of this System must depend upon the regularity with which the people are paid Government will no doubt see the necessity of supplying the Agent with funds over and above the 10,000 Pagodas above mentioned which is considered merely as a sum by which the Drivers and inferior people may be subsisted from Month to Month / so that the Bullock Masters may not be longer in arrear than the rest of the Army and that they may be furnished with means to recruit and keep up their establishment of Bullocks.

Should the above outlines of the plan proposed meet with approbation from Government the next thing necessary will be to arrange the different appointments with their dependence upon and connection with each other. This can only be done while the Army is here which will give the Agent an Opportunity of Superintending the execution of the plan proposed. Should the plan meet with approbation it does not appear that the Agent will derive any advantage to compensate for the additional Responsibility he entails upon himself as he must necessarily give up to all those who act under him the allowed emoluments of their Station as the reward of their services. The only view of the person who offers the plan is to remove from Government the unnecessary trouble they have hitherto had from the confusion of Offices and accounts and by fixing responsibility in the head of Office to make him answerable for the discharge of the whole according to the means with which he is furnished and the support he receives.

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