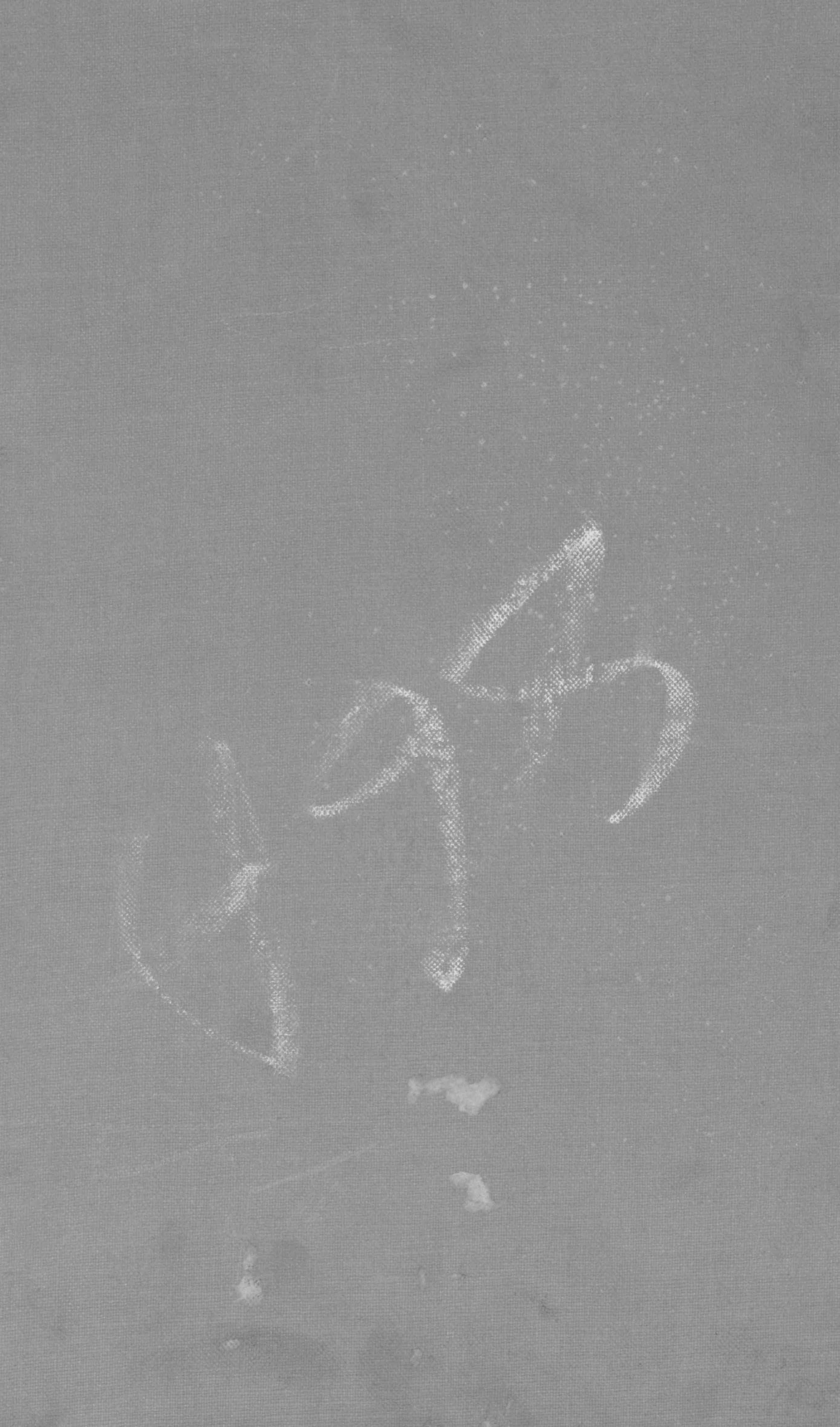

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5th which remains to the Eastward of Arcot. A few days ago I had Letters from Bangalore the Officers were all well the 31st Ultimo but the Soldiers very sickly & this evening I have sent them 55 Pagodas the last of the 500 your Lordship sent me for their use; it has been of the greatest service to them & saved many of their lives & hope your Lordship will enable me to send them a feather supply.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedt

Humble Servant

(Signed) John Cuppage

Vellore 20th Jany 1783

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

President & Governor &c &c

My Lord

Shortly after Hyder Ally invaded Mr Carnatic, the bearers Fakeir Mahomet, Callander Cawn, Surdar Cawn, & Armagum have been employed in bringing money to Vellore, which trust they have discharged faithfully. They are now Havildars in the 5th Battalion of Sepoys, & for the great Service they have been to this Garrison, I beg leave to recommend them to Your Lordship to be made Jemidars.

I have the Honor to be.

My Lord.

Your Lordship's most Obedt Hble Servt.

Signed, John Cuppage

Vellore 20th Jany 1783

From Captn Cuppage recommending the Havildars for Promotion on account of their Services

Received the following Minutes of the

Proceedings of the Committee of Stores

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5th Committee of Stores

Fort St. George 1st February 1783.

At a Committee of Stores Present

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross.

Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy.

Bryan Seotney Esqr.

In answer to the Right

Honble the Presidents and Select

Committees question of the

27th December last, The

Committee beg leave to

inform them, that Rod

Iron is the most proper for

making Jumbrid & Gun

Carriage Chains, but from

want of that, they have been

obliged to use, and to split

Bar Iron.

The Committee

having examined the Gun

Carriages, Mortar beds &c.

received from Pondicherry

Negapatam, and the Prize

D'Anniston, find them in

very bad condition, some

few of them only may be

made use of for the Works

in the Black Town, if

the Agents for the Captors

will agree to part with

them

The Committee might treat with the Agent & report the price asked at their sequence.

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5th there, to the Company, at
a very low rate, as the above
mentioned Stores occupy a great
deal of ground in the Fort,
wanted for other purposes —

This Committee recommend
to the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee, vide the preceding Para.
that the Agents be directed
to get them removed out of
the Garrison as soon as
possible, or they will be
charged rent for the ground,
whereon they now stand —

The Military
Storekeeper informs the
Committee, that in Consequence
of an Indent for Yokes
and handspikes to be
supplied the Army, and
the want of proper Timber
in garrison for that purpose,
he was under the necessity
of taking part of the
Planks and Sleepers from
amongst the Captured
Stores, that the Army
might not be delayed from
the want of them —

The Military
Storekeeper

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The Storekeeper acquaints the Committee, that the Quantity of Sulphur in Store, is insufficient for making Gunpowder, and other purposes in the Laboratory for the Present Year, and recommends that 100 Candies be written for to Bengal

The Danish Mortars containing 15 lbs of Powder in their Chambers and consequently being capable of throwing a shell considerably farther than our Mortars which contain but nine. The Committee recommend that Two more of them, be mounted upon beds of a French construction as soon as possible.

(Signed)
Patrick Ross
John Kennedy
B. Scotney

very proper

Received the following Letters.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

When first I was honored with your Letter respecting a Complaint of the Inhabitants of the District of

# Fort St. George February 1788.

From Capt. Scoulor in Exculpation of the Charges preferred against him —

5th District of Tripassore in General: I was perfectly struck with amazement at the different falsehoods there related; & thought a serious answer would be useless, as you could not suppose an Officer of near Sixteen Years standing in the Hon'ble Company's Service, would act the infamous part there discribed; & that their Enormity would fully Convince you of their Improbability — but when Mr Woolf informed me, that he had your Directions to enquire into the Truth of their Complaints, it then struck me, it would be proper for me, to give you some insight into the Motives for these Complaints, which in fact as far as I can discover, originated from the Aumildars of this Place, who are Grieviously hurt, that I should prevent them from squeezing the Inhabitants, whom I have to the utmost of my power supported & Encouraged ever since my arrival; but Gratitude is not the Characteristick of a Black Man, and to my astonishment, I have found some amongst the Complainants, who could not have cultivated a single Cany of Ground, but through my Assistance — If the Right Hon'ble the President & Select Committee will do me the honor to run over the Detail of Facts & Circumstances, which I am going to lay before them for their Inspection, they will shortly discover, that the whole of these Complaints are Groundless, & I flatter myself My Lord & Gentlemen, that in that case, you will do me Justice on the Authors of it —

The latter end of September 1782 when General Sir Eyre Coote went last to Vellore with Provisions, he ordered me to encourage Cultivation

round

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5/6ths of the Land near Tripasore, were either Dead, absent, or had fallen into the Hands of the Enemy, except themselves. I therefore privated out to them a Piece of Ground containing about ten or twelve Canys, and told them I intended to cultivate it. they seemed to approve highly of my Determination at the time, & I immediately set seriously to work to cover these Fields with Paddy. As soon as these People observed me entering into this business with Spirit, & disregarding Expence, it instantly raised in them the Spirit of Industry & Enterprize, & they began to cultivate small Patches all round the Fort. At this time a Circumstance happened, which was likewise a strong inducement for them to try their fortunes in raising Grain Viz as follows. They had got a few Canys of Vatchinee fit to cut & waited on me concerning it. I informed them, that they were to put the whole Produce to their own Profit & not pay any part of it to Government. they told me, that the Amildars Peons were always attending at their Fields to take his Part, if not prevented by me. I instantly sent for the Amildar & desired him to desist from distressing them, as he knew it was Contrary to the Orders of Government, he denied his knowledge of his Peoples being there, & assured me that it was not his Intention. but nevertheless he left no Argument untouched, that he thought would answer the end of persuading me to permit him to make Exactions. Money was not left out, but I remained fixed to my

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5th purpose, & sent People to prevent it — They put it into their Houses & afterwards came to me & requested I would accept a little of it for sale — none being to be purchased, — to this I consented with the Determination that they should be no Losers by their so frankly offering it me; they at the same Time made proper & acknowledgements for the Benefits they had reaped by my timely Protection — On this Circumstance is founded the Complaint of my squeezing the Inhabitants & extorting Sums of Money from them for as to receiving twenty five Pagodas Monthly from the Bazar, I never had an Idea that that could be construed into extorting Money. I have collected as many more Bazar People as were there on my arrival, & yet have made no increase in the Stipend, 'tis now the same it was when I arrived at Trippatore —

The Villagers being at last convinced; as above, that they might venture to cultivate without the Hamildars Exactions, many more hands were in consequence set to work, & one Evening, I found some of them very busily employed in tilling part of the Ground, which had been agreed should be set a part for me, I immediately sent to them to desist, & take possession of any other vacant Spot of Ground, of which there were plenty, & one now, many hundred of Candy of fine Land lays waste, they did as I desired, and till you was pleased to send me a Copy of Complaints I said to be theirs; but of

which

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5th which I doubt, as I believe it was only a Sinnaprah, who has not a Cawny of Ground belongeing to him near Trepasore, but he belongs to a Village about two Miles off / from the Inhabitants in General of the Trepasore District, I never was made acquainted with their Disputes — So far from it, that all Ranks seemed to think themselves happy & perfectly satisfied with my Conduct towards them, / excepting the Sirmildar, whose good Will I could not obtain, but by granting him the Power of making them unhappy / thanking me many times for the Blessings they injoyed; as I had filled the Tanks for them by repairing the Water Courses &c, which must have been left undone, had I not been at the Expence & Trouble of doing those Works; which from their Poverty & scanty numbers could never have been accomplished by them, & consequently the Tanks would have been empty, & the Cultivation of Paddy put a stop to for want of Water —

Sinnaprah Reddee sold as much young Paddy Seed, as would cover a Cawny of Ground, many People were present at the Bargain; & yet, this is made a Pretence for a Complaint; I have made it my business to make the strictest Enquiry concerning the real cause for this Complaint, & find it to be the above — I knew nothing of my Servants having made this Purchase for me, till your letter made me make the Enquiry —

The Bullock Complaint is absolutely false from beginning to end, except that I have been at

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5th at different Periods, found to collect Cattle from 5 different Parts against their will of their Owners — Indeed when Asked a Reason for complaining that I had taken his Cattle, I used them for Cultivating Ground at Tripassore: his answer & his Brothers were, that when they went to Madras in search of some Cattle belonging to them, which I had sent for their Army's use; they could find very few of them there & therefore concluded I had retained them here to make use of them for my own Profit —

These My Lord & Gentlemen, are the real Grounds on which the Complaints have been founded, and are really as futile as I have represented them; So far have I been from distressing the Inhabitants of Tripassore; that it has been my constant endeavour to protect them & give them every assistance in my Power —

Belonging to the Paddy Grounds round Tripassore, only three People are here who have any real Claim, named Veerapah Reddy, Vyagapah Reddy & Venkatasubbah Moodely — It therefore extends to a very few Ranges, not one of which I have touched, & indeed I believe their Claims are not to the Complaint — I have not a Grain of Corn on any Land belonging to Madras alive: I picked it from amongst the Dead —

I was obliged to order some of the Houses on the Glacis to be removed, but gave them considerable time to do it in; but when I found the warning had no effect, I was forced to send People & show them the Example, which some of them quickly followed & built their Houses further off — From this arose the Complaint: that I would not allow

5th allow the Poor Petitioners to go into their Houses in the Neighbourhood of the Fort. I had the Directions of the Commander in Chief, before I ordered the removal of a single House — & many more must yet be levelled, if I study the safety & Defence of the Fort, I have the honor to Command —

Thus my Lord & Gentlemen have I given you a Detail of the weak Foundations for such heinous Charges, which were Fabricated hereby Ninapah & sent to Madras by him to his Brother (at the advice I believe of the Aumildar) who meeting with some Dubashes at Madras, whose Cattle had been sent from this Place, for the Army's use &ca; made out that Monstrous Petition against me, part of which you was pleased to send me a Copy of —

The Inhabitants who are in the Village have requested I would send you their sense of Ninapahs Complaint, which I take the liberty of enclosing, it will serve to show you that I am not quite so obnoxious to them, as he & others have been pleased to take upon them to Represent —

A Man here who calls himself the Nabobs Aumildar, claims for his Master, half the Product of some lands sown with Paddy, and now nearly fit to cut — I informed him that the present Crop on those Fields, were the entire Property of the Cultivations, & that I could not permit him to exact any thing from them; mentioning to him the Instructions I had received on that Subject, from Sir Eyre Coote & that it was in like manner the Sense of the Board (this last I was given to understand from Messrs Woolf & De Souza) &

it was

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5th it was under an absolute Promise of their making the whole Crop to their own Advantage; that they had cultivated those Fields, and that therefore nothing but an Order from you could take it from them — In what manner &c. & he Master may represent this Circumstance to you, I Ly Lord & Gentlemen, cannot tell, but am certain they will make it appear as bad as they probably can — but the real Truth is exactly what I have done myself the Honor of representing to you —

I have the honor to be —

Ly Lord & Gentlemen,

Your very Obedt &

Most Humble Servant

Signed/ Robert Fowler

Tripasore
26th January 1783.

Translation of a Paper Directed by Cotundaloor Vinapah Reddy to Captain Fowler Commanding at Tripasore Dated 20th January 1783

Whereas in the Month of October last Your People have carried 96 Cattle belonging to my Village when my Cattle were grazing at Arumpauck and that Ten days after the same were sent to the Army; My People on their search found 26 Cattle there being my Sole property and conceived that the rest were converted for the use of the Army, but the matter which I have set forth in the Paper delivered at Madras is under the supposition of my Cattle might have been gone with those of the Inhabitants Cattle which were carried

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5th lately at two or three different times to the Army —
The Paddy fields which your People have cultivated
— you have returned the same to me on my application
to you — I hereby acknowledge that the young
crops which you have taken out of my Paddy
fields and Planted in others was with my own
Consent — This I gave this with my free
will & Consent in the Presence of the Amuldar
of my District & other Witnesses.

Signed / Ninapah

Witnesses
Subalow Amuldar of Tripassore
Permall Account of Do
Abdul Rahim
Moodeen Cuttavanell
Canvaray Sittarama Chitty
Pullarumpauk Tendava Chitty

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Translation of a Paper given by the Inhabitants of Tripasore to
Captain Robert Scouler Dated 1st February 1783 —

Whereas We Nagia, Vencatchella Moodely
Reddy, Nynah Modelly, & Tendiapah Moodelly the
principal Inhabitants of Tripasore do acknowledge and
declare in the presence of the Amuldar Soobroy, that
Chengleroy of Colondalore, & Ramiapah Son of Reddy
are not the Inhabitants of Tripasore, but they took
their Refuge here on Account of the War — They
have Exhibited a Complaint against Captain Scouler
Relative to their Cattles which were carried from
Aroompauck for the use of the Company, We
have not preferred any Complaint against Captain
Scouler

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5th Scouler, for he has not gave us the least Lawn for it
Thus we have given this in our own Record &
Consent

Witnesses
Loobroy Amaldar
Abdul Rahim
Rajapaundeth Canoogo

Signed Sawyer —
Vencatachella Moodely
Andeapah Moodely
Reddy Seymour

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

detached — From Capt. Scouler with Intelligence.

On the 8th Instant Tippoo Saib dispatch
four thousand Horse & the same number of Pindarys
with eight days Rice, with intent to plunder
the Environs of Madras — Tippoo's whole force &
the French are now encamped nearby between
Coovery Pauck & Conjeveram — Great Rejoicings
have been in his Camp from hence, that twenty five
Sail of French Ships are arrived at Nagare — a
Salute was fired on the Occasion & they now begin
to exult exceedingly, as they have it that a very considerable
Reinforcement of French Europeans are on Board —
tis thought Tippoo will march to effect a Junction
shortly, & then will return & Besiege Fort St George
So high has this News raised their Spirits —

I have the honor to remain
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedt &
Most Humble Servt
Signed Robert Scouler

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to Madras first making for the
Braus or sail from Montoo

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generally credited.

I have the honor to remain
Your Lordships most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed James Burney

Bristol at Sea
Oct 1782.—

Ships under Convoy of the Bristol
Bquntiful
Fortune
Gen. Coote
Busbridge
Winterton
Europa
Gen. Goddard
Francis
Duke of Athol
Fanford
Rodney
Montagu
Veteran - Victualers

} Armed Straships

} East-India Ships

The President recommends a Route for the Fleet under Convoy of the Bristol—

at

Montoo

own

Agreed to

+ Vide Margin—

The President informs the Committee that he has learnt from Captain Anderson of the Greyhound that the place appointed by Captain Burney as the Rendezvous is the Island of Montoo and that having consulted several persons of knowledge and experience with respect to the best plan to recommend to Captain Burney for the safety of his Fleet it was suggested that the Fleet might remain at Montoo before the 15th March, and proceed to Anjengo, in which case the passage might be made in about 30 days by which time however the Monsoon would be approaching.—

The Committee having maturely considered the subject and the circumstances connected with it, the French Squadron on the Coast, and our at Bombay, which it did not reach till the end of December, incline to the opinion that it will be most advisable for Captain Burney to proceed with his Convoy to the Malabar Coast, to Anjengo Agreed in Consequence that the following Letter be dispatched to Captain Burney by the Greyhound Brig, and that Captain Anderson be ordered to sail immediately to join him (Captain Burney) and to put himself under his

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His Orders

To James Burney Esqr

Commander of his Majestys Ship

Bristol.—

Sir,

To Captain Burney
a Route recommended
for the Safety of the
Fleet under his Convoy—
The Greyhound is dispatch
to him.

The Right Honble the President,
has communicated to us your Letter to his Lordship
dated October by the Greyhound Brig, and the
return her to you without loss of time to acquaint
you,
that the French Fleet consisting of 10 Ships of the
Line & 2 Frigates is on the Coast, and We have reason
to think their operations are intended against it—
they expect considerable Reinforcements, which it is
thought probable will rendezvous at Acheen.
Our Fleet under the command of Sir Edward
Hughes is at Bombay, which it did not reach till the
end of December, and We cannot therefore expect it
round before the end of April, if so soon—

Having consulted with persons of
Knowledge and experience on this subject, We have
learnt, that if the Fleet under your Convoy should
sail from Mantes before the 15th March, the
passage may be made to Anjengo in about 30
days, at which time the Monsoon will be
approaching—It was also suggested that you might
remain at Mantes till the 1st May, and then proceed
to Madras, first making the Coast, but upon due
consideration of all circumstances, We incline to the
opinion, that it will be most advisable for you to
proceed to the Malabar Coast to Anjengo, if you

can

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can reach it in all the Month of May, when you will learn Intelligence of both Fleets, and probably receive instructions from Sir Edward Hughes, for your future Guidance.

If you should fall in with any part of the Malabar Coast, where our Military operations are carrying on, We are persuaded that you will give every Assistance in your power, that can be derived from the Force under your command.

We shall immediately dispatch an express over Land to Sir Edward Hughes, with advice of what We have learnt from Captain Anderson, and with Copies of your Letter and of this Answer.

Captain Anderson is directed to put himself under your orders.

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt

Humble Servant

(Signed) M. Macartney

Select Committee

Agreed that Copies of the Letter from Captain Burney, and of the foregoing answer, be forwarded to the Select Committee at Bombay, and to Sir Edward Hughes.

Read the following Letter and enclosures from Masulipatam

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

at

Fort St George

Fort St George
6th February 1783.

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From Masulipatan
inclose Copies of Letters
from Col. Jones & Capt.
Speight — Request to have
a Reinforcement of
Europeans, & a Supply
of Plantin Medicines.

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have been honored with your Commands of the 22nd Instant, as well as with the Papers of Intelligence therein inclosed, in consequence of which we immediately consulted with the Commanding Officers of both the King's and Company's Troops and with the Chief Engineer, respecting the Arrangements necessary to take place and whatever else they might deem proper for putting this Garrison on the best State of defence, which time and circumstances would admit of — We have the honor herewith to transmit you their Letter, and to inform your Lordship &c. that a great part of what they therein recommend has already been carried into execution, and that we will immediately comply with what is yet left undone, as far as it may be in our power — your Lordship &c. will perceive by the inclosed Copy of a Letter from Colonel Jones and Captain Speight, that they have recommend to us to apply to you for the two Companies of the 102nd Regiment now in Bengal, also for a Company, or if that cannot be spared at least half a Company of Artillery with four or five Officers, which we beg your Lordship &c. will be pleased to comply with, as far as possible; but at the same time think it necessary to observe that before the two Companies of the 102nd Regiment can possibly arrive from Bengal, we are of opinion they will be too late for preventing

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any designs the Enemy may have on this Garrison, and We therefore entreat that your Lordship &c. will be pleased to send an equal number of Europeans from the Southward if they can possibly be spared — and we also earnestly entreat you will be pleased to order a Supply of Sheets and Medicines to be sent us over land as soon as possible —

We have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed. Hble Servts
(Signed) J. Daniell
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thomas Barnard
Alexander Pringle

Masulipatam
30th January
1783

To James Daniel Esqr
Chief & Council
of Masulipatam
Gentlemen,

In consequence of a conversation We had with you yesterday Evening, on the intelligence received from the Honble Committee, We take the earliest opportunity of addressing you on the following heads —

In the first place we beg leave to recommend, that all the Detachments now out in the Country be forthwith ordered to join their

their respective Battalions with all possible expedition, three Company's of the 4th Battalion excepted, which ought to be Stationed at Coringa, with orders to the Commanding Officer there, to endeavour to repel any small disembarkation that may be attempted, but should the Enemy endeavour to land in force, to spike his Guns destroy the ammunition, and to make the best Retreat he can to this place — Captain Chesshyre with the remainder of his Battalion, and the two 3 Hrs attached to it, to come into Masulipatam — Captain O'Hara to assemble his Battalion as soon as possible at Condapillee and there to remain in readiness to obey any order's he may hereafter receive, & to keep Bullocks for his Guns and Stores — All Guns and Stores that can be possibly withdrawn from the out Garrisons and Stations, Condapillee except, to be ordered to Masulipatam immediately — The Invalid Sepoys of the District to be formed into a Company at Ellore, to be left in Charge of the Cantonments at any time when the Troops may be withdrawn from thence — That all the Lascars in the Company's Service, be sent into the Fort immediately mustered daily and employed by the Engineer or in the Stores as may be found necessary —

We further conceive that it would be of the greatest consequence to have an additional number of Europeans, the Works being very extensive, and the Season so extremely dry, that the approaches will be much easier made, than they otherwise would be

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be, add to which the vast disproportion between the European and the Native Troops of which the Garrison will be formed, one third of the former at least, being Invalids, and Pensioners, as well as a number of the 102nd Regiment being Sick in the Hospital — We therefore beg leave to recommend to you to apply for the two Companys of the 102nd Regiment expected from Bengal, also a Company of Artillery; but if a complete Company cannot be spared, at least half a one, with four or five Officers, there being only one here, and as he is ordered to the Southward when relieved, we think he should be detained until others arrive, and at the same time understanding, there is a great want of Flints and Bullets, two Articles of the utmost consequence, We also recommend that not a moment be lost in getting them by land, as the Surest Method of being Supplied, that Six Months Provisions be laid in as soon as possible, for five hundred Europeans, and four thousand Six hundred Natives, and in case the Honble Committee complying with the above application for the two Companies of the 102d Regiment, and the Company of Artillery, it will be necessary to lay in an additional Stock of Provisions.

We further beg leave to submit to your consideration, whether marching the whole of the Troops into Travancore, before there is an absolute necessity for it, may not impress the Country Powers & natives, with an Idea of our being conscious of our own Inferiority, therefore propose that a Detachment be formed, and Stationed at Ellore, in readiness to march at the shortest notice, towards whatever place the

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the Enemy may attempt a landing, consisting of three Companys of the 102d Regiment, two Battalions of Grenadiers, and the two Battalions which we understand are expected from Cuyala, with Field Pieces in proportion — This Detachment we conceive will be of the utmost importance and Service, in whatever operations they may undertake, and may be the means of preventing any of the disaffected Zemindars from joining or assisting them —

Good intelligence at these times being of the utmost importance, We submit it to your Gentlemen, whether it would not be highly proper, to have Sircarrahs posted between this place and Hyderabad, Nirmul, and Commanet, in order to give us the earliest information of the movement of any body of Troops, and also if you do not consider it necessary that the Prisoners of War, be ordered to Ellore, or any inland place, to prevent their giving Intelligence to the Enemy —

As there are but four thousand Sacines now in Store, and in all probability some of them damaged, We have to request You will be pleased to order at least Six thousand more to be made as soon as possible —

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obed.t Serv.ts

(Signed) Tho.s Jones Lt Col. Army

A Dyaght Capt.

Horse Company Troops

Masulipatam
21st Janry 83

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Gentlemen

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From Capt. Prevott recommending some Improvements for the better Defence of the Fort of Manelipatam

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acquaint you, that I was employed the whole of Yesterday in making myself perfect Master of the ground about this Fortress, and that I find there has been a Tank dug, and that the ground is very uneven, and of consequential height, at the distance of 1181 Yards, E & by N. from Lords bastion, affording excellent Shelter for an Enemy, as well as good Situation for a battery to bear upon the Saliant Angle of Lords bastion, and upon many other parts of the defences of this Fortress, upon this Spot only 4 Guns directly bear, & two more partially, I do therefore, Gentlemen beg leave to recommend that 4 Guns be added, to the five on this part, to be placed on the curtains between Lords and Magazine bastions, to which end I should propose to raise the Works so that the Platforms of these Guns should be on a level with the highest part of the Traverses of the adjacent bastions, which of course would give them good Command on the Tank ground as well as upon any Approaches of an Enemy from that quarter. The foregoing observations are nearly those I have to make on a Spot of ground distant 799 Yards from the Saliant Angle of the Royal Bastion N Eby N. called the Incoming ground this Spot is commanded by 11 Guns but I do not think them sufficiently high, I would therefore recommend 3 Guns to be added on the curtain between the Royal and North bastion,

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the Work to be constructed as the first proposed — I am well aware, Gentlemen, that there is an absolute necessity for avoiding all unnecessary expence, I do engage my honor to you, that I will recommend no Works but what are indispensably necessary for the defence of the place, and that those you are pleased to, shall be executed with the strictest Economy, I am to request your immediate orders on this business, and I have only to add that my views are for the present confined to an active discharge of my Duty, and for the benefit of my honorable Employers,

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen with Respect,
Your most obed.t Humble Serv.t

Masulepatam
29th January 1783

(Signed) W.m Prescott
Capt.t Engineer

a true Copy
Wm Scott Secy

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My Lord

From Mr Daniel the Garrison in want of Medicines — Col. Jones wishes to have the two Companies of the 102d Regiment now in Bengal

I am this moment favored with Your Lordship's Letter of the 22d Instant You shall have another Statement of the Bengall Cash — but how we are to get it to Madras I cannot tell, except by bills, and I will lose no opportunity of that sort which may occur to send it by Sea; except one of the Cruizers Called here would be dangerous, and by land it might attract the notice of the Looties —

We have this Evening consulted with Colonel Jones, Captain Lysaght and Captain

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Captain Prescott, all the possible preparations will be immediately made — but we have no Artillery Officers — Captain Lloyd spoke with me on this subject this Evening, and I wish Your Lordship could spare us Two at least on this Emergency

May I also beg Your Lordship will be pleased to order the Medicines mentioned in the accompanying Indent to be forwarded westward without loss of time? for Mr Sinclair tells me he is much in want of them even now — how much more should we be distressed for them in case of a Seige?

Colonel Jones desires me to mention to your Lordship how much he wishes that the two Companies of his Regiment now in Bengall might be ordered to Join him here — and I trust if possible You will effect it —

God knows what will be now become of our Revenue — the time of our utmost need is the period in which these people most withold it — and this should be a double spur to us to prevent the Enemy from getting any footing in these districts —

I shall do myself the honor of writing to You again tomorrow, and am very Respectfully

Your Lordships
most Obd.t Hble Servt.

Masulipatam
29th Jany

Signed L. Daniel

The Governor General & Council have already been advised of Colonel Jones's desire that the two Companies of his Regiment now in Bengal should

should be ordered to join him — The Commander in Chief has declared his opinion against any further detachment from the main Army, and it is not in our power to send any from this Garrison — 15 European Artillery men have been ordered forward to Masulipatam, with the two Battalions from Angole and Captain Sutcliffe, and 3 other Artillery Officers are on their way thither —

The Indent for Medicines for Masulipatam to be sent to the Surgeon General & the Military Storekeeper to forward some Flints —

Agreed that the Indent of Medicines be sent to the Surgeon General, and that the Military Storekeeper be directed to forward some Flints to Masulipatam —

The Right Honble the President lays before the Committee, the following draught of a Letter to the Nabob, in Answer to that from his Highness read yesterday in Committee —

To the Nabob communicating the Instructions of the Company concerning his Highness's Affairs contained in the General Letter & the Greyhound Packet —

May it please your Highness!

Your Highness's letter of this Day's Date expressive of your Desire to be made acquainted immediately with the Instructions of the Company, brought here four Days ago concerning your Affairs, has removed the Doubt and uneasiness I felt concerning the moment, and the manner of communicating them to your Highness. The Court of Directors, in a letter addressed to your Highness, of which a Copy only is as yet arrived, for the information of this Presidency, has thought it necessary to introduce the Declaration of their Sentiments, by observing that they were authorized to make

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it by the Freedom, which one Friend was entitled to use towards another. So much Precaution need not to have been taken, or such Observation made, if there had been a Certainty that those Sentiments would have been as conformable in every respect to your Wishes and Opinions, as they really are to the joint and permanent Welfare of your Highness and the Company. There was however a Likelyhood that at all Events Your Highness would have been reconciled to them when imparted to You, after an intire[ly] address on the Subject from your acknowledged Friends the Company, of whose Wisdom and Goodness towards Your Highness even your last letter expresses the fullest sense.

The Original of this Address not being yet arrived, I directed the Secretary of the Council to acquaint Your Highness on the third Instant, that if agreable to your Highness, a Copy of it would be readily imparted to you; It is now inclosed. And conformably to your Request in relation to the Company's Settlements, I have now the honor to acquaint you, that the Court of Directors, on the maturest Consideration of your Highness's Request to the Governor General of Bengal, and of his Reply, cannot be of opinion that the Agreement made by the Presidency of Bengal and your Highness was either necessary or expedient, and the Court therefore direct that it be forthwith annulled.

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The Court of Directors likewise declare, that they were much surprized at the appointment of Mr. Richard Joseph Sulivan, in consequence of the before mentioned Agreement, to a seat in the Council of Fort

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Plan for the liquidation of your Debts, the Directors were pleased to acquiesce in such new Arrangement, as Your Highness had assured them in Your Letter of the 26th January 1782. that this Assignment of the Revenues of your Country was a voluntary Act of your own. And in a late letter to the President and Select Committee Directions are expressly given, that the most pressing applications must be made to your Highness, in order that the Assignment you had made of the Revenues might be rendered effectual. To these words I hope for the future it will not be necessary to add any solicitations from me to Your Highness to induce you to discountenance any of your Family, Officers, or Servants from obstructing the Collections of the Revenue, under color of your Highness Authority, or of any expected Change in the present Arrangement. The Accounts of the Revenues of such of the Districts in our Possession, as have a safe & Communication with the Presidency, were sent to your Highness some time since; as made up and Signed by the Accountant, who was appointed by the Select Committee for that purpose, agreeably to the Practice of the Company on similar occasions. Those sent from the Court of Directors to the British Parliament are signed by some of the Directors, The Accountants signature being sufficient to authenticate them. The Accountant of the Assigned Revenues was strongly recommended as fit for such a Station, as well as for his Integrity and Diligence by a Gentleman of high rank in the Company's Service, who had employed

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employed him in matters of considerable and complicated Accounts. Such a Recommendation, had it been known to Your Highness, would have probably prevented you from inquiring into the Place of Nativity or former Circumstances of the Person who was the object of it. The Account was sent under my Seal, and accompanied by such a Message as Your Highness has frequently sent to, and deigned to receive from me; and the whole was delivered by the usual Messenger. However, I now send it enclosed in this Letter which shall be signed by me, and sealed with my Seal. To avoid a similar Objections of Defect in form for the future, it will be right to admit of no written Intercourse between Your Highness and the President, but in the due form of Letters properly authenticated. But I shall be ever disposed as I have always been to wait upon Your Highness when you will please to desire it, as I have frequently made known to you. It would have been very satisfactory to me to have explained to your Highness in detail the various Calls for Military Stores, which have prevented me from being able to spare you all those you have demanded. Major Sydenham was ready to deliver you 500 Stand of Arms on receiving those which you declared to be unserviceable, and which is the usual Practice on giving out new Arms. In claiming Arms as your own Property, your Highness is not aware of the Demand by the Governor of Tranquebar of two Thirds of the Value

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of the Stores ordered by Your Highness, but delivered by him to Sir Edward Hughes; and the Company is considered as being answerable, at least for such a Part of those Stores, as it employs or delivers to Your Highness.—

Whenever Your Highness has any real Occasion for Stores or other Articles in my Power to deliver to, or procure for you, I shall most readily do it, if I can consistently with my Duty and the Trust reposed in me.—

Your Highness's Residence at Cheppauk is perfectly secured by your Body Guards, by the Europeans at St Thome, and the Company's Gardens, besides the more distant Post at St Thomas's Mount, and I shall ever attend to Your Highness's security and Welfare as the ancient Friend and Ally of the Company. The accusations against me which Your Highness has promised to find a Place in your Writings, have made no alteration in my Conduct, which being of a public nature, is not to be affected by private attacks. When Your Highness will please to consider coolly the whole of my Proceedings and your representations of them, the Contrast will force itself upon the just and grateful mind of your Highness. You will not find in my Letter to Your Highness any Menace of resisting from you your Country or Government by Force: but a Declaration that it was out of my power to avoid carrying into Execution the

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Direct Objects of the Bengal Treaty made by Your Agents, and ratified by Your Highness, or the Plan proposed by Your Highness to be substituted in its room: Indeed as I was by my personal Respect and Regard for Your Highness, to venture in the midst of the Difficulties which called for an immediate Compliance with your Engagement, to consent to any Deviation from them; and accountable as I was for the fatal Consequences which might result from any Delay, in procuring those Resources which were to be derived only from one or other of the Plans, on which Your Highness was to determine. Indeed Your Highness's voluntary and repeated Declarations, and Letters & written without any communication of them to me, that the assignment was a voluntary Act of your own, precluded all Possibility of admitting now the supposition of any Compulsion upon Your Highness, nor if it had been compulsory, could it have the merit, which your Highness has so frequently and justly claimed from it, of being the strongest Proof of your attachment to, and Confidence in the Company. —

What can I say more? —

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Sign'd / Macartney

The foregoing Letter approved. —

The Committee approve of the foregoing Letter — Agreed that it be Translated forthwith into Persian. and sent to the Nabob

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The Committee proceed to read the General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 28th August 1782.—

General Letter 27th August 1782. — paragraph 3?

Sentiments of the Committee on the Disapprobation signified by the Court of Directors of a Delegation of Power to the President.—

The Committee in Justice to the Right Honble President observe, that altho' their Authority was delegated to his Lordship on that particular Occasion, no measure was taken but what was communicated to and approved by them — The Commander in Chief was acquainted with the reasons which made that deligation necessary, and which were equally unconnected with any Intention to offer Indignity to him, and with any personal view, or desire of power in the President.

In fact the President embraced an Enviable situation in taking upon himself the sole responsibility of an important Military Enterprize, disapproved by the Commander in Chief, and judged impracticable by the Officers, in the Actual Command of the Troops destined for the Service — but there were circumstances which rendered it necessary for the public good, that the Committee should confide to the President, and that his Lordship should accept of extraordinary powers on that particular occasion, and the moment that necessity ceased those powers were resigned into the hands of the Committee, from whom his Lordship had received them: with respect to the Commander in Chief, the deference uniformly paid to him, the high Value set upon his Services, and our solicitude to Learn his Assistance and Advice

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Mil Letter 28th Augt 82.—

in Committee, are apparent in almost every page of our proceedings.

4th paragraph

At the period when Mr Boyd's appointment was resolved on, the President had not had opportunities of knowing the Company's Servants— but it is doubtful if one possessed of the proper Qualifications could have been found, without taking him from some Office where his Services were wanted.—

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The Contents of this paragraph to be communicated to Mr Richard Sullivan

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In answer to this paragraph, it will be proper to inform the Honble Court of Directors, that all General Courts Martial are at present held under the sole Authority of the King's Commander in Chief, and considered by him as subject only to his approval, or disapproval— also that he considers the appointment of the Judge Advocate General as vested in him, and accordingly appointed Mr Richard Sullivan to that Station and continued him in it after he had, till then, been always annexed. (sic) the Secretaryship to which it had

11th 2d paragraph
Colonel Roff Lang restored to the Rank

Colonel Roff Lang to be restored to his rank in General Order accordingly.

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To be strictly observed in equipping packets from this Presidency.

The President delivers in the following Minute

The President has the honor to observe that

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Presidents Minutes on the Company's Instructions that no Person out of their Service shall be employed—moves that Mr. A. Cuthbert be appointed Agent Victualler & Naval Storekeeper for his Majesty's Fleets in India—

That the late Act of Parliament relative to the Company's Affairs, and the late Instructions consequent on rendering it incumbent on the Committee to provide for the supply of his Majesty's Squadron in India agreeably to such Act of Parliament. It is obvious that it is absolutely necessary to prepare for such supply before the Arrival of the Squadron which may be expected next month. It is equally evident that the Company will be liable to very great losses, unless some person perfectly conversant with the Business of supplying his Majesty's Ships, shall be employed on this occasion. No other Person can foresee the nature and Quantity of the Articles which are likely to be demanded by the Admiral. Any Agent unaccustomed to such a Business would unavoidably provide Articles which might never be demanded, and which would fall as unnecessary and heavy Charge upon the Company, and would be equally deficient in others, the want of which might be materially detrimental to the Publick service. The President therefore proposes, that Mr. Alexander Cuthbert be appointed Agent for providing and supplying his Majesty's Squadron agreeably to Act of Parliament, and the Company's Instructions Mr. Cuthbert's particular Knowledge and Experience of this Business, his satisfactory

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Acquittal of his late Employment, and his Character of Integrity, unite in pointing him out as the fittest Person for the Execution of this Employ.

The Rule prescribed by the Court of Directors, of employing only Persons bred in their Service cannot apply to all Offices. It will be a perversion of their Instructions and their Meaning, to suppose that it extended to all Cases. Their Disapprobation of the appointment of Mr Hugh Boyd, as a Minister to the King of Candy, is evidently founded on the supposition that a Person in the Service might have been found equally capable for that Embassy. A literal Adherence to such Instructions might prevent the Presidency from being able to employ a Solicitor or Council to prosecute or defend the Company's Suits, tho' the Directors frequently desire Council & Solicitors to be employed. The Directors are often obliged to send Persons not bred in the Service, to fill particular Offices in their Settlements, and the same necessity sometimes presses upon their Representatives abroad. In some Transactions, such as particular Contracts, the Court of Directors found it necessary to order that their own Servants should be excluded; and yet it might have been necessary to deviate from such an Order.

It cannot be the Intention of the Company that their Representatives should injure their Affairs, or those of the State, under pretence of

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adhering to the Letter of their Instructions, in which distance of time and situation necessarily imply a discretionary latitude. It is the abuse of such a latitude, that deserves to be condemned and of which the President trusts the Committee will not be culpable.

Signed Macartney

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agreeably to the opinion expressed in the foregoing Minute, the President moves that Mr Alexander Cuthbert be appointed Agent, for providing, and supplying his Majesty's Squadron.

Mr Davidson for the motion

Mr Sadlier against the motion

The President for the motion.—

Mr Davidson agrees

Mr Sadlier Dissents.

The President's motion carried.—

The motion carried and it is therefore Resolved, that Mr Alexander Cuthbert be appointed Agent for providing and supplying his Majesty's Squadron.

Mr Cuthbert appointed—

Mr Sadlier dissents to the foregoing Resolution, because Mr Cuthbert not being on the Service, renders such an Appointment contrary to the express & positive orders of the Honble Court of Directors

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6th Received the following letter from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Since addressing Your Lordship &c on the 24th Instant We have neither seen nor heard any thing of the French Fleet, excepting on the following Morning at Sunrise, when they were just discernable from the Dolphins Nose, at a great distance in the S. E. Quarter, Captn Lane with the part of his Battalion that had marched into the Fort, has returned to the Cantoonments at Waltier. Upon general alls Detachments were ordered to their former Posts. We should be wanting to Merit, if we let slip this Opportunity of acknowledging the Assistance we had from the professional Abilities of this Officer, in making the Arrangements that were judged necessary, and afterwards from his Vigilance and Activity in carrying them into Execution — Nor must we forget the Subaltern Officers who for their alacrity and Good Conduct during the Appearance of the Enemy, deserve great Commendation —

We have desired the Chief to acquaint Rajahs Vizeramrauze and Sittiramrauze, that we are highly sensible of the Zeal they have Shewn for the Company's Interest, and the

from Vizagapatam, to the Detachments sent to their former Posts — recommending the merits of Captain Lane — advise the Rajah to dismiss his Troops, there is no further ground for apprehending an invasion —

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6th the Assistance they have rendered that as all Apprehension of the Enemy making any attempts in the Circars is for the present now over, We would by no means wish they should any longer be at the great Expence of keeping their people in the Field, and they might therefore dismiss them as soon as they think proper —

We have the Satisfaction to send by a Letter from the Young man whom we sent to give Intelligence of the French Fleet to the Sandwich, that he was so lucky to fall in with her on the 24th Instant off Guadaloupe. and that She immediately went after the Schattefield and the Lowestoft a Country Ship / both which he had a little before parted with / to give them the Intelligence

We are, very respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most faithful, and Obedt

Servants.

Vizagapatam
24th January 1783.

(signed) Edward Rumbold
" Thos. Mostyn
" F. H. Drake

The following Letter was received by the Right Honble President from Major Gowdie Sir John Burgoyne

Gardens February 1st 1783

My Lord

From Sir John Burgoyne
receiving I had the honor of your letter [illegible]

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the Committee requests
Picquet Guard may
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is personal Defence.

last night, enclosing the opinion of the select Committee, by which I find they think the command of all the out posts to be vested in the Governor, because the Troops which compose them, belong to the Garrison of Fort St. George — I shall therefore think myself clear of all responsibility whatever, and inform General Stuart of what has pass'd on this subject — I should be glad Your Lordship would order a Picquet Guard to mount at this place, as I proposed in my former letter, as I think my own personal security, as well as that of my Regimental Hospital which is near me, stand in need of same such protection. —

I have the honor to be,
Your Lordships Most Obedient,
& Most Humble Servant.
/signed/ J. Burgoyne
Major General

Received the following letter from Mr. Foreman Surgeon of his Majesty's 73d. Regiment. —

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

From Mr. Foreman desiring to know what Resolutions have been taken for the adjustment of the Surgeons Accounts

My Lord & Gentlemen

Six weeks hath elapsed since I found myself recipitated / along with the other Surgeons of His — Majesty's Regiments / to address the Honble The Select Committee proposing

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6th proposing a plan, for defraying the expences, incurred by the sick Europeans in His Majesty's Service — The insurmountable Difficulties that then presented themselves, seemed no less to convince You, My Lord & Gentlemen, of the absolute necessity there was, for some such resolution, than they pointed out to us, the impossibility of Continuing to Carry on the Duty of an Hospital, crouded with Sick, under circumstances so grievous, as the unsettled situation which our affairs have been in, for a very considerable time past, could not fail of being productive of. —

The flattering Answer which we were at that time Honored with, left us no room to doubt, but the whole business would have been finally, and permanently settled, before the Army marched out of Cantonments, and it is upwards of a month, since we were well informed, that the Committee appointed to take into consideration the past as well as future business in the Surgeon's Department, and who we were assured every thing was referred to, had delivered in their proposals to the Honble Board. Time which time, we have been in daily expectation, of having some thing determined upon, and published in General Orders. —

If therefore My Lord & Gentlemen, I from being more particularly circumstanced, Twelve months in Arrear, and here situated, with the whole charge and immediate expence of almost all the Sick, of the First Brigade of the Army, I should appear Solicitous to know what, or whether, any resolution has Yet taken place. I hope it may not seem unreasonable, or proceeding from any thing, but a Sincere inclination to do every justice to the Service I have the Honor to be employed in, it being absolutely not in my power, to attend to my Duty, without having some reasonable

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6th. mode established, for adjusting my Accounts. —

I have the Honor to be, with the most

St. Thome perfect respect.

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My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient & Most

Humble Servant —

/ signed / Wm. Horsman

Surgeon 73d. Regiment

Mr. Horsman has been repeatedly desired to make up his Accounts, according to the regulations recommended by the late Mr. Pasley, and adopted by the Select Committee, and which continues in force until another system is established

Received letter from Mr. Cram, Acting Paymaster & Storekeeper at Nellore, as entered in / M 13 / No 2 enclosing a Return of Military Stores in that Garrison for the Month of January

Read letter from the Nabob / as entered in Country Correspondent No 2 / desiring to know the sentiments of the Company respecting the Revenues of his Country & inclosing Copy of a letter addressed to his Highness by the Right Honble President in the 22d. November 1781. —

Dispatched the following letters —

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c Council of

Fort William.

To Bengal, General Stuart, advising that the Medea had fallen in with the French Fleet, consisting

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Medea Frigate which sailed to the southward

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consisting of 14 Ships: & that she had accompanied the Bute & Talbot 35 Leagues to the S.E. —

6th. southward the 2d. Instant, with the Bute and Talbot Indiamen, is just now arrived in the Road. Captain Gower informs us that on Tuesday morning at the distance of nine Leagues from this port, he fell in with the French Fleet, consisting of 14 Ships, which he believes to be that commanded by Monsieur Suffren, they were standing to the southward — He was chased by the La Fine and two Line of Battle Ships, one of which was within three or four miles of him.

Captain Gower left the Indiaman on monday last at the distance of 35 Leagues to the South East of Madras

We have the honor to be,

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Honble Sir Hugh,
Your Most Obedt.
humble Servants,
[signed] Macartney &c
Select Committee

The Same to General Stuart

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B
Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in the
East Indies. —

To the Admiral [& Bombay] with the above Intelligence and inclosing Copies of the letter to & from Captain Bruney. —

Sir,

We informed you the of the arrival of the Greyhound packet from England, and we send this express to furnish You with a Copies of a letter, which our President received by her from Captain Bruney of his Majesty's Ship Bristol, and of the answer to it, which we have just dispatched by the Greyhound

The french fleet is still on the Coast between this

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6th this place and Vizagapatam, and there is a report that their reinforcements are arrived at Negore.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

(signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

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P. S. Our Resident has this Moment received Intelligence from a Country Captain, named Wm. Tanner, that he Yesterday morning at day break saw Eleven sail of large Ships at anchor 15 Leagues to the Southward of Madras. Probably Suffrein's fleet, as we have no account from the Northward for these three days past of his appearing since the 25th in those parts.

P. S. Since writing the above the Medea Frigate which sailed to the southward the 2d. Inst. with the Lenes & Talbot Indiamen is arrived in the Road, and we are informed by Captain Gower that on Tuesday Evening at the distance of nine Leagues from this port he fell in with a French Fleet consisting of 14 Ships, which he believes to be that commanded by Monsieur Suffrein, they were then standing to the southward. He was chased by the la Fine and two line of Battle Ships, one of which was within three or four miles of him.

Captain Gower left the Indiamen on Monday last at the distance of 35 Leagues to the South East of Madras.

The same to the Select Committee at Bombay

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The President wrote the following letter to Major Genl. Stuart

## To Major General Stuart

Sir

Your letter of the 5th. Instant, dated South of the Palar river was received this day. The 1500 bullocks whom you mentioned are not yet arrived. As soon as they come Mr. Ross will employ them in the manner you desire. I hope before Your return to be able to make up what Mr. Welch mentions as wanting to complete 2 Months pays, and proper attention will be paid to the other parts of your letter. About an hour ago the Medea arrived in the road; on Tuesday evening she fell in with the French fleet of 14 Sail supposed to be Suffrein at about 9 leagues to the Eastward of Madras. They were then standing to the Southward. The Medea was chased by two line of battle ships and three frigates, the last of which got within three miles of her. Captain Grower left the Coves and Talbot Indiamen on Monday last at the distance of 35 Leagues to the South East of this place. Capt.n Lowder writes that by his intelligence from Tippoo camp, four or five & twenty Sail of French Ships arrived at Nagore. If this be true, it is probably Mr. Bussy's reinforcement, & Suffrein is on his way to join it

To General Stuart with endeavors before the Return of the Army to complete a Months pays, advising that Accounts had been received of the Arrival of 24 Sail of French Ships at Nagore.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obedient,

humble Servant

/ signed / Macartney

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Agreeably

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6th. Agreeably to the Minutes of the 5th. Instant, the following orders are sent to Captain Anderson of the Greyhound Packet. —

To Captain — Anderson

of the Greyhound Brig —

To Captain Anderson — directing him to proceed with the Greyhound immediately to join the Outward bound India Fleet —

Sir,

You are hereby directed to proceed on board Your Ship, and make the best of Your way to join Captain Burney of his Majesty's Ship Bristol, to whom You will deliver the accompanying letter, and follow such orders as You shall receive from him

In case of danger from an Enemy, You will not fail to destroy the letter.

We are,

Sir,

Your most Obedient,

humble Servants.

(signed) Macartney &c.

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Wrote a Letter to the Surgeon General, as entered in the Miscellany Book No. 8 desiring him to comply as far as he consistently can with the Indent of Medicines received from Masulipatam

7th. The following letter from the Right Honble President to Major General Stuart is now dispatched —

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To General Stuart

Sir

To General Stuart on the Subject of the Bullocks already arrived and those expected from the Northward -

In consequence of your letter of the 5th Instant, I sent to Major Sydenham & Mr. Ross, and mentioned to them Your idea of having the bullocks from the Northward detained at Chicacotah, till the return of the army to this neighbourhood. I learned that the first drove of 1135 were already arrived at Pulicat, and that if they were sent back to Chicacotah at present, they would be worn off, than if they were brought here, because it has not been found practicable as yet to provide the quantity of straw that was ordered - Nor was it thought sufficiently secure against and alarm'st from the plundering horse, that might be sent by the enemy - I have however given such directions as will I hope equally supply and guard the next drove of bullocks that may come to Chicacotah, and they shall be kept there till You desire them to be forwarded to the army - As for the drove which arrived at Pulicat yesterday, Mr. Ross informs me that there will be no difficulty in feeding them on the Island, and keeping them in perfect good condition, - unless the boats should be so molested by the enemy, as to prevent the Grass cutters from bringing in the usual supplies - These Bullocks may also perhaps be employed in carrying out the Mount to be forwarded to Coromandel as You desire

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
/signed/ Macartney

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February 7th 1783

Agreeably

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Agreeably to the Resolution of the Committee on the 5th. Instant, the following Letter is here written to Mr. Alex.r Cuthbert. —

To Mr. Alexander Cuthbert —

Sir,

To Mr. Alex.r Cuthbert, Appointing him Agent for victualling & Supplying the Squadron with Stores &c.a —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You, that they have been pleased to appoint You Agent for providing and supplying His Majesty's Squadron agreably to act of Parliament.

The Select Committee desire You will be carefull in keeping a just and true account of all the Victualling and Stores You shall provide & Supply to His Majesty's Squadron, which accounts from time to time to be adjusted with the Commander in Chief of the King's Ships, or the proper Officer appointed by him for that purpose, and Receipts and Certificates regularly obtained for whatever You deliver on account of the Squadron —.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient,

humble Servant,

Fort St. George
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[signed] John Huddleston
Secretary

Dispatched

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7th Dispatched the following Letter to the Northern Subordinates containing the Intelligence received from Captain Gower respecting the situation of the French Fleet —

To James Daniell Esq.r
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

To Northern Subordinates advising that the Nymph had fallen in with the French Fleet to the S.E. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint You, that the Medea is arrived in the Road, and that on Tuesday Evening Captain Gower fell in with the French Fleet, which he imagines to be Mons.r Suffrens, consisting of 14 Ships, at the Distance of 9 Leagues to the Eastward of this Port, they were standing to the Southward. He was chased by the La Fine Vlieg Line of Battle Ships, one of which got [illegible] him as [illegible]

Captain Gower left the Indiamen on Monday last, at the Distance of 35 Leagues to the South East of Madras.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Fort St. George
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/signed/ John Huddleston
Secretary.

The Same to Ganjam & Vizagapatam —

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8th Received the following letter from Mr Grant at Masulipatam —

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

My Lord,

The last letter which I had the honour of writing to Your Lordship, was dated the 15th Ultimo:

On the 18th of the same month, after having acquired the small but important fortress of Sadyat by the treachery of the Killadar, his Highness crossed the Goadavery with a few cos of Nermul, which is about 400 miles N.W. from this place; & with the whole collected forces of the Nizamut and subsidiary troops was preparing to lay seige to that capital, Sahtisham Sang appa= =rently doubtful of the fidelity of the officers of his army if suffered to remain abroad, has drawn the greater part of his Military force immediately commanded by Gremes — within the extensive circle of the different fortifications of Nermul, where there is a great store of all the requisites, for a long & vigorous defence; but it is not probable that his Highness ever thought of carrying on a regular attack, &

Yet

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8th Yet the superior efficacy of the usual mode in Hindostan appears still problematical, with respect to the conquest of Nirmul. Perhaps the amicable intercessions of the Ministers of Poonah may at all events prevent the discredit of a fruitless attempt. However this may be, in like manner as the Year preceding, a Vakeel on the part of the Peshwa is arrived at Court, either for the purpose of a mediation, or to invite his Highness to be present at the impending nuptials of the Young Merhatta chief. Accordingly the Nizam is preparing a suitable gift on the occasion in Jewels &c to the amount of Seven lacks of rupees, which I apprehend will go in part to liquidate the current Cost — An Embassy also was expected from the Rajah Moodjee Bhosla for the same purposes as that from Poonah, but was kept in suspense through a dangerous illness with which the Rajah has been lately attacked, as announced at the Court of his Highness.

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

My Lord

Your Lordships faithful

& most obedient humble Servant

/signed/ James Grant

Masulipatam
February 3d 1783

Received the following Letter from General Stuart —

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c Select Committee

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My Lord & Gentlemen,

From General Stuart
The Army arrive at Carangoley 16 Large Ships appear in sight Steering for Pondicherry —

The army came to their ground here before
this day. We halt to morrow, and every preparation is making
against possible events. We took one of the enemy's horse who
says his master is to meet us. Captain Crawford tells me he
saw from the hills Yesterday forenoon, 16 large Ships Steering
for Pondicherry. They are doubtless Mons.r Suffrein's Squadron

I have the honor to be,

Carangoley
6.th February 1783

My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient,
humble Servant,
/signed/ James Stuart.

Received Letters /as entered in the Miscellany Book/
from Captain Edmonds - acknowledging the receipt of the
Committee's letter, advising him of Colonel Jones Appointment
to the Command of all the Troops in the Circars; and from
Captain George Campbell inclosing Return of Troops in the
Garrison of Nellore for the Month of January —

Wrote

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Wrote Letter to the Military Storekeeper / as entered in the Miscellany Book / directing him to forward to Masulipatam with all expedition, as many Gun Flints as can be spared from the Stores. —

9th Received the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Jones. —

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

From Lt. Col. Jones expressing his Thanks for the extensive Command conferd on him — is happy that his disposition of the Troops is approved of — complies with the Chiefs recommendation to fix the Camp at Ellore —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

If I have not addressed You properly, You must impute it to Ignorance, and not to the want of attention. The extensive Command You have been pleased to confer on me unsolicited on my part, requires my earliest and most hearty Thanks. I am afraid You have overrated my abilities, but You have amply made it up, by the — appointing Major Lysaght second in Command. I have the highest sense of his capacity as an Officer, as well from his knowledge of the Country, as that of the different Zemindars that join the Circars, and what I think full as Material, The love the Officers and Black Troops bear him, having the greatest confidence in whatever he does. —

It gives me pleasure that the letter wrote to the Chief and Council by him & me, contains almost the same disposition of the Troops &c as that ordered by You, except that

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9th. that of recommending the camp to be at Ellore instead of Gundoor. our wishes were expressed for the latter, but the Chief desired that we would alter it to the former. as it would save a great expence to the Company in Batta, which You may be assured was immediately complied with, particularly as it was more central. Your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee must see that Major Lysaght must have made the arrangement, as I am an utter Stranger in this part of the World.

You may be assured, Gentlemen, that it shall be my Duty, To do justice to every Officer under my Command, and to make You and the Commander in Chief acquainted with their Merits, particularly should the Enemy land in hopes that they may be rewarded

I have the honor to be,
with the utmost Respect,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Servant.
[signed] Tho.s Jones
Lt. Col: Army

Camp at Gundoor
February the 4th. 1783

Dispatched the following letter to the Governor General & Council of Bengal with the papers therein mentioned —

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General &c. Council of Bengal

Honble Sir &c.

Captain Anderson of the Greyhound Brig on his arrival here, delivered a letter to our President from Captain

To Bengal - enclosing Copys of the letter to & from Capt.n Burney requesting them to communicate to him any

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any Plan that may appear more eligible

9th Captain James Burney of his Majesty's Ship Bristol, on the subject of the fleet under his convoy - We have the honor to send You a Copy of that letter in Cypher, together with copy of a letter from us to Captain Burney, dispatched by the Lyney hound which sailed to join him the 6th Instant. We beg leave to refer You to this letter, for the plan which we have recommended to Captain Burney; and if any should occur to You as more advisable, We request You will be so good as to communicate it to us; and if practicable take measures to make Captain Burney acquainted with it in time, for him to carry it into execution.

We have honor to be,

Noble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient,

humble Servants

(signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

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10th Received letters from Mr. Falk Paymaster at Tanjore to the Right Honble the President on the Subject of the Revenue thereupon referred to Committee of Assigned Revenue. —

Wrote Letter to Colonel Jones / as entered in the Miscellany Book / enclosing Copy of the Cypher to be made use of in his Correspondence with the Select Committee.

11th Received the following letters

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney & the Select

Committee Madras —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I had the Honour of acquainting You of my arrival here, & the little prospect there was of my obtaining a passage, unless an English Frigate was sent this way to clear the Coast, & take the officers on board that are now detained here; You will have heard of some Guns being sunk at Negapatam, & the taking of a Boat lately from Madras at Adreapatam, before her Cargo was Landed, & carry'd into Ceylon. I am very Impatient to deliver You some dispatches I am charged with, I remain

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most faithfull, &

Obedient Servant.

(signed) E. Nixon

From Col. Nixon — is detained at Tranquebar for want of a Sea Convey and sunk at Negapatam. — a Boat from Madras with her Cargo, taken & carried to Ceylon. —

Tranquebar January 23d 1783

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

Governor & President &c. Fort St. George —

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to acquaint You, that I have lately been informed of small parties of horse & foot arriving at Guntoor from Hydrabad; as if by stealth, they have now assembled about 300 horse & 200 foot and are constantly comming, beside what they recruit in the Guntoor

From Captain Edmonds — a party of Horse from Hydrabad arrive at Guntoor —

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11th. Circar — I cannot learn that the present conduct of their Zemin
= dars gives cause for assembling such a force, nor is it even con
= jectured for what purpose they are sent. —

I have the honor to be, with much
respect,
My Lord,
Your Lordships Most Obedient
Humble Servant.
/signed/ Edwd. Edmonds
Capt.n Comm.d.t

Congole
6th. February 1783

Dispatched the following Letter to the Northern
Subordinates —

To James Dunlop Esq.r
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee, to desire You will
transmit to them as soon as possible, an account of all the
Grain exported from the Districts of Masulipatam to
this Presidency from the 1st. June 1781 to the 1st. January
1782 and from the 1st. January 1782 to the 1st. January 1783.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient,
humble Servant,
/signed/ John Sturdleston
Secretary

To the Northern Subordinates Desiring them to transmit an account of all the Grain exported from the several Districts in the course of the last two Years

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The same to Vizagapatam and Ganjam

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Tuesday
11th Febry 1783

At a Select Committee — Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. President
Anthony Sadleir ____ Esqr.
Alexr. Davidson ____ Esqr.

Major General Stuart absent upon Service
John Holland Esqr. absent at Hydrabad.

The President delivers in the following Minute —

Minute in Committee February 11th. 1783 (Copy)

The President has the honor to observe to the Committee, that the Accounts which he has been able to procure of the Disposition and Sentiments of Tippoo Saheb, concur in attributing to him a more humane and civilized Character than that of his father Hyder Ally. It is the Duty of Government to endeavour to render this Change favorable to the brave Men who were taken Prisoners while fighting in its Cause — Their Distresses in the rigorous Captivity in which they were held by Hyder, were not to be alleviated in his time. It is said that Colonel Baillie has much under them, and is dead. The Habits and Wants of Europeans are in so many instances different from those of the Natives, that the Sufferings of the former are often not noticed by the latter. It is therefore necessary to call expressly the Attention, and to excite the Humanity of Tippoo towards them. A communication for that purpose offers without the Embarrassment of Sending a Deputation directly from Government. Among Persons who are in the Confidence of Tippoo Saheb and some who from a former Residence at

Madras

President Minute recommending that the Rajah of Tanjore's Vackeel be desired to sound the Disposition of Tippoo with respect to Peace & relation to the Situation of our Prisoners

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Madras or other residents have been in habit of Intimacy with Sambojee the Vakeel or Agent of the Rajah of Tanjore at this Presidency, It may be of use that an Intercourse of Amity can have been maintained or renewed by the means of the Sowcars or Money Remitters, whose Transactions for the Convenience of Individuals, continue to be carried on in the midst of Hostilities - The Vakeel, who is a Brahmin, is now ready to proceed towards the Pagoda of Conjeveram, where Hardoor of his Cast frequently resort for the purpose of devotional Exercises. He may have an Opportunity of conferring with his Friends from Tippoo's Camp in the Neighbourhood, and Such a Place and Such a Purpose may be favorable to the accomplishment of any benevolent or pacific proposals. The President recalls upon this occasion to the Recollection of the Committee a very just Observation of Major General Stuart, that it might be proper to embrace the first Opportunity of intimating to Tippoo Saheb, that whatever may be the reciprocal Interest and Inclinations of him, and of the Company to terminate the War, so desirable an Event could not take place, if he should persist in any of the national Enmities of the English, for a Person to them of any of the Forts, Territories or places now in his possession, or for binding himself contrary to the prudent Precaution of his father, to make a common cause, or engage in any permanent connection with a nation whose alliance has hitherto been so prejudicial to the Princes of India, who accepted it, and which has no solid footing now remaining in the Country - As yet Tippoo does not

seem

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seem to have placed full confidence in the French. He has not given them the possession of any strong hold, being probably convinced ~~convinced~~ that such a proceeding might prove an Impedi= =ment to a peace with us. The President has indeed been informed, and the Interest of Tippoo gives credit to the Infor= =mation, that as soon as he can retire from the Carnatic with Safety and Credit to himself, he will return to his own Domini= =ons in order to prevent or Stifle the Disturbances which are apt to rise in a new Reign, as well as to be prepared against the attempting Encroachments of the neighbouring Powers. It is possible therefore that he may be willing to accede to the Terms of the late Marratta Treaty, which tho' not formally ratified by the Ministry of Poonah, but made and guaranted by one of the principal parties to that Treaty, seems to be considered by the Government of Bengal as having the Va= =lidity and being capable of the Effects of a complete Tran= =saction. No Inconvenience, and much Benefit may arise from empowering Sambajee, to learn the Disposition of Tippoo on these points. The late positive and special Instruc= =tions to this Presidency, from the Court of Directors to make Peace; the presence of the Enemy's Fleet on this Coast, the absence of the British Fleet which might defend it, the consequent Interception or at least the considerable Interrup= =tion of Supplies of Provisions and of Money, on which the Settlement and the Army must depend, the Intelligence of a considerable French Armament Soon to be expected, may oblige this Government in the continued Silence of the Presidency of

Bengal

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Bengal on this Subject and the failure of specific Instruc-
-tions which were requested from it, to embrace any favorable
occasion of terminating the War without reference or Delay.

/ signed / Macarney

Anthony Lyssaer

Alex. Davidson

The President empowered to give Instructions to Sambajee

Resolved that the Right Honble the President
be empowered to give Instructions to Sombajee, agreeably to the
contents of the foregoing Minute —

The Secretary lays before the Committee List of
Bills on Bengal, wanted by the Agent in part payment
for the Rum purchased of him — amounting to Dogl. 5319..6.. —
One Lot for Dogl. 800 in favor of Mr. John Menzies
Do — Do 800 Do — — — Do
Do — — Do 693 — Do — — — Do
Do — — — 3036..6.— in favor of Mr. John Hall

Bills on Bengal granted to the Agent for Rum delivered by him

Ordered that Bills be granted accordingly, at 395
Arl. p/c. pagodas and carried to debit of the Agent

The Rum to be gauged by the Garrison Storekeeper

As the removal of the Rum to the Garrison Storekeepers
Godowns, would be attended with expence and deficiency, agreed
that the Garrison Storekeeper be directed to cause it to be
gauged and tasted, where it is, and to let it remain there until
wanted for the use of the Army.

Read the following letter from General Stuart

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Genl. Stuart
- all the sick left at Chingleput - desires the Coolies returned to Madras may be employed in carrying Rice to Poonamallee, recommends that the Bullocks imputed from the Northward be kept at Chicacole & every possible precaution be taken for collecting & securing the Grain in the Northern District

The Army took up their ground here in very good time this Morning, I save the Europeans all I can by bringing them to the End of the line for the present, and tho' the March of Yesterday lasted 6 hours, I dont think we had 40 Men in Doolies, all such that are not fit for immediate Duty are left at Chingleput, so as the Doolies as can move empty from this ground. The Army marches to Carangooley to morrow, where I must necessarily halt one Day. Captains Crawford and Flint are acquainted with the resolution of Your Lordship &c., concerning the places they respectively command. I guess however that Captain Flint / owing to the miscarriage of many of my notes to him / will not be quite so ready as Crawford, indeed he has more to do. I have given directions for the convoy of the 1500 Coolies back to Madras, and I beg they may be well used and kept in continual employment by carrying Rice to Poonamalee, which can be done securely even with a small convoy, & marching by night; in this way if sufficient provision can be made at that place before we return, it will greatly forward our next business to Vellore

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and save the carriage of the Army: and when I know the, I shall take a different Route so as to place myself at Vellout again, without coming nearer to Madras. there is a sufficiency of Rice for the present at the Mount, the object is to form a deposit at Poonamalee as before stated, I find by the Paymasters' Report there is not now Cash with us for more than half a months pay to the army. altho there is 6 months pay and Batta due. but I hear no complaints, and yet I trust Your Lordship tho' will not forget when the Draught and Carriage Bullocks providing under the inspection of Mr. Latta arrive, I should advise their being kept at Chicacattah they can be fed and guarded untill we can send for them, otherways they will be ruined and starved on the Island. I beg leave to recommend the collection of Paddy and small Grain to the utmost extent possible in the District of Masulipatam and preserving it in pits, or in thatched sheds under the cover of the Guns at Masulipatam, with precautions against fire, the same at every of the Campaign, and the enemy against Mons.r De Bussy if he lands to the North, may turn upon this measure, and knowing, as I do the general temper of the Zemindars I take the liberty of offering my Opinion, that if the Grain is not readily brought in, force should be used, and receipts given to the owners on account of Revenue.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your Lordships Most Obedient,
& most humble Servant
(signed) Jas. Stuart

To

Camp South
of the Palar River
5th. February 1783

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

My Lord & Gentlemen —

From Genl. Stuart the Army arrive at Wandewash, & make every preparation for blowing up the Baggage left at Carangoly the Genl. encloses a Note written by him to Col: Lang & summon a Council of war the proceedings of which will be forwarded by the first opportunity —

I did myself the honor to address you from the Camp South of the Palar, and near Carangoly the 5th. and 6th. Instant. the Army halted the 7th. and Sent the Engineer Lieut: Wickens, with a working party to sink several more mines in the proper places at Carangoly, so to make the demolition more compleat; upon our return I left the greater part of my Servants and baggage at Carangoly and the rest of the Army followed my example, and gave instructions to Captain Crawford for his conduct eventually during our absence: On the 8th. we marched and came to a position half way to this ground: some parties of the Enemy's Horse seemingly better appointed than the Looties, hovered on our Flanks and Rear, and made some faint attempts to cut into the baggage, which from my knowledge of the Enemy's position I — placed on the left: I had received several notes from Captain Flint with his intelligence by Mircarrahs, and from the hills, the Enemy had made some movements on hearing of our Camp South of the Palar, & Tippoos Tents are seen from the hills near Ducumaunderee a

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few miles on the Conjeveram side from Trivatore. The Main of his Army betwixt Arnee and Cellur about two days march from us. I am just come into this place, while the Army is taking up ground fronting in that direction; — Captain Flint has been so busely employed in the Mining way, as his means would permit, and I am now giving him all the means in my power to put the Orders of the Select Committee into execution: I held a Counsil of War composed of the five next Senior Officers to me, the day we halted at Varangaly both to lay before them the general state of intelligence and to make as sure as was possible for me to do, that a certain plan or system for the operations of this Army, in case of any accident happening to myself — the Proceedings of that Counsil of War, shall be laid before You the first Opportunity.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient, & most
humble Servant.
[signed] James Stuart.

Wandewash
the last eleven fourcom
9th Febry 1783

P. S. Our Camp is entirely pitched, and from the hill we see the Enemy's Camp assembled near to Trivatore encreased greatly since Yesterday —

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Copy of a Note from General Stuart to Colo: Lang dated 7th. February 1783

We are on the march to Wandewash to blow up the place, and dare the Enemy with all the Europe Force: Whatever You have to do in the offensive way; this is Your time. The French Fleet passed to the Southward the 4th. —

The President informs the Committee that

of Mr. Batts's Bullocks, the first drove had arrived at Pullicat before the receipt of the General's letter of the 5th. and are now here, as appears from the following report from the Town Major. —

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K: B:
Govr. nor &c &c

My Lord

Fourth Major Report of the arrival of a drove of Bullocks from Ellore.

I have the honor to acquaint Your Lordship that 1133 Bullocks / of which about 225 are for Draught. and the rest Carriage / provided by Mr. Westcott at Ellore, I received, trained and marked there by Mr. Batts, Deputy Commissary of Stores. arrived here this morning, under an Escort of 3 Companys. of Sepoys from Nellore. and one from Pulicat, commanded by Ensign Shepherd. who reports, that two Died on the Road between Nellore & this place. and that he has brought with the Bullocks 1157 good Saddles, and 2016 Gunny Bags. —

A few of these Bullocks have Sore Backs,

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but the whole are in very good condition, having been well fed on the Road in consequence of the Measures taken to provide Straw at Mellour, & Durapettahaw at the latter of which places they found an ample Supply to serve them, untill their Arrival at Pulicat; where Captain Smith had been equally provident of this Article

I have the honor to be, with

Fort St George
9th February 1783

great Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obedient,
& very humble Servant,
(signed) Wm Sydenham.

The President having applied to the Agent to know if he would feed the Bullocks here, received the following answer —

From the Agent under-taken to feed upon the Island the Bullocks received from Ellore

My Lord,

Your Lordship having been pleased to inform me that 1100 Bullocks are expected from that Northward, and having desired to know whether I could feed and keep them in good order on the Island, I beg leave to remind Your Lordship, that I have at different times fed upwards of three thousand Bullocks on the Island, and apprehend there will be no difficulty in feeding 1100 now, unless the Bounds are so molested by the enemy Horse as to prevent the Grass Cutters employed by me from

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from bringing Grass.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obedient

& most humble Servant

William Kelly

Agent

Fort St. George
8th February 1783

Agreed that the next drove of Bullocks be kept at Cheriencotah.

Read the following letter —

To John Huddleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

From Mr. Cram - the Renter of Pellore declares his inability to procure Bullocks, & desires to know what Quantity of Grain is required; is much distressed for Godowns to lodge the Grain

On receiving Yours of the 25th Ultimo, I immediately signified to the Renter the orders of the Right Honble President & Select Committee, directing him to collect as large a Quantity as possible of Rice, & all other Provisions also of Cattle & Straw: which he promised to obey with all expedition.

He has since declared himself unable to collect any Bullocks, and desires to know positively what Quantity of Grain he will be necessary —

There being only one Granary in Pellore, which is

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is already filled with the Garrison Stores, I was under the necessi-
-ty of applying to the Renter for other Store houses wherein to remove
the new Paddy — After several days application his people have
pointed out a ruinous & damp Shed, which will require
much time & labour to make it even weather-proof, and will
after all be very unfit for the Store of so perishable an article
as Grain — He declares himself unable to procure any other
place, but in case of its being thought proper to run up
temporary buildings of Mud, he offers to furnish Materials
for the Roofs &c — I am sorry to mention any thing that
bears the least appearance of impediment to a business which
may be so Essential, but having no Storeroom unoccupied, —
except small old Powder Godowns, which I am endeavouring to
patch up. I am obliged to depend upon the Renter. You will
please to communicate the above to the Right Honble Presi-
-dent & Select Committee, & favor me with their Directions —

The latter part of Your above letter respecting
the old Garrison Stores, I have attended to, and shall con-
-formably thereto issue to the Garrison the old Ellore Pro-
-vision, before the new stock is touched upon —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servt.

/ signed / Wm Cram

To

Vellore
6th " February 1783

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

Fort St George,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr Balfour — applies on the part of the Captors for the amount of the Piece Goods taken at Pulicat

The Dutch Piece Goods taken at Pulicat, and deposited in the Honble Company's Warehouses being now sold, I am directed, on the part of Lieutenant Colonel Elphinston and the rest of the Captors, to apply to Your Lordship &c for the amount of the Proceeds, for the Purpose of making a Distribution of the Prize Money to the Troops, employed on that Expedition —

As the Honble Company are already in Possession of a greater Proportion of the Capture than is even claimed on their behalf, the Captors have the fullest Confidence that Your Lordship &c will readily admit the Justice of their Demand, and order their Request to be complied with accordingly —

I have the honor to be, with the most perfect Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Lordships &c most faithful humble Servant

(signed) William Balfour,

Fort St George
11th February 1783

Agreed

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Mess.rs Gardener & Cram to be directed to collect all the Grain they possibly can & to deposit them Pits in the Ground or on Ricks in default of Storehouses

Agreed that both Mr. Cram and Mr. Gardner at Arcot be directed to collect all the Grain they possibly can and in default of Storehouses to cause Pits to be sunk, and the Grain to be deposited therein, as practised by the natives, or if the nature of the Soil will not admit of preserving the Grain in that manner, that it be put on Ricks on dry Ground and Thatching and every other necessary precaution be taken to keep it in good condition —

Mr. Balfours Request cannot be complied with before the Company's Pleasure shall be known

Agreed that Mr. Balfour, be informed we cannot comply with his request on behalf of the Captors of Bullicat until we are furnished with the orders of the Company upon the subject.

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster of Vellour —

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

From Paymaster at Vellore, stating some Deficiencies in the last sent Pagodas

My Lord,

I beg leave to inform Your Lordship, that out of the Two thousand Pagodas dispatched to Vellore the 7th Novemr last two hundred and fifty was lost owing to one of the Hircars having fallen into the Enemy's hands; And of the two thousand dispatched the 17th October, there is a deficiency of Two Pagodas, the Hircars having been detained so long on the road, we are obliged to take that sum out of two of the Bags for their Subsistence. —

I have the honor to be,

My Lord

Your Lordship's Most Obedient Humble Servt

(signed) Thos. C. Oglivie

Paymaster to the Garrison of Vellore

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The above letter to be sent to the Military Paymaster General.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing letter be sent to the Military Paymaster General that the loss may be written off in his Books.

The President informs the Committee, that Major General Sir John Burgoyne is desirous of having a further advance of Money for his officers employed to the northward in purchasing horses for his regiment — Agreed that the Chief and Council of Masulipatam be directed to require of those officers an exact account of the horses already purchased, and of the expenditure of the Sum of 5000 Pags. for which they received an order upon the Chief and Council, and after such an account shall have been rendered, to make further advances from time to time upon their requisitions, the whole not to exceed 10000 pagodas, above what they have already received.

The Chief & Council of Masulipatam to make Bank to the Officers employed in purchasing Horses to the Northward for the 2d Regt., when furnished with an account the Expenditure of the Cost advanced.

The Secretary lays before the Committee two Bills for medicines sent to him by the Surgeon of the Hanoverian Regiment, as it appears that charges are made for medicines without any proper Authority or sanction, and without any Vouchers for such medicines having been received into store, resolved that in future no European medicines shall be purchased, but by the Surgeon General, nor by him without first obtaining the permission of the Select Committee and that the Surgeon General shall keep and deliver in monthly

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monthly a regular account of the receipt and expendi-
= ture of Europe medicines, and be responsible in
the same manner, as the head of any other Employs
for the company's property under his charge.

Read letter from Doctor Davis with enclosure
Doc. Davis. to him from Mr. Lord on the Assistant Surgeons (as entered
in Miscellany Book) complaining in strong terms
against Mr. Lord, for having made a seperate charge
of upwards of 300 pagodas for the sick at Trepassore
which had been sent by him (Doctor Davis) from
the Army, and provided with every thing they would
want - Mr. Lord on his part in the letter to Doctor
Davis, consider himself as independent of him, and complain
of his having drawn for the sick at Trepassore without
Mr. Lord's (Mr. Lord's) Charges - Read also letter from
Mr. Lord to the Committee (as entered in Miscellany)
complaining of the Interference of Doctor Davis - stating at the
established rule and custom of the Service, that the Surgeon
having charge of any number of Sick under his immediate
care, was responsible for every attention and Assistance
they required - that Doctor Davis assumes a claim to
draw for all sick Troops left in Out Garrisons by
the Army, tho' at the distance of 50 or 100 miles from
the Army, calling them field hospitals and including
them in his accounts of field charges, without knowing

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what sums may have been Disbursed; assigning various reasons against the Claim of Doctor Davis, and quoting Customs and precedent against it in the last, and the present war. —

Agreed that Mr. Lord be called upon to give in his Accounts of the Expence of the Sick of Tripassore, and that it be referred to, and checked by Mr. Davis, and the Committee will then determine who shall be paid —

Read the following letter from the Town Mayor delivered in with the Accounts therein mentioned as also Vouchers, deposited in the Office

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

I beg leave to lay before You my Accounts for Cloathing the 1st. & 2d. Madras, now the 26th. & 77th. Battalion of Sepoys, the Native and Malay Artillery, and the Company of Rangers / the latter Cloathed at the particular request of Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote / with the proper Vouchers annexed thereto - The whole Charge has been defrayed by me, and as I have been put to considerable Inconvenience on that Account I trust your Lordship &c. will think it reasonable that I should be paid the — Ballance —

Town Major delivering Account of Cloathing furnished by him —

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Ballance here, or at least a Sum proportioned to what has been paid to the Agent for Sepoys Cloathing for the Same Year, and that You will be pleased to grant me Bills on Bengal for the remainder at the exchange of 4.00 Rupees p.r 100 Pagodas. —

Your Lordship &c. doubtless know, that the Stoppages allowed by the Company for the Cloathing of each Battalion, are not nearly Sufficient to pay the Captain his Offreckonings, and that the Deficiency is made good to him by Government; of course the Cloathing two Battalions could be no object to me, as the Advantages arising from it does not exceed the Interest of the Money I advanced. and as I was at great Trouble and Expence at the Commencement of the War, in raising and disciplining these Corps for the Defence of the Black Town, which I undertook from Motives of Zeal for the publick Service. I flatter myself that Your Lordship &c. will think me entitled to the Same off Reckonings during the Time I commanded them, that are received by the other Captains of Sepoys in the Company's Service. —

I have the honor to be, with the

Fort St. George great respect —
11th February 1783

My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient &
very humble Servant
/signed/ Wm. Sydenham.

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Ordered to lie for consideration

Read the following letter from Mr. Jackson, with the Accounts therein mentioned.

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

My Lord,

Jackson, count & Dis:

I have the Honor to send Your Lordship an Account of my Receipts and Disbursements since the 14th of last Month to this Day — the letter B, denotes such Cash as has been received by Bills, the letter C when Cash is received, and S, when Stoppages have been made by the Paymaster, and my Receipts given for the respective Sums.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's,
Most Obedient and
very humble Servant
(signed) W. Jackson
Superintendant of Grain Accounts

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Dr The Honble Company in Account with

| | | | | | Pagodas | fal. | C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1783 Jany | 11th | To Cash paid Mr. Welch Paymaster to the Army | C | 129 | 42 | 40 |
| | 14th | To do do | B | 40 | " | " |
| | 17th | To do do | C | 1141 | 40 | " |
| | 18th | To do do | C | 91 | 17 | " |
| | 20th | To do do | S | 159 | 33 | 40 |
| | | To do do | S | 92 | " | " |
| | | To do do | S | 217 | 42 | 60 |
| | | To do do | S | 222 | 8 | 40 |
| | | To do do | S | 413 | 41 | 60 |
| | | To do do | S | 253 | 40 | 40 |
| | | To do do | S | 122 | 31 | " |
| | | To do do | S | 160 | 5 | " |
| | | To do do | S | 122 | 9 | " |
| | | To do do | S | 331 | 20 | " |
| | | To do do | S | 75 | 2 | " |
| | | To do do | S | 346 | 18 | 40 |
| | | To do do | S | 247 | 39 | 40 |
| | | To do do | S | 325 | 3 | " |
| | | To do do | S | 308 | 42 | 10 |
| | | To do do | S | 330 | 6 | 40 |
| | | To do do | S | 257 | 12 | 40 |
| | | To do do | S | 319 | 17 | 20 |
| | | To do do | S | 318 | 14 | " |
| | | To do do | S | 78 | 42 | 40 |
| | | To do do | S | 42 | 8 | 40 |
| | | To do do | C | 387 | 23 | " |
| | | To do do | B | 2898 | 14 | " |
| | 21st | To do do | C | 5 | 20 | " |
| | 24th | To do do | C | 300 | 24 | " |
| | 28th | To do do | | | | |
| | | To do do | | | | |
| | | Carried over Fanl. & Pagodas | | 9740 | 3370 | 438 |

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| | | Days | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Received from Lt. Lawes of 4th Batn for Rice issued | | 129 | 42 | 40 | 5847 4 |
| the Publick Stores in different Months | | | | | |
| Stoppages made from Lt. Chalmers on Acct. of Rice | | 40 | " | " | 1300 " |
| issued in different Months | | | | | |
| Cash received from Capt. Moorhouse for Stoppages made | | | | | |
| on the publick followers in his Department in different | | 1141 | " | 40 | 51385 " |
| Months | | | | | |
| Cash received from Lt. Nimmo D.y Must.r to the 2d. | | | | | |
| Batn of the 1st Regt. for Rice Issued Barrister to Rice in differ- | | 91 | 17 | " | 4112 " |
| ent Months | | | | | |
| Stoppages from the 4th Regiment of Cavalry for | | 159 | 33 | 40 | 7188 40 |
| Joined in the month of July 1782 | July | 92 | " | " | 4140 " |
| Do from Capt. Sullivan's Troop | Do | 217 | 52 | 60 | 9207 60 |
| Do from the 2d Regiment of Cavalry | Do | 222 | 8 | 40 | 9998 40 |
| Do Do 3d Do | Do | 413 | 41 | 60 | 18626 60 |
| Do from Gun Lascars | Do | 253 | 40 | 40 | 11425 40 |
| Do from the 1st Regiment of Cavalry | Do | 122 | 31 | " | 5521 " |
| Do from the Guides | Do | 160 | 45 | " | 7205 " |
| Do from the Pioneers | Do | 122 | 9 | " | 5499 " |
| Do from two Independent Companies | Do | 231 | 20 | " | 14915 " |
| Do from the 21st Battalion of Sepoys | Do | 75 | 2 | " | 3377 " |
| Do from the Marksmen | Do | 346 | 18 | 40 | 15558 40 |
| Do from the Pychenpoly Detachment | Do | 247 | 39 | 40 | 11154 40 |
| Do from the 20th Battalion | Do | 325 | 3 | " | 14628 " |
| By Do from the 16th Do | Do | 308 | 42 | 10 | 13902 10 |
| By Do from the 13th Do | Do | 330 | 6 | 40 | 14856 40 |
| By Do from the 14th Do | Do | 257 | 12 | 40 | 11577 40 |
| By Do from the 15th Do | Do | 319 | 17 | 20 | 14372 20 |
| By Do from the 4th Do | Do | 318 | 14 | " | 14324 " |
| By Do from the 3th Do | Do | 78 | 42 | 40 | 3552 40 |
| By Do from the 12th Do | Do | 42 | 8 | 40 | 1898 40 |
| By Cash from Lt. Lawson Account of his Private followers in different months | | | | | |
| By Cash received by Capt.n Hall for Rice Issued to the followers attached to the Coast Artillery in different months | | 387 | 23 | " | 17438 " |
| | | 6536 | 20 | 70 | 294140 70 |

Carried over fanam.s Pagodas

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1783 Febry | 2d | Brought over fan. & Pag. | | 9740 | |
| | | To Cash paid Mr. Welch Paymaster | B | 927 | |
| | | To do do | C | 53 | |
| | | To do do | B | 352 | |
| | 3d | To do do | B | 3752 | |
| | | To do do | C | 22 | 2 |
| | | To do do | C | 82 | 11 |
| | | Carried over Fanams & Pagodas | | 14930 | 25 |

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| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1783 | | Brought Over Fanams & Pagodas | 6536.. 20. 70 | 294140 70 |
| January 24th | By Four Contract Bills received from Capt.n Porter of the 1st. Regiment of Cavalry for the months of Novem.r and Decem.r 1781, in part Payment for Rice Issued to the fighting Men and followers in different Months | | 2898.. 14 .. | 130424 .. |
| 28. | By Cash received of Raymond Boga Sepoy belonging to the Mahomens, the Amount of Rice Issued him at Chengleput from the 7th. May to the 31st. August 1782 | | 5 20 .. | 245 |
| February 1st. | By Cash received from Lt. Walker on Account of Lt. Donatt Quarter Master to the Bengal Artillery for Rice, Rupees 1127 | | 300 24 .. | 13524 |
| 2d. | By eighteen Bills received from Capt.n Povenè being his Arrears and Allowances from the 1st. August 1782 to the 31st. January 1783, in part Payment of Grain Issued him | | 927 25 24 | 41740 24 |
| | By Serjeant Birkworth, two Bills on Account of the Quarter Master Gen.l Department | | 53 .. .. | 2385 .. |
| | By Pay and Batta Bills received from Lt. Col. Malcolm in full for Rice from the 1st. of march 1781 to the 31st. may 1782 | | 352 16 71 | 15856 71 |
| 3d. | By three Contract Bills received from Capt.n Sourdan of the 2d. Regt. of Cavalry, being an Account of Rice Issued to the 31st. August 1782, Pagodas 2895.. 11.. 19 and Pay.s 856.. 33.. 61 on Account since that Period | | 3752 .. .. | 167625 .. |
| | By Cash received from Mr. Walker being in full for Rice Issued him from the 22d. May 1782 to the 1st. January 1783 | | 22.. 28 .. | 1013 .. |
| | By Do from Capt.n Muirhead for Rice Issued the Private followers of the 20th. Batt.n in the months of October Nov.r and Decem.r 1781, and Septem.r Oct.r and Novem.r 1782 | | 82.. 11 40 | 3701.. 40 |
| | Carried Over Fanams and Pagodas | | 14930 .. 25.. 45 | 670660 45 |

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Dr The Honble Company in Account with William Jackson

| | | | | Pagodas | Fanams |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Brought Over | | | 14930 | 25 45 |
| | | C | | 3555 | 10 30 |
| 1783 Feby 3d | To Cash Paid Mr Welsh Paymaster | | | | |
| | | C | | 1073 | 40 10 |
| | | | Total Pagodas & Fans: | 19509 | 31 5 |

| Pagodas | Fanams |
|---|---|
| 67066 | 45 |
| 15998 | 30 |
| 4607 | 10 |
| 87672 | 5 |

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Collector of the Outstanding Balances Due from the Army for Grain &c.

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| | Brought Over Fanams and Pags | 14930 | 25 | 45670660 45 |
| 3d. | By Cash received for Rice Issued Dooley Boys in part Payment of their Account | 3555 | 10 30 | 139985 30 |
| | By Do for Rice Issued the Publick Followers in the Pay-masters Department on Account | 1023 | 42 10 | 46075 10 |
| | Total Pagodas & Fanams | 19509 | 31 5 | 876721 5 |

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Errors Excepted

(signed) W. Jackson

Collector and Superintendant of Grain Accounts

The President also lays before the Committee, Copy of a

the following letter to his Lordship from Mr. Jackson

The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c. &c.

Governor &c. &c.

My Lord

One of the greatest difficulties I have hither to found in adjusting the Rice Accounts arises from some of the Indents having been lost by unavoidable Accidents, and some Persons whose Accounts are of long Standing, and to a considerable Amount

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without some resolution
being taken to remedy
this defect

Amount, have insisted upon seeing, and settling according
to the Indents now in my Possession. if Your Lordship does
not take some Steps, to insist upon People being made
accountable for their last Indents, or settling with me
according to the different Grain keepers Accounts, when
their Indents cannot be found, I can plainly see that
the Company will suffer considerable Losses; if it is
once admitted that the remaining Indents shall be the
only Vouchers for the whole Amount of each Persons
Balance, any future Accident with respect to them
will make a considerable difference to the Company.
I shall take the greatest care of them, while they contin
in my Possession. Yet Accidents may never the less happen
which could not possibly be avoided - It is certainly un
reasonable in any Person disputing the Authenticity
of the Grainkeepers Account of his Issues, and also the
Cadjans Accounts of his Conicopolies, especially if they
agree, which as far as I have hitherto examined has been
the Case. If People would settle their Accounts by the
Grainkeepers Books, I would engage to adjust every thing
in a very short time, but this has not hitherto been the
Case, I am obliged to examine every Indent, and to set
down the quantity of Grain drawn for, with the
Amount in Cash, this Mode has taken up a considerable
Time, and will make it very tedious before any Cash
to a great Amount can be collected, Your Lordship may
however rely on me for exerting my best Endeavours

Towards

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towards so desirable an End, nothing would give me more Satisfaction, than to have Your Lordships Approbation in this Business.

I have the honor to be, with great Respect — My Lord,

Your Lordships,

most Obedient, and very humble Servant —

[signed] W.m Jackson —

Camp
24th January 1783.

The Committee are pleased to find that Mr. Jackson has made some progress towards adjusting the Gorney Grain Accounts, and entirely concur with him, that in cases where the Indents have been lost, the Officers — must settle according to the Grainkeeper's accounts — unless it be proved that there is reason to doubt the Authenti=city of such accounts — Agreed accordingly that a General order be issued to this purport.

Agreed that Ensign Daniel Best be appoint=ed Adjutant of Sibbendies at Vizagapatam in the room of

and that Lieutenant Senior Bailey be appoint=ed to the Command of the first Corps of Sibbendy that shall become vacant to the Northward —

G. O. to be issued directing that all Indents adjusted agreeably to Grainkeepers Accounts

Ensign Daniel Best appd. Adjt. to the Viza=gapatam Sibbendies & Lieut. Senior Bailie. to the Command of the first vacant Sibbendy Battn.

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The Right Honble the President send in circulation the following drafts of particular, and general Instructions to Sombajee, which being approved by Messrs. Sadleir and Davidson, the other Members of the Select Committee present in Fort St. George, are accordingly drawn out fair, and delivered to Sombajee

To Trumbaca Sombajee

Tanjore Vakeel

If you have an opportunity of conferring with any of the confidential Officers, or Servants of Tippoo Saib, you will not fail to mention the distresses of our prisoners; that we expect they will be alleviated under his humane Auspices: that the habits and wants of Europeans differ in many instances from those of the Natives; that the former will feel several hardships, that may not be observed by the latter, unless attention be paid to their Demands; that if he will allow remittances to be made, they will be able to supply themselves with such articles of food, and other necessaries, as may be suitable to their customs and inclinations. Tippoo indulgence in this respect will be to us a confirmation of the favorable character he bears, and an indication of his Disposition to put an end to the present troubles so unprofitable on both sides. — You will however mention that nothing would be so likely to protract the war, as any measure on his part towards yielding to the Sollicitations of the French, who are

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are our national enemies, for a Cession to them of any Forts or Territories whatsoever. It is to be hoped he will avoid, as his Father did, making a common cause, or engaging in any permanent connection with a Nation, whose alliance has hitherto been so prejudicial to the Princes of India, who accepted it, and which has no solid footing remaining in the Country.

It is possible that if such conferences should take place, they may lead to the discussion of the terms on which Peace and Amity might reign between them, and the English, who are confessedly the first European Power in the East, Justice would indeed warrant a Demand of the Expences of the war against him, as the Successor of his Father who began it; as in case of its continuance, retaliation would necessarily point out the attack of his Dominions in our Turn. But as the Company have no desire of conquest and they as are desirous of such a Peace as will leave Satisfaction in the minds of all the Parties to it, and which consequently will not be liable to interruption by post Disturt The Company therefore agreed to the Marhatta Treaty where no indemnification is required, which the war has occasioned. Tho' those expences have since that Period been much increased, Tippoo may still avoid himself, if he will declare without delay, of the favourable Terms of that Treaty. It secures to him his own Dominions, and our Friendship. Let him therefore declare his

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12 his acceptance of such advantageous offers, before the events of the war, and the arrangements of other Powers in consequence of the Peace of this Nation, may force us into Engagements contrary to his Permanent Interests.

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By the Right Honble George Lord Macartney Baron of Lisanoure, Knight of the Bath, Governor and President of Fort St. George &c. &c. &c.

To Trusmbacca Sahbayk. Tanjore Vakeel

General Instructions on the same Subject

You have my permission to leave Fort St. George and to proceed to Conjeveram, and places adjacent, where your affairs may require you, and if a favorable opportunity offers, you are authorized to endeavour to procure an alleviation of the Sufferings of the British Prisoners at Bangalore and Seringapatam, either by a permission to remit money to them, or by such other means, as may be practicable.

My Sentiments are also known to you on other matters, which you are hereby empowered to communicate; and you will make known to me the Sentiments, which may be declared to you in return.

Signed Macartney

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Sent the following Letter to the Medical Committee

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To Messrs. James Anderson, Colley Lucas, Hugh Maxwell and William Mitchell.

Gentlemen,

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee have directed me to express their Surprize, that you should have so long deferred answering the objections, which occurred to them on considering the System recommended by you in your report of the 12th January, as stated in a letter addressed to Messrs. Anderson, Lucas, and Davis—

To the Medical Committee desiring they will reconsider the regulations in the Surgeon's Department

The necessity of some Plan or System being immediately adopted for the regulation of the Surgeon's Department is now become so urgent, that the Committee desire you will reconsider the subject without any further delay.

I have the honor to be &c.

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(signed) J. Huddleston. Sec.

Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief &

Council of Masulipatam

To James Daniell Esqr.
& Chief &c. Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 30th Ult. with its enclosures, and our President has laid before us the Letter to his Lordship from your Chief of the 27th Ultimo.

To Masulipatam, desiring them that no more Europeans can be spared to them—have ordered that two Lascar Artillery must be supply of medicines and Stores and directing them with respect to further occurrences with Officers employed in

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Jones, that the two Companies of his Regiment now in Bengal, should be ordered to join him— the Commander in Chief does not think it safe to make any further Detachment from the Main Army, and it is not in our Power to send you any from this Garrison at present— 15 European Artillery men will have joined you with the two Battalions from Ongole, and Captain Lushington, and three other Artillery Officers are now on their way to Masulipatam—

Some Medicines have been lately dispatched to you, and a further quantity is preparing. The Military Storekeeper has been directed to forward to you some flints—

Major General Sir John Burgoyne has applied to our President for a further advance of money for his Officers employed Northward in purchasing Horses for his Regiment; we desire you will require of those Gentlemen an exact account of the number of horses already (and of the expenditure of the Sum of 5000 Pagodas for which they received an order upon your board, and after they shall have furnished you with such an account, we desire you will make them (Cornet Horsfall at Ellore, and Lieut. Troy at Ongole) further advances from time to time upon their requisitions, the whole not exceeding 10,000 Pagodas, over and above what they have already received.

It is proper also to inform you that those Officers have

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Offices have received for their expences an advance of 500 Pagodas, which must be liquidated by their Batta Bills.

We are &c. —

Macartney &
Council

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Dispatches the following Letter to Mr. Richard Joseph Sulivan —

J. Mr. Richard Joseph Sulivan —

Sir,

To Mr. Richd. Sulivan acquainting him that the Court pay'd dismiss him from their service in consequence of his having accepted the Post of Resident with the Nabob —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint you, that the Honble. Court of Directors were much surprized at your appointment to reside with the Nabob as the Representative and Minister of the Governor General and Council, the natural Tendency of such an appointment being to lessen the respect which ought to be shewn to the authority of a Governor and Council of Fort S.t George not only by the Nabob, but also by the neighbouring Princes — That the residence of the Nabob in the vicinity of Madras clearly pointed out their Governor and Council of Fort S.t George as the fittest Persons to negotiate any matter with his Highness from the Bengal Government and that they therefore revoke your said appointment.

Your Conduct in quitting the confidential Office which you filled, and going privately into the

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12 the service of the Nabob, appears also to the Court of Directors of so extraordinary and alarming a Nature, and as holding out such an evil Example to their Servants in General, who ought to be discouraged and deterred by every means in their power, from practises of the same kind, that they have thought proper to dismiss you from their Service, and I am directed to signify such dismission to you accordingly.

I have the honor to be, &c.

signed/ J. Huddleston Secty.

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Dispatches Letters, as entered in this days Book, agreable to the minutes of the 11th, to which William Bram on the subject of laying up grain at Nellore.

To Mr. William Balfour in answer to his claim

11th in behalf of the Captors of Pulicat.

13 Received the following Letter from Captain Scouler. ——

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

My Lord,

From Capt. Scouler
The French Troops
march towards Bandewash
and 8000 men dispatched
to oppose our army
on the other Coast.

I understand that the French Troops, who formerly joined Tippoo Saib, are gone to Wandewash, with Eight Battering Guns, and two Mortars; Tippoo with his Army is at a place, called Dearshaw Naredcanawar about fifteen Miles distant. The French consist of two Battalions; one of six hundred men, all French; the other

13 other of poor Tippoo raised in French Flanders, who are much discontented, and I believe a good part of them would leave him, if they could get a favorable opportunity). Tippoo has sent 5000 horse, 5000 foot, with 15 Piece of Cannon to oppose our force on the other Coast; they marched about the 5th Inst.t Tis rumoured in Tippoo Camp, that we have evacuated Wandewash, his People wish much to leave him; but he contrives to keep them together with considerable Difficulty. 'Tis reported here that an army is gone to Wandewash with intent to blow up that fort and Carangooly

I have the Honor to be, &c.

(signed) Robert Scouler.

Inspection
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3d February 1783

Received the following Letter from General Stuart.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 5th Instant, mine to the Select Committee was of the 3d from Tamerum Camp, and the date could be easily made out; your Lordship &c. must excuse, if I do not now enter on the Subject of Theory, points of Command provided the Service goes on, it is all I wish. my Letters of Instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Adams, and to Lieutenant Colonel Flage before leaving the Presidency will evince what I know I say) and in conversation with

From General Stuart in answer to the letter relative to the Jour Bourgogne's commanding the Dutch Fort — receiving intelligence that the French Fleet have passed to the Southd of Ceylon adviser that as much powder as possible may be laid in at Bourbon &c.

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with Sir John Burgoyne finding him as I thought able to do every thing, were the head and judgement were rected, I therefore considered him as the next in command to myself, and most certainly fo to his Majesty's Troops. His letter shews that he is ready to go hand in hand with the Governor in every thing what else is wanted? I have the honor also to receive your letter of the 6.th Instant with the account of the Medea's arrival after convoying the Company's Ships to a certain latitude. It is assuredly Mr. Suffrein's Squadron seen by Captain Gower; and if I can credit my intelligence this morning they have been already seen passing South of Fort S.t David. I am glad to find the roads are clear near the Presidency, so as magazine may be formed at Poonamallee; let it be in as large proportion as the means of Coolies will admit, because it will shorten the Business to Vellore very much; I hope that Captain Cuppage will get his crop safe in now, that the whole force of the Enemy is in our view here; whatever may be the present directions of Suffrein's Squadron, or first landing place of Bussy's reinforcement, I nevertheless beg leave most earnestly to recommend to your Lordship &c.a the pursuit of the very same measures regarding the defence of the Carnatic, and I look upon it as very fortunate that there will be time to move the Stores from Vizagapatam in the manner already

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already directed, and if the Friends with Bassy
Canoe to the Southward of the Coleroon, I am in hopes
that Colonel Lang will be able to do by them, as
Colonel Jones would have done, if they had canoes
within his reach from Masulipatam —

† Captain Imperfect
" "

Camp at Wandewash
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I have the honor to be, &c.
(signed) James Stuart

Received Letter from the Chief of Masulipatam
with 675 pairs of Shoes for the Europeans of the Army.

Received Letter (as entered in Miscellany Book)
from Captain George Smith, advising of four large
Ships being off Durapatam

Sent Letter (as entered in Miscellany Book)
agreably to minutes of the 11th to the Agent and
Garrison Store-keeper directing that the Bengal
Rum lately purchased be gaged, and tasted, where
it is now, and remain there till wanted for the Army

* Sent letter as entered in Miscellany Book)
agreably to minutes of the 11th Instant to Mr
Robert Gardner at Angole, directing him to
collect as much grain as possible, and have it
preserved in pits —

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At a Select Committee present,

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

Anthony Sadleir Esqr — Alexander Davidson Esqr

Major General Stuart absent on Service

John Holland Esqr at Bengal. ——

Read the following Letters received from the

Resident at Tanjore

To Thomas Saulk Esq. Trichinopoly

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose to you the translation of a Complaint made by his Highness the Nabob to the Right Honble the President. I desire you will be pleased to make immediate and particular enquiry into the subject of this complaint, that, if founded, those who have given cause for it, may be exposed to the just resentment of the Company. or if proceeding only from false representation that those who have so injuriously aspersed the Public Representatives of the Company may be known to his Highness in their true Character —

I am &c

(signed) John Sulivan

Tanjore
8th January 1783
To John Sulivan Esq.

Sir.

Your Letter of Yesterday's date with a copy of a Complaint presented to the Right Honble

the

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Letter from Mr. Sullivan to Mr. Falls with his answer relative to the Complaints made by the Nabob respecting proper behaviour offered to his family at Trichinopoly—

the President from his Highness Thursday last I have had the Honor to receive, I immediately consulted with Major Bruce upon the measures necessary to be taken for investigating, and bringing to light the supposed Authors of such indecent conduct towards his Highness. I proposed to him that Citabar Cawn, and all those of his Highness's most attached Servants should be invited to his House in order to proceed upon a fair, and impartial enquiry, for that there was no time to be lost in replying to a complaint, that reflected so much Disgrace (if true,) upon our nation in particular. The Major in return offered as his opinion, that as the complaint alluded to the circumstance of the Storehouses being examined into by Colonel Lang, shortly after his arrival here, when several Gentlemen and others were present, who are now with the Army, it would be better to wait his ~~return~~ in this I must be guided by you. During my residence in the Fort of Trichinopoly, I have not till now heard of the least insult having been committed towards the Nabob. Immediately upon my arrival from Madras, I accompanied Colonel Nixon to visit such of the Storehouses, as his servants were pleased to give us admission into. I also attended Colonel Lang upon his arrival here, when the Nabob's representative Citabar Cawn was present at the inspection of them again, as were some Gentlemen, and I deny that the least

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least want of decorum was observed on these occasions. Citabar Cawn attended the whole time, appeared pleased, and presented the Colonel with a very fine horse in the name of his Highness— That any of these Store-Rooms contained wearing apparel, I do not believe. That such an outrage has been perpetrated by the Agents of the Company in this Place, I never to be a malicious, and detestable falshood, and defy the Projector of such dark and infamous Schemes to stand forth, and support the Charge

I am &c &c

(signed) Thomas Falk

Trichinopoly
9.th January 1783

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.
President and Governor of Fort S.t George

My Lord,

From Mr. Falk to the President, declaring the complaint made by the Nabob to be without the least truth or foundation——

I have received a Letter from Mr. Sullivan, the Resident at Tanjore, transmitting me the copy of a complaint presented to your Lordship by his Highness the Nabob, exhibiting Offences to have been committed towards him in this Fort, by the Agents of the Company. To say that I were not ignorant of such outrages having been perpetrated, as his Highness sets forth, would be to reflect upon my self; and I feel my self called upon to reply publickly thereto. I am happy that my Situation here enables me to wipe off the Aspersions, which have been so industriously

as to

and injuriously aimed at the public representatives of the Company, and I solemly declare, that the whole of his Highness's complaint, is void of the least truth or foundation, and I must add is a composition of the grossest misrepresentation.

I have the honor to be &c.a &c.

(signed) Thomas Palk

Trichinopoly
17th January 1783.

The President requested to communicate the above to his Highness —

The President is requested to inform the Nabob of the result of the enquiries into the complaint made by his Highness against the Company's servants at Trichinopoly —

The President lays before the Committee the following letter addressed to the civil Secretary by Mr. Charles Binney, together with the letter from his Highness of the 13th Instant, (as entered in Country Correspondence) complaining in the usual terms of asperity and abuse, and laboring to prove, that the Company having annulled the Bengal Treaty his Highness's Assignment to the Right Honble the President is annulled also: demanding an immediate re-establishment in the exercise of all the rights of his Government, and the management of his Country, and calling upon the President and Council to enforce the commands of their Constituents —

From the Nabob's Secretary enclosing a letter from his Highness —

To Charles Freeman Esq.

Secretary to the Council

Sir



Sir,

I am directed by his Highness the Nabob to enclose you a Letter from his Highness to the Governor, for the information of the President and Council, and to request that you will be pleased to deliver it to Lord Macartney —

I have the honor to be &c.a

Charles Binney

Chepauk
13th February 1783

The Committee at present only observe on this Letter that the Honble the Court of Directors in the very same letter, wherein they annul the Bengal Treaty acquiesce in, and confirm the agreement made by his Highness with the President, but as his Highness in the above letter has thought proper to insinuate censure upon this Government, for its conduct towards the Vizianagrum Family, the President lays before the Committee the following Letter, which he wrote to Mr. Russel some time since, in which that subject is touched upon —

To Mr. Russel

Dear Sir,

I cannot longer delay acknowledging the honor of your two letters of the 4th and 9th Instant, the last of which did not reach me till this day — Altho in the present very busy moment I cannot write to you so much at length as I could wish, yet I shall breifly

From the President to the Chief of Vizagapatam with respect to the Vizianagrum family, and the measures to be adopted towards them —

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been highly imprudent to have taken any
steps in a matter of such moment, till a
more favorable opportunity offered;— it might
have converted into an irreconcileable Enemy a
man, capable of proving very useful as a friend
if properly managed. It would not overturn
the financial settlement, which I found already
made by the Chief and Council before my arrival,
and endangered the Revenues, which under that
arrangement was regularly paid— The principal
object, I think, at present is to reconcile, if possible,
the two Brothers, to impress them both with
an Idea of the Company's regard for them, &
their hopes of being able in less unsettled times
of making such an arrangement, as will give
them mutual Satisfaction, and make their
situation entirely agreeable— It will be necessary
in order to secure Sitteram Rauze's fidelity that
we appear to repose a confidence in him, but
at the same time his conduct must be narrowly
watched— I know he has an intercourse with
the Durbar of Hydrabad, but of what nature,
whether merely complimentary, or seriously
political, I have not been able yet to discover.
But I can't avoid entertaining some suspicions.
Mr. Holland is now at Masulipatam, and could
perhaps give you information upon this Subject.

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I acquainted him with all I had learned, but I did not receive any Satisfactory light from him on this Subject. Mons.r Guinebe is now here, I shall have an eye over him, and take care to keep him and Mons.r Charlis asunder — As to the Latter, if he misbehaves, you must send down to us the grounds of your proceedings, and desire our instructions — I shall be happy to hear from you, your Sentiments of the best regulations which you would recommend us to adopt, with respect to the Tappals — as Chief of Vizagapatam you will naturally stop and examine all Such foreign or black Letters, as you imagine may contain dangerous intelligence — The Horse grain, & bales and tents will be very welcome to us. It will be a very great disappointment to us, not to receive the 500 garce of grain, which you mentioned. — The scarcity is so great, that it is impossible for us to have too much rice here, or to be too careful in forwarding it — I see little prospect at present of our being able to send you any tonnage from hence — The Indiamen here, which were to the Northward, are employed at present on the service to the Southward, and will probably not be back in time to make another trip to the Circars before the Monsoon.

I am &c

(signed) Macartney

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The Committee approve of the foregoing letter —

Read the following letter —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K: B.
President and Governor of Fort S.t George —

My Lord,

The orders of your Lordship & Select Committee bearing Date the 25th Ultimo, I had the Honor duly to receive: in which your Lordship &c.a are pleased to order me to use the old grain & other provisions now in Store before the new is touched. — I beg leave to represent to your Lordship, that the present Stock of provisions is entirely unfit for use having been long laid in: for your Lordship's satisfaction in this point, I have enclosed a list of the quantity and quality of each article, together with the Amn.t Sworn to which each was received into Store. — I have hitherto had not the least Interference either with the purchase or Management of the Garrison provisions; they have heretofore been laid in by the Nabobs Killedar, and remained under his sole inspection: for which reason your Lordship will not, I am persuaded, impute any degree of Blame to me on account of their present bad State.

They are still under the care of the Killedar, and I hope your Lordship will pardon my taking the

From Mr Gardiner enclosing a list of the articles in Store at Ongole; receives 1000 Pagodas from the Arnavil of Balnaud: desires Instructions relative to the payment of the Stoppages for the cloathing of the Sepoys in that District, & meets with great obstacles in collecting Bullocks.

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the liberty to recommend that he be ordered forth=
=with to sell them off on his Masters account, as the
Honble Company must become considerable
losers by having any connection with them. —

On the first instant, I had the pleasure of
forwarding to Mr. William Ross, Agent, 350 Bullocks,
all trained to Carriage. They were compleat with
saddles, Head, nose, & picket ropes. They are the finest
that I can obtain about this Country. I have now
upwards of 300 more in training, which will
very soon be ready; and still have a number of
people out employed in the purchase of more. —
I have received one thousand (1000) Madrass Pagodas
from the Aumil of Valnaud on account of payments in
that District for the Month of January.

The Sepoys of the Valnaud District being not
embodied in the general Sepoy establishment, but a
distinct body: I have not yet given credit to any Person
for the stoppages made on account of their cloathing,
but have detained the amount thereof in my own
hands, untill I learn whether your Lordship chuses
that their cloathing be made up by the Sepoy Agent,
or (as in the independent corps in this Garrison) by an
Individual; as soon as I have your Lordships
Instructions hereon, I shall immediately pay the money
to the Person, whom your Lordship may be pleased to
appoint —

It is difficult for me, in terms adequate, to express
my —

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my concern at the small progress I have yet made in the purchase of Bullocks, & much I am afraid that your Lordship may be inclined to impute to inactivity or want of public Zeal, the small Success I have yet met with— I have met with numerous Difficulties & impediments in this line, and those I would certainly have from time to time communicated to your Lordships could it have been of any advantage to the Service, but as it would rather have proved the contrary, by taking up a large portion of your Lordships' time, in a Dull detail of obstacles, to any of which it could not have been in your Lordships power to apply a remedy, I have chosen to be silent— However I hope I shall meet with your Lordships forgiveness for mentioning in general terms, that the <u>scarcest</u> party I have employed in the purchase are 23 cop Off, and all the Gunnies & Combalies I have been able to procure for me by my friend Captain Lysaght to the Northward of Ellore.

I am &c &c &c

(signed) Robert Gardiner

Angole
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List of the Provisions in the Garrison of Ongole as laid in by the Kellidar, Viz.

| Quality of each | Quantity at or at a time bought | Total Merical | Total Pootlies | Total Morahs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Paddy | 1776. 8. 9½ | | | |
| Do | 1779 19. 3½ | 45. | | |
| Do | 1781 17 11½ | | | |
| Jonnaloo | 1778 —. 10 | | | |
| Do | 1779 1. — | | | |
| Do | 1780 49. 6½ | 83. | 1½ | |
| Do | 1781 2. 17½ | | | |
| Vergaloo | 1776 7 15½ | | | |
| Do | 1777 2 18⅛ | | | |
| Do | 1778 —. 1¼ | 13 | 2⅜ | |
| Do | 1779 2. 7¾ | | | |
| Lamp Oil Seed | 1776 —. —. —. | | 19. | |
| Salt | 1778 2. 3½ | 3. | 2. | |
| Do | 1783 2. 18½ | | | |

| Quality of Each | at or at a time bought | Quantity Pucca Mds. | Seers | Total Pucca Mds. | Seers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beetle Nuts | 1775. | 2 | 7⅝ | | |
| Do | 1777. | — | 25½ | 1. | 31½ |
| Do | 1778 | — | 38½ | | |
| Ghee | 1775 | — | — | 6. | 26⅛ |
| Menty Seed | | | | | 12¾ |
| Do | | | | | 30⅝ |
| Do | | | | 1 | 32⅛ |
| Lamp oil | 1776 | — | — | 10. | 39⅞ |
| Gingelee Do | Do | — | — | 2 | 33⅓ |
| Chalies | Do | — | — | 1 | 30⅛ |
| Wannum Seed | 1777 | | | | 15¾ |
| Tobacco | Do | 1 | 19 | | |
| Do | 1778 | 2 | 30 | 13 | 4⅞ |
| Do | 1781 | 8 | 35⅞ | | |
| | | | | | 9½ |
| Cummin Seed | 1777 | | | | |
| Coriander Seed | 1781 | | | 1 | 17¾ |
| Tamarind | Do | | | 17 | 19⅞ |
| Turmerick | Do | | | 1 | 9⅛ |

N.B. 20 Mercals = 1 Body = 5 Pooties = 1 Madras Garce 20 Seers = 1 Pucca Maund.
13 3/5 Pucca Maunds = 1 Garce Madras

Ongole Provisions

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The disposal of old provisions &c to be left to the Nabob's Killidars

Agreed that Mr. Gardiner be directed to leave the disposal of the old provisions and Stores to the Nabob's Killidars

To John Huddleston Esq.r Secretary

Sir,

From the Agent requesting a Bill on Bengal for Rum purchased of him.

I request you will order a Set of Bills upon the Governor General and Council for Pagodas 8779: 33: 3. payable to Mr. John Robson, being in further payment of the Rum sold by me to the Honble Company.

I am &c.

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(signed) William Ross

Agreed that Bills on Bengal be granted to Mr. William Ross for Pagodas 8779.. 33.. 3. in further part of the amount due for Bengal Rum purchased of him to be carried to the debit of the Agent.

Read the following Letter

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mirzul patan — advising of the measures taken for the defence of that District and of the harmony subsisting between them and Col.e Stones, enclosing letter from Capt.n Preston, and paying encomiums on his active conduct are approbation that Major,

We have been honored with your Commands of the 27th Ultimo, together with the several Enclosures, and we beg leave to assure your Lordship &c.a that your orders respecting the arrangements for the general Defence of the Circars shall be strictly adhered to as far as it depends on us, excepting only in cases when the Public Good in our opinion requires a deviation from the Plan you have laid down, and when

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Maules appointment at Masulipatam may be attended with inconvenience

when there would not be sufficient time to receive your further orders agreable to the discretionary Power, which you have been pleased to repose in us on this occasion. In our letter of the 30th Ultimo we acquainted your Lordship &c. with the Sentiments of the Commanding Officers of the Kings and Company's Troops, and the Chief Engineer, and the Steps, which were taken by us in consequence, and we have now the Honor to inform you of our having desired Colonel Jones to order Captain Chesthyre with that part of the 2d. Circar Battalion under his command to return to Coringa, where there are at present four 9lbrs. besides a Brigade of 3lbrs, which are attached to Captain Chesthyre's Battalion; Colonel Jones has recommended to us to withdraw the four 9lbrs. which shall be done accordingly as soon as possible: and if this should prove impracticable Colonel Jones has directed Captn. Chesthyre to Spike them at the last extremity.

Because your Lordship &c. did not order any Stated number of Troops to be left in Condapillee, and we were of opinion that a part of the 2d. Circar Battalion would be sufficient for the defence of the post upon the Hill commonly called the Peak, where all the artillery and Stores are at present lodged with four Months' provisions for four Companies of Sepoys, and because we believe the other parts of that extensive fortress are not tenable at least without a very numerous Garrison and are mostly commanded by the guns upon the

Peak)

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Peak, We desired Colonel Jones to with draw a part of the Troops now at Condapillee to Strengthen this Garrison more particularly: because Captain Chesshyre, who was ordered to proceed hither with a part of his Battalion, has been directed to return to Coringa, and the draffts who will soon leave the Garrison to augment the Grenadier Companies of the Sepoy Battalions to 100 Men Rank and File each Company; agreable to a former recommendation from Colonel Jones will reduce its present Strength which request Colonel Jones has accordingly complied with, by ordering four Companies of the 2d Circar Battalion in Masulipatam

Being Sensible of the advantages to the publick Service, which must result from a good understanding between us, and the Officer Commanding the Troops. So often recommended in your Letters, We think it necessary, and it is with great satisfaction we inform your Lord Ships &c. that ever since Colo Jones's arrival in the district, he has seemed to be equally Solicitous with ourselves to cultivate that Harmony, which you desire; and we beg leave to assure you that no endeavours shall be wanting on our part to preserve it.

Herewith we have the Honor to transmit a Letter addressed to your Lord Ships &c. from Captain Prescott's which he desired might be forwarded, and in justice to his Character, as an Officer, we beg leave to inform you that from the time of his appointment

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Appointment as Chief Engineer of this Garrison, and more particularly Since the late appearance of the French Fleet to the Northward; He has Shewn the most anxious Zeal and unremitting attention to the public Service, in repairing the Fortifications, erecting new Works, and in every part of his Duty — We have therefore the utmost reliance on him both on account of his diligence and long experience in the King's Service, and we are induced to believe if it Should come to a trial, that he will merit the future indulgence and encouragement of your Lordships &c.a; nor have we any doubt that his Zeal on this occasion has been further encreased by an Idea of the public eclat he would acquire if this place Should happen to be besieged —

We are apprehensive lest the appointment of Major Maule, whose rise in the Army has been So much more rapid than that of the Infantry Officers, Should be disagreable to Some of those whom he must now command, and who formerly held a Superior Rank to him — Major Lyraght who had been many years a Captain in his Majesty's Service, before Major Maule received his first commission, will not have it in his Power to exercise the authority your Lordships &c.a have placed in him, as Second in Command, Should the Troops be Shut up in this Garrison — We do not by any means wish to retract any thing from Major Maule's merit either as an Engineer or an Officer, but only to point

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to your Lordship &c
point out, or in what respects his appointment as
Chief Engineer of this Garison, may possibly tend
to interrupt that Harmony, which we are so anxious
to preserve, and which you have so often recommended
to preserve, and which you have so often recommended

We have the Honor to be &c.

(signed) J. Daniell &
Council

Masulipatam
6th. February 1783

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to lay before
You a Sketch of this Fortress, and its Environs, together
with a plan of two new Works proposed by me,
Cavaliers, upon the curtains between Fores. and
Magazine Bastions, and that between the Royal
and North Bastions, the first for four, the other for
three guns: these works are ordered to be forthwith
completed. by the Chief and Council: and my view
in them is, to assist our fire, and have good Command
on the two risings, marked in the Sketch
before you, viz. the Tank ground and Burying ground,
as well as to plunge upon any Approaches that
the Enemy may carry on from this Quarter:
You may rely, Gentlemen, that the bearings and
distances are accurate, they were taken by me
and I have not failed in this little Sketch, to point out
every Spot very particularly, on which the Enemy can
possibly take post, either with a view of erecting Batteries
to destroy our Defences, to cover their approaches, or by
those that will intersect & harass our Garrison; I beg
leave

For Captain Prescott
enclosing a Sketch
of the Fortress of
Masulipatam with
an account of the
repairs he has made,
and of the State of the
works.

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leave to assure you that my time has been most assiduously employed, that had the public finances permitted, our fortress might have been more respectable to our Enemies: yet I trust it will be sufficiently so: the foundation of the new works are already sunk: and if no stop takes place in the supply of materials a fortnight will finish the one, and considerably advance the other: they appear to me of the first consequence, but Colonel Ross's superior abilities will decide more absolutely. The Glacis round the North and North East Face, has been some time repairing: four days more will finish it on this Quarter: it needed it much: as the counterscarp wall was in many parts from one to three feet bare, and full of deep water-courses: three days more will compleat us in eight thousand excellent fascines bound with Coir, a fixed Bridge at the Sea-gate is made for removal, and a new additional gate added to the one already there: to morrow I propose to dam up the Sluice gates of the Ditch: this night our tide will be high, and the water in the ditch will be up to seven feet, which is now at Six feet eight Inches at the lowest ebb in any part: I sounded it this day in person all round the Garrison, there is a passage between one of the two Batardeaus in the ditch, of only three feet depth; but as those are useless I mean upon the arrivall of an Enemy to destroy them, as well as to cut off all communication at the Sea gate by

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by withdrawing the Bridge, and widening the Cuvette, at present at twelve feet, to thirty, as well as lifting all the Bridge, the Pettah excepted — I have made a treial of the water in all the Reservoirs, it is all good, and the amount in Hogsheads is about two thousand, five hundred; the quantity is encreasing as I have a number of men daily employed to fill them up. The new Sepoys Barracks for one thousand, will be compleated in a month, and I have also turned my views to cleaning the Streets in the Fort, and I hope so far succeed, that I have made a very fine and handsome communication from the South-west, to the North-east face, sixty four feet wide, and twelve hundred yards long, which not only beautifies, but may be of material use; the Berm and Glacis are almost cleared of their numerous incumbrances, and one hundred feet of Chevaux de frise, is near near compleated, and I have now employed, and at immediate command, a number of the very best Artificers, Tank-diggers, and Coolies that can be secured in the Fort, at an hours notice — I have been thus minute in my detail that the Right Honble President and Council may judge of my diligence; I submit to my Superiors here, whether or not it has been unremitting: and in case the Enemy should visit us, I shall be happy if by my being by day to make observation on the effect of

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the Enemy's fire, and by night to stand forward, and give example in the repair of our works. I may prove myself worthy of the trust reposed in me by you, Gentlemen, and also to the Honble Court of Directors, who gave me my Commission upon the first testimonials of my Character, having in view my Services to his Majesty, and a long course of Experience; with joy I shall endeavour to apply them in their with unceasing diligence and activity —

I have the Honor to be &c.

W Prescott

Captain Engineer

Masulipatam
31st. January 1783

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We entreat you will be pleased to order Six artillery Spirit Quadrants with Perpendiculars to be sent us over land as soon as possible, there being at present none of these in our Store, but what are unserviceable —

We have the Honor to be
J Daniel and
Council

From — Masulipatam
desiring to be furnished
with Six Artillery
Spirit Quadrants with
Perpendiculars —

Masulipatam
9th. February 1783

A letter from Captain Prescott was delivered into the President by the Chief Engineer

The Committee approve of the arrangement

The arrangements of the Troops in the Masulipatam District approved of

which

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which the Gentlemen at Masulipatam have made
of the Troops in that District

As it is probable that the Services of Major
Shaw may be required here, or with the Main Army,
agreed that he be directed to examine into, and
report to the Chief and Council the State of the
Fortifications at Masulipatam, and furnish
Captain Prescott with his opinion, and advise
respecting the measures which he may think it
advisable to pursue for their future Security: and if
he shall then be of opinion that his further Services
can be dispensed with at Masulipatam, to return
to the Presidency.

Major Shaw to furnish Captain Prescott with his advice, and to return to the Presidency if his services can be dispensed with at Masulipatam

Agreed that copy of the letter from Captain
Prescott be sent to the Chief Engineer, together with
the Letter delivered by him to the President, and that
he be directed to report to the Committee without
delay his opinion of the Steps taken by Captain
Prescott, for the benefit of the Fortifications at
Masulipatam

Copy of the letter from Capt.n Prescott to be sent to the Chief Engineer to report upon

Agreed that the Committee of Stores be
directed to cause the Guadrants &c. wanted at
Masulipatam to be sent thither over land. —

The Committee of Stores to be desired to send Quadrants to Masulipatam over land

Read the following proceedings of the
Committee of Stores

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

all dispatch the unserviceable stores from wh-
able stores from where they
now are, the ground being
wanted for other purposes.

The Commanding
Officer of Artillery lays
before the Committee a
report of Gunpowder proved
the 6th Instant, which the
Committee are sorry to find
is so considerably under
the Standard Proof.

Report of Gunpowder proved at Fort St. George 6th February 1783

| Nature | No. of Firings | Weights of Balls | Weights of Powder | Ammo. of Sight | Elevation | Range | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madras | | H | Oz. Second | Degree Second | Grands | | |
| Old Hills | 1st | 96-2 | 12 | 45 | 720 | 725 | Fine clear Morning |
| | 2d | 96-2 | 12¼ | 45 | 730 | | |
| | 3d | 96-2 | 12 | 45 | 735 | | |
| New Hills | 1 | 96-2 | 12 | 45 | 724 | 731 | Do Do Do |
| | 2 | 96-2 | 12¼ | 45 | 732 | | |
| | 3 | 96-2 | 12¼ | 45 | 738 | | |

Signed J. Kennedy
Lt. Col. Artt.

The Commissary of Stores
acquaints the Committee
that the 1000 Barrels of
Gunpowder short of Proof
were made at the Hills
before

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before the Monsoon set in.
but from want of Powder
Barrels, and proper
Magazines, could not be
brought into the Company's
Stores at that time, that in
consequence of its having
remained lost at the Mills
during the heavy rains,
the Composition has given,
and the Powder thereby has
suffered greatly - which
together with the very low
State of the Coolies, also bears
it, from the want of a
sufficient allowance of Rice
he imagines to be the cause
of the composition not having
been sufficiently beaten,
and the Powder rendered less
strong), all that was formerly
made under the directions
of the Same proved having
been much above proof.

The Committee therefore
recommend that the above
Powder be remade imme-
diately, and that a sufficient
allowance of Rice be ordered
for

Why were powder Barrels wanting?

The Committee do not
recollect that there was an
extraordinary scarcity of
Rice at the time mentioned -
when the orders were given to
take 5/6 of the grain the
Committee understood that
Mr. Stokoe had rice for
Several days for his people

The Powder to be remade

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for the Coolies, who are employed in this important Business - that they may be enabled to beat the Composition thoroughly, and that in future such a quantity only be made at a time, as can be thus properly manufactured with the Strength they have. - an encreased quality being in the opinion of this Committee of more real use, than an encreased quantity, whose goodness cannot be depended upon -

Very proper

The Commissary of Stores lays before the Committee the accompanying list of Articles wanted for immediate use in the Military Storekeepers Department, which the Military Storekeeper is unable to provide for want of Cash, there being already a large balance due to him from the Company.

The Committee of Stores to furnish an estimate of the amount of the Articles mentioned in this List

Agreed

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Agreed to lay the same before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, and to request their orders thereupon.

Signed { Patrick Ross / John Kennedy / B. Scottney

Read the following letter from Captain Saxon.

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

Fort S.t George,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Although it is usual for Military Officers to address the Honble Committee through the medium of the Commander in Chief, I hope the anxiety I have about myself and my Zeal for the Service, will plead an apology for this application; especially as the return of the Army to the Presidency seems uncertain.

From Capt.n Saxon requesting that his Suspension may be taken off, & containing the motives which induced him to make the request.

By the very Sentence of the Court Martial, which has suspended me for six months, it is acknowledged, my utmost endeavours were used, though unhappily, as that Sentence says, not to the best advantage. It is my misfortune, my Lord and Gentlemen, that no Artillery Officer was there to speak to the advantage of my operations, and their effects towards impeding the attacks of the Enemy.

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Had there been Eye witnesses, who were judges on the point. I have a right to say such a censure could not have passed against me.

The intention of this address is to submit to your Lordships my request, to have the six Months suspension taken off. I was but 16 days at Trincomalee before the French invested the place; in that time I brought down from Fort Ostenburgh 2 Eighteen pounders, & twelve pounders, and a Mortar. I made several necessary movements of the heavy cannon in the Cover Fort; those movements so far as the evidence could speak to them, were advantageous. Had they had been competent to have spoken more fully. By the returns before the Court Martial it appears that the proportion of round Shot in Trincomalee to that in Ostenburgh was as 211 to 137, and yet it fell for want of ammunition. In the time I could not do more than I did, and even if I had more time and more means of bringing Shot, I do not conceive it would have been consistent with my character as the Chief Engineering Officer, and therefore having the Charge of both Forts in my own line, to have thrown a larger proportion of Shot in Trincomalee, at the risk of lessening the quantity in Fort Ostenburgh, because Trincomalee is notoriously the weaker Fort, and open in many parts. Supposing therefore that a successful assault from the Superior Force before we had been made on it, while there was a quantity of Ammunition

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Ammunition in the Fort, and had Fort Ostenburgh fell for want of ammunition, I should have had a difficult task to establish my defence against such a charge, for I had no right to suppose the stronger Fort would surrender in an hour, when the weaker Fort held out four days against the same force -

I have thought it necessary to say thus much towards explaining my conduct without troubling the Board with the perusal of my Defence at large, as given into the Court Martial. I conceived it my duty to pay attention to both Forts - I was tried for the fall of one, because it fell for want of ammunition, and I was suspended by the sentence of the Court Martial under the impression, as I conceive, of it having been possible to have brought more Shot from Fort Ostenburgh; and that, as the event happened, it would have been better to have done so - This I conceive to be the plain construction of the words "the" unhappily "not to the best advantage".

Was an error in judgement plainly evidenced against me, I should have been more mortified, tho' less surprized, at the Sentence, as it now stands - It is a Sentence from the event, and however applicable it may be to the Strict Logical Argumentation deduced from the words of the charge, from the fact of Shot remaining in Fort Ostenburgh, when it surrendered, and from the presumption of the evidence before the Court that I could have brought

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non shot from Fort Ostenburgh, yet I hope the Honble Board will be pleased on this important occasion to my prejudice, and present wishes, to consider me as having the charge of both Forts, and on that ground to relieve me from a Sentence, founded on a charge which, as it is worded, takes in only my conduct towards the defence of Trincomalee, and which might have condemned me, had I left but ten rounds of shot in Fort Ostenburgh, for then it would have been equally true, as the event has happened, that I had not availed myself of all the Military Stores in my power in Fort Ostenburgh towards the defence of Trincomalee. My time is acknowledged to be fully employed, and it is by the very Sentence of the Court martial acknowledged, that I have rendered former services to my Honble Employers, - and two of the Members of the Court have given me a good Character, - The language in which Major Cotgrave and Captain Scott spoke of me before the Court is as follows.

Major John Cotgrave ——, "Captain Lacon was near 18 months
"under my command at Tellicherry, which was
"besieged all the time. he commanded the Coast
"Artillery there, and I had always reason to be
"satisfied with his conduct. - About 7 months of
that time, we were in a very disagreable and dangerous
situation, and Captain Lacon was always ready to act
both as an Artillery and Infantry Officer, and was it necessary for the

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information of the Court, I could particularize several very meritorious actions of Captain Saxon.

Captain Richard Scott — "I knew Captain Saxon at the siege "of Pondicherry, have frequently been upon duty "with him in the trenches. that he was particularly "attentive in his station as an artillery Officer. "particularly with mortars. and I believe he was "considered by the whole army as a very active Officer"

I state these matters, My Lord and Gentlemen, as reasons before your Lordship &c.a in my favor. and to hope that you will be pleased to draw this inference from the Sentence and evidence of Major Cosgrave and Captain Scott, that my present Situation has arisen more from the peculiar wording of the charge, and from the want of competent witnesses in my own line before the Court, rather than any real deficiency in Judgement while in Service at Trincomalee, The more so when the Commandant, under whom I served, has in every respect acknowledged himself satisfied with my conduct, the consciousness of which under my notions of military discipline, seemed to preclude the idea of an ulterior tribunal, else I had it in my power to procure vouchers of having acted to the best advantage

If, my Lord and Gentlemen, all those considerations should induce you to take off my Suspension, I shall be happy, and will immediately prepare myself either for service again with

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with the main Army, or to act as Artillery Officer in the district of Vizagapatam, where I understand there is a probability of early Service, and which reasons induced me to lose no time in this address, being anxious to return to duty in my own line as soon as I could be indulged with an opportunity to act.

I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(signed) George Taylor

Madras
11.th February 1783

Ordered to lie for consideration

Read Letter from Captain Keating (as entered in Miscellany book) complaining of the appointment of Captain Lysaght, his junior, to the Brevet Rank of Major, relating the circumstances of his situation respecting the surrender of Amboor, and his being compelled to sign a parole not to serve, which was contrary to the capitulation; requesting leave to write to Tippoo Sultaun on the subject, and that he may be appointed a Brevet Major

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from Colonel Floyd

To the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee of Fort S.t George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I am directed by Major General Sir John Burgoyne to request you will be pleased to inform me what number of Horses are to be allowed to the Officers & Staff of each rank in his Majesty's 23.d Regiment of Light Dragoons, that measures may be taken

From Colonel Floyd, requesting to know what Number of Horses are to be allowed to the Officers and Staff of the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons.

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taken for procuring the same

As the case is in some measure without precedent in this Country, I am ready to give my opinion, should you deem it of any use

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) J. Floyd

King's Barracks
28.th January 1783

Ordered to lie for consideration

Read the following letter from the Committee of assigned Revenue, with the petition and account therein mentioned, which state that 17,500 Cullums of Paddy, and 1330 Pagodas have been taken by force, and extorted from the Petitioners (the Inhabitants of Chinglepute) by Captain Mackay and his servants.

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

From the Committee of assigned Revenue enclosing Petition from the Head Tenants of the Chinglepet District against Capt.n George Mackay.

Select Committee of Fort S.t George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship &c.a copy of a petition from several of the Head Tenants of the District of Chinglepet, with a copy of an account which accompanied it, stating the quantity of grain, number of cattle, and sums of money, which they assert were forcibly taken from them, without equivalent, by Captain George Mackay and his servants, while he commanded at Chinglepet.

The nature and extent of the exactions complained of seem to us to require a strict investigation.

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=gation of the matters set forth by the petitioners

We have the honor to be &c.

signed { Charles Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Mowbray

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To Charles Oakeley Esq.r

President &c. &c. &c.

Member of the Committee of the Sayer Revenue &c.

The Humble Petition of Upachary, Sashachiry
Sashier, Vancata Reddy, Volagappa, Moodely, and
Armogutta Moodely, Head Tenants of the District of
Chingleput,

Sheweth,

That your petitioners beg leave to represent
to you, that they had left their occupations in their
respective villages of the said District, and took their
shelter at the Garrison of Chingleput on account of
the present war, when there was a Brahmin, named
Sadagopin, who used to come to Captain Mackay upon
business, in reference of Gopanna at late Comicopoly
to the Military Paymaster at Madras, who by that
means procured Captain Mackay's interest, entered
into his service as Head Dubash, persuaded him
so far as to cause the said Captain to send Sepoys and
Bullocks, and brought away the Paddy &c.a belonging
to your Petitioners in several villages of the District,
particular account of which is accompanyed for your
perusal

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perusal: Your petitioners upon which made their complaints to his Lordship in last year, of the oppressions &c. they met by the said Captain and his Dubash: when the Board have appointed and sent Captain Patterson to be Commandant of Chingleput since which your Petitioners had not met with any obstacles in their way, but since three four Months past the said Sadagopin entered in the service of the said Captain, exercising all the cruelties over your Petitioners, which they cannot express in writing, one of which is that the Honble Company was to Compassion over their Inhabitants of the Sagheir (to relieve distress they were in by the Depradations of the Enemy) and excused the Government share of the crop to them, the said Dubash without regarding the above order, forcibly carried away the produce of their crop without even delivering the whole of the usual share of the Inhabitants, contrary to the above order, which and other malicious practices of the said Dubash, induced your Petitioners to repair to Madras for redress

They most humbly entreat you will be pleased to take the above into your serious consideration, dismiss the said Dubash, and appoint another in his room, and recover to them what the said Dubash has Expended, and likewise to grant an order to Capt. Patterson, and the Aumil, to restore the Paddy &c. taken from them, of their crop cultivated from the time the Honble Company published their resolution

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revolution, it may enable them to return to
Chinglepett, and carry on their cultivations -
And your Petitioners, as in duty bound
Shall ever pray —

A true copy
Signed ( J Balfour )

— In Account of Paddy, Cattle and Money
extorted and took away by force by Captain
Mackay and his Servants from the Inhabitants
of Chinglepet.

Took away and carried by force by Capt.n Mackay &c.
Paddy Collums

| | |
|---|---|
| In Altoor Village — — | 3000 |
| Palavaly — — — | 520 |
| Vallyporam — — — — | 1000 |
| Angoor — | 800 |
| Periculacurum — — — | 2300 |
| Angoor — | 800 |
| Angoor — | 200 |
| Annamanty — — | 150 |
| Caulpauk — — | 70 |
| Nattaloor — — | 70 |
| Varaporam — — | 300 |
| Nannimpeddy | 800 |
| Chumpaacum | 160 |
| Malyoor — — — | |
| Received from Poponliah by Do — | 11.570 |
| with consent meaning | 2.457 |
| Total Collums Pags | 14027 |

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Taken from Gopaulah by Captain Mackay

| | Pags |
|---|---|
| Teakwood and Red-wood to the amount. | 810 |
| Cattle seized without paying | 6500 |
| Sheep Do Do | 11000 17500 |

Extorted & plundered by Capt.n Mackay's Detach.t

| | Pags |
|---|---|
| Sady Gopur in ready cash from Inhabitants | 150 |
| Ramsing Soobadar & Comorapah Butlers mates & Capt.n Mackay extortes from the Inhabitants | 350 |
| Tobacco, Tamarind & Chilly &c.a plundered by Do | 250 |
| Extorted by Captain Mackay's Butler Yarnanah | 100 |
| | 1350 |

A true Copy

signed J. Balfour. Sec.y

Agreed that Captain Mackay be furnished with copies of the petition and amount and desired to answer the charges therein contained against him.

The Secretary informs the Committee that having made particular Enquiry concerning the rank and character of Shakyjee Commandant he finds that with respect to the former, there are three above him of very good Characters, but that the Palankeen allowance has not invariably been given to the eldest Commandant respecting the Character of Shakyjee, it is that of a brave, and deserving Officer: he was also in the 1st. Battalion in the action at Perambacum, where he received several wounds —

Ordered to remain for consideration. —

Information given by the Secretary respecting the Character of Shakyjee, Commandant —

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The Secretary informs the Committee that Captain George Campbell, the Commanding Officer at Nellore, is extremely indisposed and that the Surgeon there thinks it absolutely necessary that he should be removed for a change of air.

Captain Donald Campbell appointed to the temporary Command of Nellore during the indisposition of Capt. George Campbell.

Agreed that Captain Campbell be permitted to come to Madras, and that Captain Donald Campbell be appointed to command at Nellore during

Just absence.

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Diary —

Despatched the

following Letters to the Chiefs of the Northern

Settlements.

To James Daniel Esq.r

Claud Russel Esq.r

John Maxwell Stone Esq.r

Sirs.

I write these few Lines to

acquaint you that by Letters which I received

this day from Tulliat, I am informed the

French have several Vessels cruizing to the

Northward of this port, four or five have been

seen about Viravakatam and Chiamercy

a Snow which anchored on the 12.th in the

Road of the former was chased by a large Ship

for several hours, & said two others which had

been in Company with her captured.

To the Chiefs of the Northern Settlements adorning of the fresh having several Vessels cruising to the North.

I am &c

Macartney.

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Received the following

Letter from the Committee of Stores with the

Indent therein mentioned.

To the Right Hon.ble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Gov.r &c. &c. &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Herewith we have

the honor to lay before your Lordship &c.

an Indent for Roms and Accoutrements

received from Tripassore and beg Leave

to

from the Committee of Stores inclosing Indent from Tripassore

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The [illegible] to submit to the consideration of your Lordships
&c. the propriety of complying therewith
The Articles indented for may be completed from
the Stores in Garrison without inconvenience
to the Service. I do have the honor to be &c.

Patrick Ross

(Signed) John Kennedy
D. Secretary.

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Agreed that this Indent
for Stores be complied with.

Poke complied with —

Received from Genl.
Stuart a paper of Intelligence stating in
substance that Admrl Suffren arrived at
Cuddalore the 5th Inst. with 11 Ships of
the Line, one Frigate, and the Bellona
Indiaman a Prize, that the Bellona
Frigate, and the English Hannibal were
cruizing in the Bengal River —

Paper of Intelligence from Genl Stuart —

Received the following
Letter from the President at Tanjore.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB.
President & Govr &c. &c. &c. of
Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen
I have the honor to
transmit you herewith the Cash Account
of this Residency from January to Sept.
both Months inclusive.

I do Hope of being

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From Resident of Tanjore, inclosing Company's Cash Account with the Rajah. by the Rajahs own Statement a Balance appears in his favor . . . .

To
15. able to form a compleat Account between the Company and the Rajah, have been the Cause of my delaying so long to forward the Papers which now wait on you. The difficulty of adjusting many Accounts, particularly on the Receipt of Grain & of Batta paid by the Rajahs Annuldars, has rendered it hitherto impossible to form this Account. I think it my duty therefore to acquaint the Board that by the Rajahs Statement of those Articles & from the value at which he has estimated the Horses received from him for the Cavalry, a very considerable Difference will be found in his favor, when the Accounts are arranged. I have the honor to be &c.

John Sullivan.

Tanjore 9 November 1782

Sent the following Letter.

To Lieut. Col. Ross &c. Members of the Committee of Stores.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Rt. Hon.ble the President & Select Committee to desire you will be pleased to send to Masulipatam with an Estimate of the Amount of the Articles wanted on the Military Establishment, as mentioned in a List received with your Minutes of the 8th Inst. that Select Committee desire you will cause Six Artillery Spirit Quadrants with perpendiculars to be sent over land to the Chief & Council at Masulipatam. I am &c.

J Huddlestone Secy.

To Committee of Stores. to send to Masulipatam six Artillery Quadrants.

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To Lieut Colo Kyd

Chief Engineer

Sir

I am directed by the

Right Honble the President & Select Committee

to return you the enclosed Letter from Captain

Prescott sent by you to the President, together

with a Letter from him to the Select Committee

and to desire that you will without delay

Report to them your Opinion of the Steps taken

by that Officer, for the Benefit of the Fortifications

at Masulipatam.

I have the honor to be &c

J.r Stodart Secy

To Major Wade

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon.ble

Hon.ble the President & Select Committee to signify

to you their Orders, that you examine into & report

to them the State of the Fortifications at

Masulipatam, & after you shall have done so, they

desire you will furnish Captain Prescott with

your Opinion & advice respecting the Measures

which you may think it advisable to pursue

for their future Security; if you shall think he

of Opinion that your further Services can be

dispensed with at Masulipatam, they desire

you will return to this Presidency where their

is a Probability your Services may be wanted

as

To Lieut Colo Kyd Chief Engineer with Letter from Capt.n Prescott, & requesting him to report upon the Steps taken by Capt.n Prescott.—

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as we have intelligence of the Arrival of French Reinforcements at Trincomallee, & that they are intended against this Settlement.

I am &c.

J. Hudleston jun.r

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Received the following

Letter from the Hon.ble Wm Duff.

To the Rt Hon.ble George Lord Macartney KB.

President & Gov.r &c. &c. &c. Council

My Lord & Gentlemen:

I have had the honor to

From Mr Duff has forwarded for Manilop.s all the Company's Rules for this Presidency.

receive your Commands of this d.y Bl.s & in Consequence have sent to Triplicatane the Company's Bales & all other Property that could easily & suddenly be removed.

I am &c.

Wm Duff

Sunday 16th Feby 1783.

At a Select Committee present.

The Rt Hon.ble George Lord Macartney KB

Anthony Sadleir Alexander Davidson

Major Gen.l Stuart absent on Service;

John Holland Esq.r absent on Bengal.

Minutes of last Committee read & confirmed.

Read the following

Letter from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam.

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Governor &c.a Select Committee
My Lords Gentlemen;

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordships &c.a Orders of the 26th Ult.o as also Mr. Secretary Hollis's Letters of the 23d & 24th.

Every Exertion in our Power we beg Leave to assure you shall be used to fulfill your Lordships &c.a Expectations, we are endeavouring to collect Bullocks with all expedition for transporting the Guns &c.a to Ganjam, but the number required amounting by Indent to upwards of 1300 must consequently be short before the whole can be assembled. We have therefore acquainted the Chief &c.a Council of Ganjam that if they think their Wants can justify the deviation from your Orders you shall on your part think yourselves authorized by a Requisition from them to send the Stores by Boats, seeing the Communication by Sea is now open, which could not be known to your Lordships &c.a at the date of your Orders at any Rate indeed we are told the Guns with Travelling Carriages cannot be sent by Land. —

We have also Instructed our Agent with Respect to the Stores to be sent to Manulipatam, and have given him an Opportunity of sending them by Sea; but it is perhaps of little Consequence for the Stores that will remain after supplying

From Vizapatatam we are using every exertion in the power. enclosing Letters to Manulipatam & Ganjam. Submitting it to Consequences that may result from the Stores being ordered to Manulipatam. & requesting Orders respecting the Disposal of the Dutch Prisoners at Vizapatam. —

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the Ganjam Indent, are hardly worth the heavy Charge of removing them. We beg Leave to refer you to the enclosed Copies of the Letters we wrote both to Ganjam & Masulipatam, on the receiving your Orders.

The Invalids of whom there are only 45 returned capable of marching, are ordered to be in readiness & they with the detachment of Sepoys that may be necessary to complete Captain Wridge's Battalion will we flatter ourselves be judged by you sufficient to form an Escort for the Stores, as there is no Danger to apprehend, by the Way, the the Country being in perfect Quietness; confident of this, we propose committing the Charge of the Escort to a Subaltern Officer, instead of Captain Lane whose presence is absolutely necessary here with the Troops, who by the preparations for sending away the Guns & Invalids, are apt to think things are worse than they really are.

Destitute of Europeans our present footing is indeed on every delicate Tenure & it is necessary to keep up Appearances as much as possible. It is therefore with great Regret we find the Exigencies of Affairs press so much as to induce your Lordship &c. to order all the Guns & Stores to be removed, & to authorise the Chief and Council of Masulipatam to require the Assistance of our Sepoys. We flatter ourselves however they will not be necessitated to make the Requisition, for whilst we have the Battalion we may with the Assistance of the Rajahs Troops

maintain

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Maintain Our Influence on the District; Keep the Neighbouring Zemindars in Awe; and should we ever be under the Necessity of abandoning the Place, these Objects would still be in Our Power. We might likewise distress the Enemy by cutting off all Supplies of Provisions, as well as be a constant Check on their Operations in the Field or their Intrigues with the Zemindars - whereas if we quit the District, which we must do after the Battalion is withdrawn, the whole Country will be at their Mercy - Numbers will crowd to their Standard, as the ready Mode of liquidating the Government Demands. — Those even who are attached to Our Interests must, unprotected, unavoidably temporise; The Revenue must not only be at a Stand, but lost; the whole Government unhinged; and the Country fall into Confusion. — Such, My Lord & Gentlemen, are the Consequences to be apprehended, & they appear to us of such a Moment, that we should be wanting in our Duty to you if we did not submit them to your Consideration. We are Ourselves so well persuaded of the Expediency, Nay Necessity, of putting the best face upon Matters, in Order to keep things quiet, that unless we are deprived of the Battalion, we shall avail ourselves of the Latitude left us by your Orders to

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to chuse the place of our Retreat, and to
Maintain a footing in the District, as long as we
can. — If the Enemy prove too powerful, which
is Not very likely, should their Operations be directed
at the same time against Masulipatam, We
can then Move to Masulipatam accompanied
by the Rajahs & their People, whose assistance
may be there of use. & whom we presume your
Lordship &.cas do not intend we should abandon.

In the Event of Our leaving the District
We beg to be favoured with your Orders Respecting
the Dutch Prisoners of War at Bimblipatam,
a List of Whom we enclose By the Capitulation
they can only be Removed by your Orders. & in the
Mean While we have Acquainted them, it is
Probable you may think the Measure Necessary
— We Must in justice to them Acknowledge their
Orderly Conduct entitles them to every Reasonable
indulgence.

Mr. Daniell will have probably
advised you that the Snow Lord Macartney, having
to Avoid the Enemy, put in at Nizampatnam, he
has directed the Stores on board her, intended for
Vizagapatam to be landed there —

Vizagapatam
Febry 6.th 1783 —

We are, very Respectfully,
My Lord &c Gentlemen,
Your most faithful & Obed.t Humb.e Servts.

(Signed)
Claud Russell
Hy Crawford
Chas. Malcolm —
F. W. Drake —

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To James Daniel Esqr
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

In the Orders received last
Night from the Right Honble the President &
Select Committee, We are directed to send you
all the Military Stores that may remain after
supplying the Works at Ganjam — and the Mode
of Conveyance is left to you & us to determine —
According to the Spirit of the
above Orders We apprehend dispatch is the
grand object, & without such view a Sea Conveyance
seems preferable, not only as much time must
be lost in assembling the great Number of
Bullocks that will be necessary to carry them
by Land, particularly after dispatching the
Stores for Ganjam, but as the great distance
between us must overmove all Possibility of their
Arrival with you for many Weeks —
The Enemy being now to the
Southward your opportunities of Intelligence
must

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must enable you to be better judges of the Mode to be adopted, than we can be, and we shall be guided by your Opinion — meanwhile it may be proper to apprize you, that there being only one Vessel in our River fit for the purpose, whose Captain is not authorized to let her to freight, it is to be wished that you may be able to send us a Vessel from your Port, in case you determine that the Sea Conveyance, is the most eligible

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your Most obedient

Humble Servants —

(Signed) C. Russell

&c Council

Vizagapatam

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To John Maxwell Stone Esqr.

Chief &c Council of Ganjam.

Gentlemen,

On the 5th We advised you by Express, that We had received Orders from the Select Committee to Prepare for sending you Ten Battering Guns and our European Invalids, as soon as we could, after receiving their further Directions — Enclosed We now send you a List of the Guns and Stores they have

directed

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directed in a Letter come to hand last night, to be sent to you, and we are using all Deligence in our Power to assemble Bullocks for the Purpose, but the Number required is so great, that it will be with difficulty if we do succeed in getting them, and much time will be lost—

The Right Honble President &c.

Select Committee in the Idea no doubt of the Enemy's Fleet being still before your Place, have directed the Guns &c.a to be sent over Land, otherwise it might have been more eligible, as more expeditious and easy, to send them by Boats now, as the Flat is gone to the Southward— but we are unwilling to deviate from the Instructions given us, unless we are authorized so to do by a Representation from you of the Necessity of the Measure, in case your Wants induce you to think there is a Necessity—

The Select Committee having also directed us to reinforce your Battalion of Sepoys with a Detachment sufficient to complete it to 1200 Effectives, you will be pleased to inform us of the Number that is wanted, as they may compose part of the Escort to attend the Guns &c.a—

Some days ago We dispatched to you the Small arms which in our Letter of the

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the 15th Ultimo, We acquainted you we had detained untill we should hear from you, but the Communication being now open, We judged it proper to seize the opportunity of sending them without further delay —

We beg leave to recommend that you will give Orders in your District for assisting with Bullocks or any other thing that the officer commanding the Detachment may find necessary to apply for, for expediting the Service he is sent upon —

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
& humble Servants —

Vizagapatam
3d February 1783 —

(signed) C. Russell
&c Council —

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Pay Roll and Abstract of the Civil Servants belonging to the Dutch Company at Bimblipatam for the Month of January 1783 —

| | | Abstract | Rupees |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dirk Vrymoet | Chief | Chief | 350 " |
| Johannes Markus Dormieux | Second | Second | 250 " |
| Bastiaan Pleugt | Secretary | Secretary | 50 " |
| Charles Latanche | Surgeon | Surgeon | 50 " |
| Christiaan C: Poppen of the Captured Snaw — | Commander | Comr. of the Snow | 50 " |
| Pieter Rookens | Factor | Factor | 30 " |
| Jan Sagt. Reever | Clerk | Clerk | 25 " |
| Jan D: Fermie | Writer | 3 Writers at 20 Rs. ea | 60 " |
| Frans Caspeuts | Do. | 1 Do. 15 | 15 " |
| Gallenius Theodorus | Do. | 4 Do. 10 | 40 " |
| Pieter de Jong | Do. | | Rupees 920 " |
| Jan Carel Warner | Do. | | |
| Pieter G: Pleyt. | Do. | | |
| Pieter J: Friedels | Do. | | |
| Pieter Rend: Theodorus | Do. | | |

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Do. Vrijmoet
Johs. Markt. Dormieux

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Pay Roll and Abstract of the Dutch Companies Military Servants at Bimblipatam for the Month of January 1783

| | | | | |
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| Herrmanus Van Lightenberg | Lieut. Majr. | Abstract | | Rupees |
| Nikolaas Dantel | Serjt. | 1 Serjeant Major | | 20 - |
| Johan A: Donats | Do. | 3 Serjeants at 18 D | | 54 - |
| Gerrit Roos | D. | 2 Corporals | 14 | 28 |
| Adam Wilcke | Corpl. | 6 Private | 10 | 60 - |
| Phillip Scharlaaker | D. | 2 Gunners | 14 | 28 - |
| George Wolphaats | Privt. | 1 Dr. Master | 14 | 14 - |
| Johan A: F. Lottman | D. | 2 Sailors | 7 | 14 - |
| Jan Hartmans | D. | | | |
| Jan M: Donsbach | D. | Rupees | | 280 - |
| Matthys Hartman | D. | | | |
| Jorge A: Van Bonk | D. | | | |

N: B: one Private in the Hospital at Vizagapatam included and drawn for

Artillery

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|---|---|
| Pieter Heitel | Gunner |
| Joan F. Meyer | D. |

Bimblipatam D: Vrijmoet
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Sailors.

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|---|---|
| Jan Adolph | Dr. Master |
| Dirk Hartspronk | Sailor |
| Jan Hendricks | D. |

The President also lays before the Committee two Letters from the Chief of Vizagapatam expressing his concern that Ganjam would not otherwise be supplied than by the Stores from Vizagapatam, and his apprehension that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam may make use of the latitude given them to withdraw the Battalion, the dependency it would cause in the minds of the Rajahs and other ill consequences that in his opinion would attend that Measure

Agreed that Answer be written to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam —

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Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, with the enclosures therein Mentioned —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Herewith we have the Honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, relative to the removal of the Stores from that Settlement, with a Copy of our answer to them —

Colonel Jones some days ago requested we would apply to the Board at Vizagapatam for the two Grenadier Companies belonging to the 1st Circar Battalion, that they might be ordered to join the Detachment under his Command, wherever he might happen to be, which request we accordingly complied with; and at the same time we informed the Chief and Council of both Vizagapatam & Ganjam, of your having appointed Colonel Jones to the Command of all the forces in the Circars, and therefore requested they would order the officers Commanding Corps in their Districts to send him returns Agreeable to the Rules of the Service. Colonel Jones also observed to us, that as your Lordship &c. had been pleased to confer on him so extensive

From Masulipatam — enclosing Letter from Vizagapatam with their answer; advising of their having requested the Gentlemen at Ganjam & Vizagapatam to Order all Returns to be made to Col: Jones & Consent to his appointing a Secretary & an Aid De Camp; Capt. Lloyd detained at Masulipatam by Col: Jones's Desire —

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extensive a Command he doubted not we would see with him the necessity of his appointing an Aid de Camp and a Secretary, and we in our Reply Consented to his appointing them accordingly - and we flatter ourselves it will meet with your approbation —

Capt.n Lloyd the only Artillery Officer now in the district, having been directed by General orders to join his Corps to the Southward, as soon as he should be relieved by Captain Suttlief Colonel Jones and Captain Lysaght in their letter (Copy of which was transmitted to your Lordship &c.a with our address of the 30.th Ultimo) recommended that Capt.n Lloyd should be detained, and he has accordingly received directions thro the Channel of the Commanding officer, not to proceed to the Southward, 'till further orders —

We have the honor to be,
very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen.
Your most Obed.t & Humble
Servants

(Signed)
" S. Daniell
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
" Thos. Barnard
Alex.r Pringle

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9.th Febry 1783 -

To Claud Russell Esq.r
Chief & Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen /

We have received your letter
of

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of the Instant, and agree with you in opinion, that the late orders from the President and Select Committee should be executed with as much dispatch as possible provided this can be done without any risk of the Stores falling into the Enemies hands — If the Enemy mean to attempt a landing in any part of the Circars it would most likely come to pass about the time these Stores were transporting hither, and if they were intercepted by land, the Enemy would be furnished with draft and Carriage Bullocks added to our loss of the Stores — We understand that Ganjam can supply you with about 2000 draft Bullocks, and we therefore recommend that you immediately apply to the Chief and Council of that Settlement, for all the Bullocks they can possibly send you, which with those you may be able to procure in your District, we hope would be sufficient to transport not only the Stores ordered to Ganjam, but all the Serviceable ones worth the Expence of Land Carriage to this Settlement, and we recommend that the rest should be destroyed on the approach of an Enemy near your Garrison.

That the risk may be devided as much as possible, we think it would be eligible to send the Serviceable Gun Carriages over Land, (supposing you can procure a sufficient number of Bullocks for that purpose) and the Guns by Sea in Small Vessels which may be run into the

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Surf and Southerly, should they be in danger of falling into the Enemys hands — by which means altho either the Carriages only or the Guns should be taken, they can be of little use to the Enemy for some time. — We are concerned however to apprize you, that it is not in our power either to assist you with Bullocks for the bringing the Gun Carriages and other Stores by Land, or with Vessels for bringing the Guns by Sea — All the Bullocks which can be purchased in or about these Districts, are proceeding from hence to the Southward for the use of the Army, — and all our own Bullocks furnished by Mr Westcott, will have full imployment in the field, and in bringing the Guns from our out Garrisons to this Settlement for their Security —

We are, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient Servants
(signed) James Cannell
James Hodges
" John Peter Bonleau
" Thomas Barnard
" Alexander Pringle
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Masulipatam
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Minute thereon

As it was not our meaning that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam, should draw any part of the force from the other Settlements without Necessity, We hope their Application to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam for the 2 Grenadier Companies of the 5th Circar Battalion was founded on their conviction of the Necessity, or at least of the expediency of

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of the Measures; and altho it is not our Intention at present to abridge in any respect the Authority given them in our Letter of the 27th. Ultimo, We wish that their Chief should correspond constantly with Mr. Russell and receive his opinion relative to any measures that may concern the Affairs of Vizagapatam, before it is carried into execution, except in cases where the delay would be attended with detriment to the Service. —

Agreed to inform the Gentlemen at Masulipatam, that we do not revoke the Appointments they have made of a Secretary and Aid de Camp for Colonel Jones, but that in future We desire they will wait for our directions. — Agreed, that they be permitted to detain Captain Lloyd at Masulipatam, as long as his Services may be required there.

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council of Ganjam. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

The Snow Friendship, John Pateson Commander, having fortunately escaped the Enemy's Fleet arrived here safe, & has landed the

From Ganjam — Recommend the Commander of the Snow Friendship to proceed to Vizagapatam & from thence with a Cargo to the Presidency. —

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the Stores consigned to this Settlement. The Captain acquainted us he was engaged to return to Madras with a Cargo of Rice on the Company's Account, she should accordingly have been loaded as soon as possible, had not the late Accounts from the Southward, made us come to the Resolution of Dispatching her to Calcutta, to bring hither a Supply of such Stores & Artillery Men, as the Hon.ble Governor General & Council might think Proper to spare us for the Defence of this Garrison Upon her Return to load her with a Cargo of Rice for the Presidency, should the Situation of the Enemy's Fleet allow of her proceeding in Safety — We have however been under the Necessity of altering our Resolutions in Consequence of Intelligence received this Day from Calcutta; that the Hawke Indiaman from Bombay had been chased for three Days by a 50 Gun Ship & a Frigate, which by the last Accounts were off Sago Island; we have therefore thought it expedient to recommend to the Commander of the Snow Friendship to proceed to Vizagapatam & have requested of the Gentlemen there, as soon as they can with Safety, to dispatch her with a Cargo to the Presidency. We have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient Humble Serv.ts
(signed) J. M. Stone
R.t Dr. Munro
Wm. Corbett
Dan.l Russell —

Ganjam
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The Committee approve of the Measures taken by the Gentlemen at Ganjam, as stated in the foregoing Letter — The President lays before the Committee a Paper of Intelligence (as entered in M. B.) obtained from 3 Bengal Lascars, who were taken 25 days since near Ganjam, and carried 8 days ago to Pondicherry from whence they made their escape — That there are 9 Ships at Cuddalore, 5 at Pondicherry, and 4 towards Bengal — The Coventry Frigate, the Blandford & Indiaman, the Snow Blake, and a Ship from the West Coast, taken. — 12 Ships reported to be arrived at Trincomallee from the Mauritius with M.G. Bussy, and they are to come to Cuddalore. They know Hyder is dead, and expect great assistance from Tippoo Saib —

Intelligence of the disposition of the French Fleet

Agreed that Copies of the Paper of Intelligence be sent to Bengal & Bombay, the Subordinate Settlements & General Stuarts —

The President delivers in the following Minute and Letter —

In Committee Febry 16 1783

A few days since I gave my reasons why I proposed that Mr. Alexander Cuthbert should be appointed Agent for providing & supplying the Kings Squadrons, here according to act of Parliament & the Company's Instructions —

President's Minute — still of the same opinion respecting the propriety of appointing Mr. Alexr. Cuthbert Navy Agent.

It must appear evident to every one who

Knows

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Knows me, that no Consideration whatsoever could have influenced me on the occasion, but a regard to the Public Service & thorough persuasion from a variety of Circumstances that there is no person in the Settlement who could execute the Office so well in every respect for the Company's advantages & strongly was I impress with that conviction, & Sam so still, that I ventures to recommend Mr. Cuthbert even in the Teeth of the Company's Recent instructions, which no man can respect more than I do, but I am sorry to inform the Committee, in whose nomination I conceive conformably to usage, the appointment is, that the Company is not likely to have the benefit of Mr. Cuthberts Services, & abilities in this Line, as I have received a Letter from him, which I now lay before you, informing me that he desires to be excused from undertaking the Office, to which the Committee had appointed him —

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

My Lord,

From Mr. Cuthbert — Requesting permission to resign the post of Navy Agent —

Circumstances unforseen by me at the time I had the honor to receive the appointment of Agent for Victualling & Storeing His Majesty's Fleet now in India having occurred & such as indua

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induce me to wish to decline that appointment,
I request leave to resign the same, & have the honor
to be with perfect respect

Sir

Your Lordships
Most Obedient & Humble Servt
(signed) Alexr Cuthbert

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Read the following Letter from the
Medical Committee

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

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have perused your objections
to the Arrangement suggested by the Medical Committee,
and have now the honor to observe in answer.

1st That each Surgeon is to draw for the
Brigade or Corps to which he belongs. With respect to the
Senior Surgeon in the Field, it has formerly been the
custom of the Service that he should be attached to a
Corps, and in consideration of his Station he ought to
be allowed the preference in choice.

2d The casualties of the Army will in no
way interfere with the Regulations suggested by the
Medical Committee as the Surgeon draws one fanam
p day for each European in the Field, the charge
ceases the moment the Man dies, is struck off the

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from the Medical
Committee - Containing
their Answers to the
Objections stated by the
Select Committee against
the former Arrangement -

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strength of the Army, or sent into a Contract Hospital, the daily or weekly returns of the Brigades or Corps to whom the Surgeons may belong to be the guide in making their charges, authenticated by the Signatures of the Commanding Officers of such Corps or Brigades.

3.d In consideration that all expenses whatever of the Sick & Wounded of the Army, Field Hospitals, and Cantonments are to be defrayed from the allowance mentioned in the Regulations untill sent into a Contract Hospital, and as it may sometimes happen an opportunity for a considerable time will not offer of sending the sick &c.a into such Hospital, we are of Opinion that the Charge of one fanam only p day for each man should cease, otherwise the Surgeons in the Field might be losers by this arrangement. The same to take place with Native Troops according to the proportion allowed in the Regulations.

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
& most humble Servants
(Signed) Hugh Maxwell
W. Michell
Ja.s Anderson
Colley Lucas

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Minute thereon — The principal objection to the System recommended by the Medical Committee in their report is by no means obviated in the foregoing Letter — they recommend that the charge of 1 fanam pr day only should cease for the men delivered over from the field to the Contract Hospital, or in other words that the Company should pay the Contract Surgeons 6 fanams and the field Surgeons 3 fanams pr day for every sick man so delivered over — and they add, that otherwise the surgeons in the field might be losers — but the loss which the Company would sustain in the former case seems to have escaped their observation — It was to establish a system that should be equally just to the Company and to the Surgeons that the Medical Committee was appointed, and as the principal objection to that which they recommended still exists in all its force; agreed that they be directed to reconsider that objection, and to communicate any expedient that may occur to them, by which it may be removed —

The President lays before the Committee the following Paper relative to the Corps of Sepoys or Peons employed under Condapah —

(Copy) Memorandum 7.th December 1782 —

Memorandums — relating the Corps of Sepoys employed under Condapah —

The Company of Sepoys under Condapah Subidar, having been employed since the beginning of September, in escorting Rice &c.a to Pondamalie, and

Troopers —

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Trichinopore, in which Service they have always behaved well. They now Request to be allowed the Pay of Sepoys from that time, and so long in future, as they may be Continued in the Company's Service.

They are at this time in the greatest Distress, and have been all along supported by the Private Credit of Condapoor, which is also now exhausted; and he will soon be under the Necessity of disbanding them, if not assisted.

In the Month of January or February last, he was employed by Mr. Smith, in Collecting Sheep for the Garrison. Soon afterwards he drove the Enemy out of Ootocattah a small Fort about 40 Miles to the North West of Madras and Kept possession of it untill the Month of August in Spite of Lallahi's Repeated Efforts to dislodge him — When he was obliged to evacuate it, on the Appearance of Tippoo Saib, with a Considerable force — Instead of Retiring to Madras he went into Bom Rauzas Country to Collect Provision for the Army — Here he had a Skirmish with some of the Enemy's Poligars in which his Brother was Killed — and several of his Men Wounded. — Notwithstanding which he Collected 2000 good Sheep, which he delivered to Sir Eyre Coote's Order upon the Arrival of the Army before Trichinopore.

The Conduct of this Man appears to have been Meritorious — He possesses both Bravery and

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and Activity - and as his Sepoys are in general good Men, and Can be much Improved, in a short time; It is proposed that they be Continued in the Service on the Pay of Sepoys, and employed as Escorts, and in defending Out posts &ca untill Such Time, as the State of the Country no longer requires their Service, when they Can be dismissed —

(Signed) Wm Soydenham
Town Major —

Agreed that Condapah's Company be considered an independant Company to be paid as Peons to this day, and in future that they receive the Pay of Peons, and Batta as Sepoys, when detached —

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16 Dispatched the following Letters with Copies of the Intelligence attained from the 3 Bengal Sawars as stated in the Minutes of this date

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed paper of Intelligence which we Obtained this Morning from three Sawars who left Cuddalore a few days ago.

We have the honor to be,
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your Most Obedient,
Humble Servants
Macartney &c.
Select Comittee

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To Major General James Stuart
Commander in Chief &c.

Sir We have the Honor of transmitting to You the enclosed paper of Intelligence, which we Obtained from three Sawars who left Cuddalore a few days ago.

We have also to inform you, that Captain George Campbell, having been for some time in an ill state of Health and Recommended by the Surgeons

General Stuart, closing the above ber of Intelligence, forming him of the pointment of Captain d Campbell to the porary Command Vellore

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4/16 Surgeons to buy a Change of Air for his Recovery, we have given him our permission to Come to the Presidency, and as we think it necessary that his Station at this particular time should be filled by an Officer of Experience and Ability, we have appointed Captain Donald Campbell to Command at Pallore, during his Absence.

We have the honorable be,

Sir, Your most Obed.
Humble Servants.
Macartney &c.
Select Committee.

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To James Daniell Esqr.
Chief &c. Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I owe no time in informing you that ---- This Morning, three Bengal Lascars arrived here, who say their Vessel the Gannis, Do Captain W. being captured about 26 days ago near Gangam on her way to Bengal, they were just on Board the Coventry taken by the enemy. I sent in hast to Pondicherry, which place they Came to 8 days ago, there were then 5 Ships at Anchor in that Road - the Blandford Indiaman, the Grab Blake, and a sloop from the West

To Masulipatam, Ganjam & Vizagapatam enclosing Intelligence of the French Fleet received from some Bengal Lascars

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West coast with Arrack bound to Bengal, had also fallen into the hands of the French, whose ships they said appeared in General to be in good condition & well manned They learned from a Tindal who spoke French on board, & over heard the conversations of Officers & Seamen, that twelve Ships had Arrived at Trincomaley from the Mauritius, that a Great Sender Mr. Bussy, was on board the fleet, which is ordered to join Suffrein now at Cuddalore, with 9 sail, 4 others are said to be cruizing in the Bay to the Northward. It is their intention — assisted by the Dutch, they hoped in about a Month's time to invest Madras, & expect great assistance in the execution of it by Land from Tippoo Saib, thro' the Means of Mr. Lally — This news was — Conformed to them by a Sepang in the French service at Cuddalore, whither they escaped, & Remaining there two days, proceeded to Madras. They swam from on board, on shore at Pondicherry —

besides the 5 above mentioned at Pondicherry

I have given you the Intelligence as I received it, & think it likely to be true, except with respect to the Investment of Madras, — being rather inclined to think the Circumstances will be the object, if circumstances favor it —

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient,
Humble Servant.
(signed) Macartney

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The same to Vizagapatam & Ganjam

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16 Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, with enclosures therein mentioned

To Charles Oakeley Esq.r
President &c., Members of the
Committee of Assigned Revenue.

Gentlemen,

To Committee of Assigned Revenue enclosing Copy of the Instructions given to Mr. Irwin & a Petition from Aspinger Row.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, to furnish you with a Copy of the Instructions given to Mr. Irwin previous to his departure, and likewise to lay before you, for Your Consideration and Report, the enclosed Petition from Aspinger Row.

I have the Honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant.
John Huddleston
Secretary

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16 Arrived here his Majesty's Ship Active from Bombay, with the following dispatches from the Select Committee of that Presidency, and from Admiral Sir Edward Hughes.

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

From Bombay with a relation of the Late Operations other Malabar Coast

My Lord & Gentlemen,
We have had the Honor to receive your Letters

Coast, & of the future Plans. - Advising of the arrival of the Fleet at Bombay, & of General Mathews's having disembarked his Troops at Merjee -

17 Letters dated the 14th and 29th of October -

We feel most sensibly the very critical Situation to which Affairs in the Carnatic are reduced, and are very happy to acquaint you, we have been enabled by supplies from Bengal, to make an effort for your relief, by causing a powerful Diversion on this Coast. Previous to the advice of the supply mentioned in your last Letter, we had, as Advised, in Our Letter of the 19th Ultimo, determined to equip a Force to proceed to the Southward, to reinforce Col. Humberston's Detachment, which then appeared to be in a dangerous situation. - We had afterwards advice that Tippoo Saib and Monsieur Lally, had entered the Country and that Colonel Humberston had been under the Necessity of making a rapid Retreat to Panany on the Coast, which however he effected with little loss, and there delivered over the Command to Colonel M. Leod, who immediately found himself invested by a formidable Enemy. -

The position of our Army was strong from Natural Advantages, and was soon improved by works thrown up for the purpose; the Army had likewise the Assistance of two Frigates spared by Sir Richard Bickerton - After an ineffectual Cannonade of some days on the part of the Enemy, Colonel Mc Leod made an attempt to surprize them in their Camp, but on forcing their Out Posts and making

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of Some Prisoners, he received such undoubted Infor-
mation of their Strength, that he judged it most
prudent to Retire.

The Enemy soon afterwards made
a Vigorous and Regular Attack upon our Lines
and works in four Columns, headed by the French;
entirely defeated, and repulsed with considerable
Loss. Our People buried upwards of two hundred
of them, and Tippoo Saib has since crossed the
River, and Retired to some Distance.

In the mean time our preparations had
been completed in the best manner Circumstances would
permit, and we have the pleasure to advise that the
left Bombay the 12th Instant, under Convoy of his Majs
Ship the Africa, General Mathews proceeded in the Chief
Command, and the force he carried from hence consisted
of upwards of four hundred Europeans and fifteen hundred
Sepoys, one half Moors, which latter were
three above Battalions ordered from the Northern Stations,
now accompanied by the Bengal Detachment.

Colonel Macleod soon after the
Defeat of Tippoo Saib, was reinforced from the Fleet
by near four Hundred Men of His Majestys' Regiments,
and we compute that when the Bombay Troops have joined,
General Mathews will have under his command, about
fifteen hundred Europeans, and a force in Sepoys equal
to six Battalions.

Our first object was to secure the Detach-
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17th Detachment at Panany — The Situation of this Detachment did not leave us a free Choice of Measures, or at Liberty to adopt immediately such a Plan of Action, as might otherwise have Claimed a preference. An Invasion of the Biddenure Country, and an attack on its Capital or Mangulore, appears to us the measures most proportion'd to our strength, most promising of decisive effect, and presents the fewest disadvantages to encounter; the Country is Rich and plentiful, and will furnish Supplies to the Army which they will not meet with to the Southward, and are cannot furnish from Bombay. It is also less favorable to the Enemy's Cavalry, and our Operations will not be distant from the Sea Coast, and therefore more easily supported. It is a Country of infinite Value to Hyder, the Loss or Invasion of which would affect him in the most vital part, and if reduced by us, or only a tolerable footing secured in it, the Idea of our Maintaining it, or putting it into the hands of the Marattas, would occasion such Alarm to Hyder, as probably to produce a General Peace —

We are not without hopes that our Armament proceeding first to the Southward, may tend to facilitate the Execution of this Plan, by drawing off the attention of the Enemy to another quarter, and inducing them to weaken their Defence in the Biddenure Country —

We have therefore given the General a Latitude to detain the Shipping, the Navigation at this

of this Season will be short and easy, and if we shall find Circumstances will permit, and when on the spot shall judge it most eligible, the General is immediately to enter upon the attack of the Beddenore Country, after putting Affairs in the Malabar Country on the best footing he can, and providing for the Defence of Tellicherry.

We do not approve of beginning with the Seige of Mangalore. The Plan we have proposed out to the General, is to disembark the Troops at Cundapore, where there is a Fort and River, the former of which may easily be reduced, and converted into a Place of Arms - from thence by a Rapid movement to surprize the Coast, and perhaps Beddenore itself the distance being only about Twenty Miles, and its security consisting more in the Natural difficulties of access, than in the Strength of its Fortifications. From all these information we have collected we are inclined to think that by a Sudden and well conducted enterprize, an attempt upon Bednore would be attended with success, and the Army might afterwards proceed in reducing the Country, or make an Attack upon Mangalore, as may be found practicable & expedient.

Admiral Hughes arrived here the 17th Instant, Seven of his Ships, and four of Sir Richard Bickerton's are now at Bombay, the others are daily expected, except four which the Admiral leaves to be refitted at Goa.

We have just received advices from General

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17th General Mathews that he has disembarked the Troops at Mirjee, and sent orders and shipping to the Commanding Officer at Panwar to bring up the Troops from thence to join him.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your Most Obedient,
Humble Servants.

Bombay Castle
27th December 1782.

/signed/ William Hornby
Robert Gambier
Thomas Day

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Bombay - Reinforce Colonel Macleod with Battalions of Sepoys - send positive Orders to General Mathews immediately to attack Bednore in consequence of Intelligence of Hyders death, one at present unable to furnish a supply of Grain & Timber & Enclose a Copy of the Instructions to General Mathews.

We had the Honor to address you on the 27th Instant, of which We now forward a Triplicate, & have since been favored with your Letters of the 19th & 21st & 23d October.

Tippoo Saib after his late Defeat at Panany, having retreated, & since entirely quitted the Country, Colonel Macleod will be at full Liberty to comply with the Orders We before acquainted your Lordship &c. had been sent him by General Mathews to bring up the Troops from thence & join him, We have likewise since sent down a Reinforcement of two Battalions of Sepoys.

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1st Just as this Season, We received Intelligence from Colonel Macleod in the most positive Terms, of the Death of the Arabob Hyder Ally Cawn, & as this Event must doubtless create great Confusion in the Country, very favorable to our Operations, & be in every Respect productive of the most important Consequences to the Honble Company's Affairs, if immediate Advantage is taken of it with Spirit & Judgment; We directly sent off a positive Order to General Matthews to relinquish all Operations whatever on the Sea Coast, & to make an immediate Push to take possession of Bednore, which We doubt not this Force will in such Circumstances be fully equal to, with the Reinforcement sent from hence, & the Junction of the Troops under Colonel Macleod; which We compute will be effected within a very few Days from this date, as Colonel Macleod advised under the 16th. So was getting every thing in Readiness to embark on the first Receipt of Orders, & the Africa & Bombay ports sailed from Mirjee the 21st.

We have no Intelligence of Hyders Death from any other Quarter, but if We shall find it confirmed, the purpose of opening a Correspondence with the Poonah Durbar on the Subject of the Mutual Advantage to be derived to both, from this grand Event, by proper Plans & Conventions. We are very sorry to acquaint you

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17. it is totally out of our Power to supply the Grain you have Required. By a Calculate made from Ryour Indent it would amount to about five Lacks of Rupees, a sum We cannot possibly furnish, & the Crops in General have likewise failed from the excessive Drought of the Season, so that a Scarcity is apprehended, & We have been under a Necessity of applying some time ago to Bengal for Supplies of Rice for this Presidency. If however by the Success of Our Troops on the Coast, We should acquire any considerable Quantity of Grain We shall most Readily supply you to the utmost of our Power, & We hope likewise to be able to send a supply of Wheat.

Neither is it in our Power to furnish the Timber you have wrote for, it being with the utmost Difficulty & at a very high Price that We can procure Supplies of that Article for the most indispensible Occasions, & the Squadron Requiring every Foot of Timber that can be procured, We hope therefore Ryou will be able to obtain a Supply from Pegu, or some other Quarter.

We now enclose a Copy of the Instruction given to General Mathews, & a Packet for the Governor General & Council.

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Ryour Most Obedient Humble Servts.

Bombay Castle
31st December 1783

(Signed) William Hornby
Robert Gambier
Thomas Day

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Instructions
To Brigadier General Richard Mathews

Sir,

Advices attack from this side of India, upon the Possessions of the Rajah of Tanjore Ally Cawn, being judged the most probable and effectual Measure for Relieving the Company's Affairs, and bringing to a Conclusion the destructive War in which they are unhappily engaged with that Prince; this Measure has been repeatedly urged and recommended to us in the most earnest Manner by the Governments of Bengal and Madras, and from our own Judgement and Conviction would have been earlier embraced by us, with the warmth Zeal and Energy, had not the state of our Finances made it utterly impracticable for us to enter upon the undertaking with any probability of adequate Effect—

We have lately received considerable Remittances from Bengal, which have opened our Difficulties in point of Money, and enabled us to proceed in equipping a Force, to Act against Hyder's Possessions upon this Coast—

Your Services have been judged necessary on the intended Expedition; and it was accordingly some time ago determined to employ you in the Chief Command: It has been also judged Necessary and determined that Colonel Humberston's Detachment whereto has been just under our Orders by General Coote, should form a part of the Force for this Service

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to: in Conjunction with the Bombay Troops, and the whole to Act under Your Command.

A considerable part of the Sepoys intended for this Service, is not yet arrived from the Northward, but the late Operations of Colonel Humberstone's Detachment, have brought him into a Situation, that will not admit of any delay in sending him Relief, and Made it Necessary that You should proceed immediately with the Troops now in Readiness at Bombay, without waiting for those expected from the Northward. -

You are acquainted with the Accounts Colonel Humberstone has given of his Proceedings and March to Policatchery, and of his Retreat to Ramgurry; we have since Received advices from the Resident at Tellicherry, dated the 21st Ultimo, which Mention that Colonel Humberstone having Received intelligence early in the Morning of the 19th that Tipsoo Saib was arrived at Policotchery and intended Marching towards him, he had immediately given the Necessary orders for Retreating to Panana, but that Tipsoo Saib had Come up with him about 12 o'Clock the same day, and cannonaded him, tho' with little effect - That at length he Reached Panana the 20th having only one and five Men wounded, although followed by the Enemy to that Place - That he was then Making every preparation to give them a proper Reception, and Requested some Powder and two Twelve Pounders might

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[illegible] be sent him. It is said the Force of the Enemy is very formidable, and provided with Variety Pieces of Cannon, and that Dispatches Sails is accompanied by Monsr. Lally.

Thus Circumstanced, a free Choice of Measures is not left us, nor are we at Liberty to adopt immediately such a Plan of Action as might have claimed a preference had not the safety of Colonel Humberstons Detachment required our first attention. Immediate Measures are necessary for effectuating this Detachment, and for preserving our footing & Credit on the Coast of Malabar; you will therefore give orders for the Forces now in Readiness, being embarked on the Vessels appointed for their Reception, consisting of the Vansan, and Royal Bishop Indiamen, the Bombay Grab, and Subsidd Companys Cruizers, Three of His Majestys Transports, and About Thirty Boats and smaller Vessels, and taking passage Yourself on board of the Vessels as you may think proper, the whole Armament will proceed without Loss of time to Tellicherry, under convoy of His Majestys Ships the Africa of 60 Guns, appointed for this Service by Sir Richard Bickerton.

The force you will now take with you consists of about 350 European Infantry Rank & File, a Detachment equal to one compleat Company of Artillery, one Thousand Grenadier Sepoys, and about Three Hundred Sepoys belonging to the Battn. now to the Southward, with a suitable number of

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17th Lascars and Peyrees - It is also intended to send down the Battalion Companies of the 3d. 5th. and 15th. Battalions to join you as soon as they shall arrive from the Northward, and when the whole force is collected, we compute by our latest Returns of the Troops under Colonel Humberston, that you will have under your Command at least 900 European Infantry Rank & File, with 150 Artillery, and a Force in Sepoys nearly equal to six Battalions -

We also understand that the Porpoise and Royal Henry are coming round from Madras with a further number of his Majesty's Troops. They are most probably ordered to Land at Calicut, but in case of your Meeting with them in the Passage, we enclose orders for the Commanding Officers to join You, and put themselves & Troops under your Command -

It is impossible to give you precise Instructions for your immediate Direction; Much will depend on your Discretion, and on the Situation You may find Affairs in on your Arrival, we have stated above our latest intelligence Regarding Colonel Humberston, and it will be proper that you stop at Tellicherry for further and later Information, by which your proceedings must be in a great Measure Regulated. If you shall find that he continues at Panane, invested by Tippoo Saib; you will proceed thither without loss of time, and pursue every practicable measure for the Relief of that Detachment, and

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If we think it most probable that the Enemy will immediately take in the Arrival of so considerable a Reinforcement —

Immediately on your Arrival, you will deliver the accompanying Packet to Colonel Humberston, or the Officer in Command of the Detachment, which contains orders to put himself & detachment under your Command; and in every Situation in which you may find that Body of Troops, and for which it is impossible for us, to provide in our Instructions, you will act as you may judge most conducive to the Good of the Service —

In case of your Hearing the Success or Operations of his Majesty's ships, you will make a proper Application to the Commanding Officer —

We have before observed, that a free Choice of Measures is not at present in our power — we have long been of opinion, that to make the Reestablishment of the Malabar Princes in their several Dominions the object of our Operations, cannot be attended with adequate advantage to the Company, or Injury to Hyder, or have that decisive Influence on the Event of the War, which at is Necessary at this Crisis all our Measures should be calculated to produce; Colonel Humberston has stated the Reduction of Policotcherry as Necessary to secure our Malabar Allies in possession of their Countries,

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17th and as opening a passage into a valuable part of Hyder's Dominions, the Country of Coimbature — from whence according to Mr. Sullivan's Information Hyder formed the Magazines with which he has supported his Southern Army on the other Coast — The Success of this Measure, in either, or both of the Consequences held out to us, does not come up to the grand effect we may reasonably hope for — from the Exertions of the Force you will have under your Command employed in another quarter.

The Mysore Country might also be penetrated from Calicut, and Seringapatam is only Nine Days March from that place — the Road through Hilly has been rendered practicable — for Artillery by Hyder himself; and the Passes thro' the Mountains are in possession of our Ally, the King of Cotiote, tho we think it not improbable they might be secured by Hyder, incase he should find the Army taking that Route; But the Siege of Seringapatam is an undertaking we fear far beyond our Strength. Our Means are not equal to the great equipments that will be necessary — The Place itself is of great size and Strength, the Country favorable for the Enemy's Horse to act in, and the difficulty of furnishing Provisions for our Army, and carrying to such a distance inland a sufficient Train of heavy Artillery, with all necessary Stores for so capital a Seige, would as We apprehend be insurmountable, besides we understand that two Large & strong Forts

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17. Lay on the very Road our Forces must take to Seringapatam, & for ought they too must be attacked, reduced, & garrisoned, which would of necessity greatly impede the progress of our Arms, & in every respect tend greatly to augment the Hazards & Difficulties attending that Plan of Operations.

From the Situation of Affairs on the Coast of Coromandel by & the Opinions of the Select Committee at Madras, given before they were made to the present Extremity, We should expect in an Enterprize to be opposed by Hyder himself, & his whole Force, & We have not the smallest Reason to hope, that it would be in the Power of the Army on that Side, to prevent his attacking our Army singly;

Of all the Plans for an Attack upon Hyders Dominions that have come under our Consideration an Invasion of the Biddenure Country, & an Attack of its Capital or Mangulore, appears most preferable Effect & promises fewer disadvantages. The Country is rich & plentiful, & will furnish Supplies for the Army which We are afraid you will not meet with in the Southward, it is also less favorable for the Enemys Cavalry, & Your Operations will not be so Distant, & therefore the more easily supported. It is a Country of infinite Value to Hyder, the Loss or Invasion of which would affect him in the most vital Part, & if produced by us or only a tolerable Footing secured in it, the Idea of our maintaining

17. Maintaining it or relinquishing it to the Marattas, would occasion such Alarm to Hyder, as probably to produce a general peace.

In the Execution of this Plan, had We been able to have entered upon the Service at once with our whole Force collected, We should have disembarked the Troops at Cundapore where there is a Fort & River, the former of which might be easily reduced, & converted into a place of Arms, when the Troops by a rapid Movement might seize the Gaut, & perhaps Biddenure itself, without much Difficulty, as the Distance is only about twenty Miles, & its Security consists more in the natural Difficulty of Access, than in the Strength of its Fortifications - You are already possessed of all the Information that could be collected on this point from Messrs. Church & Sibbald, & from other Channels from all which We are inclined to think, that by a sudden & well conducted Enterprize, an attempt upon Biddenure would be attended with Success, & the Army might afterwards proceed in reducing the Country, or make an Attack upon Mangulore, as might be found practicable & expedient. -

We do not however even now relinquish this plan. We are not without Hopes that your proceeding first to the Southward, may tend to facilitate the Execution, by drawing off the attention of the Enemy to another Quarter, & inducing them to weaken their Defence in the Biddenure

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We therefore give you a Latitude to detain the Shipping, & Sir Richard Bickerton has likewise given Orders for his Majesty's Ships to Remain to the Southward, & after you have formed a Junction with the the Forces under Colonel Humberston, We desire you will lose no time in informing Yourself of the Situation of Affairs in that part of the Country, & that you will as soon as possible give us your Opinion of what is practicable or expedient to be done there, & here for Circumstances will permit, or you may judge it eligible to proceed to the Attack of the Biddeware Country, or to what Plan you think the Preference is due.

We Dowt however Hesitate, that we entertain a strong Predilection in favor of the Beddenure Plan, Yet it will be proper that you should bear in mind that the Navigation of the Coast, which at this time of the Year is short & easy, will become some time hence tedious & difficult.

We will only further observe that Fifa Saibs Invasion of the Samorenes Country, does not Appear a sufficient Reason for continuing our Forces in that Quarter, & giving up to the Enemy the great Advantage of Submitting to their Choice of the Scene of Action, in which the greatest Success we could hope for would be more brilliant than solid or decisive.

We shall not therefore Restrict you from

from entering upon the Biddenoor Plan without waiting for further Instructions from Us: after putting Affairs on the Malabar Country upon the best Footing You can, & providing for the Defence of Tellicherry; & in this and every other Point of the Service, We shall place much Reliance on Your Judgement & Zeal, to employ the Force under Your Command to the Most decisive & effectual Purpose.-

We have Much Reason to be satisfied with the Conduct of the King of Travancore, in the Assistance he has afforded to Colonel Humberston, & the President has written a Letter which is enclosed to be delivered to him, expressive of the Sense We entertain of his Conduct & desiring the Continuation of his good Offices to You.- You are also furnished with a Letter to the Samorine likewise enclosed, & should you proceed in the Execution of the Biddenoure Plan, We doubt not You will be able to satisfy those Powers that their Safety & Interest will be as effectually provided for, by a Removal of the War, as by a Prosecution of our Operations in that Quarter;

Amongst the Stores embarked for this Expedition, are a Number of French Musquets which were intended to be put into the Hands of our Malabar Auxiliaries, If you will dispose of them as you may judge Most conducive to the Success of the Service

The Governor General & Council have acquainted Us that we May probably receive from the Select Committee at Madras some detailed Plan of Action for

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17th for co-operating with them, in which Case We shall
communicate the same to you, with our Sentiments thereon
without loss of time.

You will correspond frequently with
this Board, & with the Select Committee at Madras, &
the Commander in Chief in India. For this purpose
We have furnished you with the Bengal Cipher; which
You will preserve with the utmost Care, & deliver to no
person Your Return. It will also be of Advantage to
correspond with Mr. Holland at Hydeabad, & Mr.
Sulivan the Resident at Tanjore.

We particularly Recommend to you
to use every Means in Your Power to promote & preserve
the Strictest Harmony between His Majesty's & the
Honble Company's Troops.

For the due Preservation of Discipline
We have furnished You with the proper Powers for the
Appointment & Confirmation of General Courts
Martial, & a Blank Warrant for a Judge Advocate.

We have appointed Mr. James Morley
Commissary of Stores & Provisions to the Army, to serve
under your Command to the Southward, & Mr. Edward
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have advanced Mr. Morley the Sum of Rs. 55,000 for
the Service of his Department.

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Paymaster to the Army, & We have delivered into his
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Mr. Stewart having resided a considerable Time in Hyder Ally's Dominions, will We apprehend be able to give You useful Information.—

Messrs. Frederick Carmichael & Thomas Ouseley proceed as Surgeons to the Bombay Troops with two Assistants.— We have advanced Mr. Carmichael the Sum of three Thousand Rupees for the Expences of the Hospital—

We cannot recommend to you in too strong Terms to introduce & enforce the most strict Oeconomy, in every Department of the Army.— The Situation & Distresses of the Company are well known to you, & that this Expedition is not equipped for Purposes of Conquest or Aggrandizement, but to save them from an impending Ruin. We shall therefore rely with Confidence on your exerting Yourself to prevent Accumulation of their Distress by unnecessary Expences & unreasonable Charges; & that You will avoid as much as possible multiplying Departments & Establishments, which has hitherto been a Constant Source of Expence when different Corps act together, & We shall particularly

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We desire You to signify to the Commissary, that We shall not admit of any pretence Charges in that Department being pleaded in precedent for any Charges that may appear unreasonable, & that the Situation of the Company's Affairs demands the most strict Scrutiny & rigid Oeconomy, in every Branch of Expence —

Colonel Humberston having Mentioned in one of his late Letters, that some gross Abuses prevail in the Company's Military Expences, We desire you will call upon him to present them out to you, & We shall rely upon you to Remedy such Abuses, & Regulate every Department on the Most advantageous Manner for the Company's Interest, & the Good of the Service —

Not having Received any Accounts from Mr Hall the late Paymaster & Commissary, since the Detachment first took the Field under Major Abington, We must beg that you will call upon him for them, & Transmit them to us without Loss of time —

The Nassau being destined to Joanna to bring away the Brittish people, we desire You will dispatch her thither as soon as you can dispense with the her Services, when you will direct the Commander to pursue the Instructions he has rec.d from us — We wish withal the Exigency for her service is great, that she may not be detained upon this Coast, longer than the End of January —

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17th In Case you should want another Ships in her place, or to transport the Troops to the Northward, We give you Authority to detain the Royal Henry, & enclose an Order to the Commander to put himself under Your Command, should you judge the Services of that Ship necessary.

Both the Diamond & Royal Bishop have Rice & Stores on Board for the Settlement of Tellicherry, of which, & particularly Rice, they are in great & immediate Want. We therefore recommend to you to make Your Arrangements in such a manner that a Supply may be landed there as soon as possible.

The Royal Bishop has a small supply of Money, & some Stores on board for Anjengo, & it is likewise intended that she shall take on board a Cargo of Pepper from thence, when you shall have no further Occasion for her Services. If you cannot immediately spare her, we shall be glad you will send down the Money & Stores by one of the Company's Cruizers, & afterwards dispatch the Ship thither, when you have no further Occasion for her.

The Paymaster is furnished with the Company's Instructions regarding the Pay & Allowances of the King's Troops. Colonel Humberston has lately requested that We would grant Bills on the Honble Company for the Arrears due to them, & acquainted Us that a Memorial had been sent to General Coote on the Subject, but as we do not think it right to comply with his Request, We shall wait

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17th The Answer from General Coote, & in the mean time You will order such a sum to be paid to His Majesty's Troops on Account, as may be indispensably necessary, or can be spared.-

We shall allow a Credit on our Treasury for the Amount of such Drafts as the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's Forces may draw upon You, on Account the Pay & Allowances due to the Officers, & to discharge other contingent Expences of the Detachment agreable to Colonel Humberstone's Request, in his Letter of the 5th Ultimo.-

Sixteen Bales & three Parcels of Cloathing for the Troops at Cuddalore, are on board the Royal Bishop.-

For the Reasons you have assigned, We permit of Your appointing an Adjutant & Quarter Master General, for the present Service.-

We judge it necessary to apprize You, of the Hon'ble Company's Rights in Respect to any Plunder or Booty that may be acquired in the Course of this Service, & to give you our Directions on that Head.-

By the Articles of War, all public Stores, Artillery, Ammunition, Cloathing, Forage, or Provisions are to be secured for the service.-

See 11th Art. 15th.

And by his Majesty's Letters Patent, all Booty or Plunder, Ships, Vessels, Goods, & Merchandize, Treasure, & all other things whatsoever, taken from the Enemies of the Company, by their Forces, are granted

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17. granted to the Company.

There is also due Provision made in the said Letters Patent, for the case of Hes Majestys & the Honble Company's Ships or Troops Acting in Conjunction.—

We enclose a Copy of the said Letters Patent, & accordingly direct that all public Stores & Provisions be reserved for the sole Benefit of the Company, but the Honble Company having been pleased as an Encouragement to the Army to give up a Moiety of the Net Produce of the plunder & Booty for the Benefit of the Captors, & also a full Half of the Ships & Cargoes, a Distribution will accordingly be made, according to those Orders between the Honble Company & the Captors

Lieutenant Stoddart of the Navy,

who proceeds in Charge of the Transports, is to be put on the Footing of a Captain in the Army, with respect to Allowances &c.—

We wish you all possible Success & Honor in your Operations, & are—

Your Loving Friends

Bombay Castle
11th December 1782—

Signed
William Hornby
Robert Gambier
Richard Mathews
Thomas Day

True Copy
James Hatley 2d Sect

~~The Instructions to General Mathews mentioned in the foregoing Letter are Lodged in the Office—~~

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

In
From Edward Hughes,
advising of the Arrival
of the Coast at Bombay,
& expressing his Concern
at the Calamity which
threatens Madras with
Appearances of every
exertion for its speedy
relief - enclosing a
Paper of Intelligence,
respecting the French
Reinforcements -

On my Arrival here, on the 17th Inst. I received your Letter of the 17th October Last from Bombay, by the Active, with an Inclosure of Intelligence & a Letter from the Governor General & Council, that Ships having missed the Squadron on the passage, & proceeded on to this place, for a Repair of which She stood in great Need, to make her fit for Service.

Believe me, my Lord & Gentlemen, no one in Madras feels deeper concern than I do, for the loss of so many Ships and Vessels laden with an Article so much wanted, and I have a just sense of the Calamity that threatens the place; it is however a great consolation to me, that none of the Ships of the Squadron have been lost, the fall of the Serpents Masts which arose solely from their disabled state, has been of some prejudice to us in the passage, but you may rest assured every exertion is, & shall be made, for your speedy Relief, & that I will put to sea the moment as sufficient Number of Ships to face the Enemy is in a condition to do so -

Inclose herewith an Extract of Intelligence, & indeed it is the only Intelligence of any consequence, or that can be depended on, that I have Received of the Motions of the Enemy -

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Cumberland in
Bombay Harbour
the 12th Jany 1783.

Sam,
My Lord & Gentlemen:
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
[signed] Edward Hughes

Extract of Intelligence Received in a Letter
from Captain Robert Mc donal of His Majestys
Ship Africa, dated in Tellicherry Road the 31 Decr
1782 and Received at Bombay the 11 January 1783.—

In the afternoon of the 29th of this
Month, I chased Two Vessels which proved to be
Portuguese, the one from the Mauritius, the other from
Ceylon, but both last from Cochen; by the Officers of these
Vessels I was informed, the Dracadia a French Fregate
had arrived at Point de Galle, & is now in that
Harbour; that Monsr. Suffren is gone to Achem,
that the French Ships from the Cape of Good
Hope arrived at the Mauritius on the 20th Augt.
last. Viz! one of 74, and one of 54 Guns, and two
64 Gun Ships armed en flute, with many Transports;
that in the Ships of War & Transports they had
buried upwards of 1000 Men, that the Remainder
was Landed at the Mauritius in a Most miserable
State, & that if possible they would sail in October
to join Mons. Suffren at Achem Head.—

Captain Mc donal says, the truth
of this Intelligence May be depended, as the Commander
of the Vessel from the Mauritius, is a Portuguize Naval
Officer of his Acquaintance—

(signed) Edward Hughes

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor & Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir Edwd Hughes, giving his assent to any Negociation that may be entered into with Mr Suffren

I have received your Lordships Letter of the 15th October last, inclosing a Letter you have proposed writing to Mr Du Chilleau, in order to bring forward a negociation for the exchange of Prisoners between yourself and Mr Suffren.

I have perused the Letter, & have not the least objection to your sending it, & entering immediately, if you find it practicable, on a negociation with Mr Suffren, or any person he may appoint, to settle the terms of a Cartel for the Mutual exchange of Prisoners; for be it from me to delay for a moment, by idle or useless punctilio, the relief of our poor and Unhappy Countrymen, who have fallen into the Enemy's hands; Your Lordships will no doubt when the Exchange takes place, first recover those who can be most useful to the Public Service.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

Cumberland in Bombay Harbour the 12th January 1783

/signed/ Edward Hughes

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor & Select Committee of

Fort St. George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

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From Sir Edwd Hughes, dispatches the Active to Madras for Intelligence, & Requests that every Assistance may be given to Messrs Cuthbert & De Souza, towards enabling them to supply the Squadron with Bread,

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His Majesty's Ship Active having Received the Necessary Repairs, I have thought proper to dispatch her under the Command of Captain Troubridge, an able and Diligent Officer, to your Road, there to receive from you, or otherwise, all possible Intelligence of the Disposition and Force of the Enemy by Sea and Land, and having Remained in the Road for that purpose to the 20th of next Month, then to proceed off Ceylon, to join me in my way to the Coast -

As the Agent for Victualling His Majesty's Squadron finds great difficulty in providing a sufficient quantity of Bread for its Expence, I request you will give every Assistance in your power to his Correspondents at Madras Messrs Cuthbert and De Souza to enable them to bake as large a quantity of Biscuit as possible, an Article of the greatest consequence to the preservation of the Health of English Seamen;

I am much concerned that I have not Received any Letter or Intelligence from your Board, since my departure with the Squadron from Madras Road, and Remain,

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

/signed/ Edward Hughes

Cumberland in
Bombay Harbour
the 21st January 1783

Received the following Letters from

Colonel Lang

To

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To

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Select Committee

Fort St. George.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Honor of forwarding Copy of a Letter from Captain Christie to Sir Edward Hughes, which from Colonel Long I received from Commodore Lieut. Lieutenant Colonel Brian Heaviside, lately arrived at Trangue= bar from the Cape and Ceylon upon a presumption that it contained intelligence which Government should be acquainted with, I have transmitted the Original with a Duplicate as per Copy to the Admiral, since my Letter of the 6th Instant, I have been engaged in transporting the Guns & Stores from Negapatam which is demolished; 60,000 lbs of Powder mostly European about 27,000 shott & shells. & all the Stores are stowed with a few Guns & Mortars. many of the former were unserviceable, I have been destroying a few others I have been under the Necessity of destroying to prevent their falling into the hands of the Enemy, as Boats for want of Boats from Jaffna have been constantly arriving for some time between Negapatam & Adirapatam, to which place I intended to have sent them for the greater Convenience of transporting them to Tanjore from thence, which is but a short distance, & the absolute impossibility of any being able to Remove them by Land from Negapatam to Tanjore I am concerned to inform you that the Boat Loaded with the stores on Account of the badness of the Weather at the time of her arrival at Negapatam, was Ordered to

Sent to the Gout of Mons to the sea Board. Col. marched towards to join General Stuart who takes Cmd.

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17 to Adrispatam & was captured by the Armed boats which appeared but the day of her Arrival, two Catamarans with nine Guns on them have been taken to Japhna by the Catamaran Omen, who took Advantage of the Sepoys who guarded them, being sea Sick, when they threw their Arms into the sea, and tied them. In my former Letters to your Lordships & the Gentlemen of the Committee, I expressed my expectation of the Tanjore Country being Capable of furnishing great supplies both of grain & Money, which expectation I have been led to form, from the high state of Cultivation in which it appeared to me as well as to the whole Army to be in, & the tranquility it has enjoyed since the 4th August last. The state of Tanjore & Trichinopoly requires your most serious attention, as the preservation of the Southern Provinces altogether depends upon their security, & the state of Defence in which they are put, which nothing can contribute so much to as the Stock of Grain to be laid up for future Emergencies, which the present Crops can supply in the most ample manner. I landed at Nagapatam under every possible disadvantage, which as far as relates to the Troops, I have in a great Measure surmounted through the indefatigable assistance of Mr Sullivan, from that time I have made it my study to gain the best Information of the state of the Country, & which it may be capable of producing in the Course of the Year: I have gained my information from Men of great Abilities, who are well acquainted with the Revenues which it has, & now yields, but as it is possible that they may be misinformed or from a

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17 wrong Judgement, I give it only as Information, which I think it Necessary you should be acquainted with the Cavn Crop amounted to two Lacks half Lack more half of which the Rajah has Received & the other half was the share of the Cultivators - the dry grain &c from the 1st August to 1st January. Rycotted the Peons Receipts to the 1st January or there abouts about two Lac of pagodas, out of this, he has paid Mr Sullivan six grain & Money about sixty thousand. The present great Crop is estimated at somewhat more than seven Lacks the Rajahs share of which is a little more than six Lacks, out of which his agreement with Mr Sullivan is to pay one Lack of Star Pagodas, One Lack of Cullum of Paddy - The over sufficiency of the Cattle as a stock for the Garrisons of Tanjore I have Mentioned to Mr Sullivan, who declares that nowmore can be expected or procured from the Rajah, to whom I can with confidence assert Mr Sullivan offered a Receipt for the whole of the part of the Honble Company for the whole of the Crop, which, in such case, he was to have the Collection of which the Rajah rejected, assigning as a Reason, that should he comply, He would lose his Consequence amongst his Subjects, as the preservation of these Countries altogether depends upon the present Crop, from which great Resources may be derived. I deem it an indispensable Duty to make you acquainted with these Circumstances, which I beg leave to recommend to your most serious Consideration, & hope to have

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to be taken to secure a large stock

17th your Orders as expeditiously as possible on the steps of Grain, which the Country is now full of. I cannot avoid observing to your Lordship & the Gentlemen of the Committee, that the Court of Tanjore is the most infamous of any in the world, replete with Villainy, & the worst of Vices, & entirely ruled & Governed by a Madras Dubash, well known to be a Man of bad Character, & Capable of misleading the Rajah, who I am well convinced will never afford us that support which is in his power, until such People are removed from about his person; as a convinsing proof of which, I have been in the midst of plenty starving for six days in his Country, in which time some of the Troops have had no Grain served them, altho' great quantities have been daily passing me, & plenty all round, and I have not had it in my power to help myself, & the Cause assigned has been, that as the Rajah had fulfilled his Engagements if any more grain than what he had promised, & which had been delivered, was taken forcibly until his Order was Obtained, it would be the means of preventing his Ministers from coming to any specific Agreement in future. I am informed that it was intended when Sir Hector Munro was at Tanjore, to reinstate the Dabbur in the Management of the Country, which if at that time Carried into Execution, would have been attended with the best of consequences, as he is well affected to us. the absolute necessity of getting Grain into Tanjore, in which there was but 9000 Cullums on the 1st January, the state of Trichinopoly which is equally destitute of Grain

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17 I may being obliged to assist with the Bullocks of the Army in transporting the Guns & Stores from Vegapatam, has prevented my being active hitherto. I consider the preservation of these Countries to be the grand object which your Lordship & the Gentlemen of the Committee, expect that I will immediately attend to. I shall never think that effected, untill a very considerable stock of Grain is laid up in store, which if done, will enable me to undertake what must tend greatly to our advantage, & the Distress of our Enemies, the obvious consequence of my attempting anything at present, would be the drawing the attention of the Enemy to this Country before the Crops was collected, & the putting it in the power of a very inconsiderable Body of Horse to distroy the greater part of it, which would end in our Ruin. you will receive with this a Copy of Captain Bitelesse's last letter to me with my answer; I shall carefully endeavour to preserve tranquility among the Polygars, & Prevent any from gaining greater Influence or Power, than they formerly had, the Prince William from on board & five 105 ~~are~~ Guns, Drums & other stores for Masulipatam has been obliged to put into Trangabar, this ~~is~~ stress of Weather; Lieutenant Colonel Nixon wrote to me from thence that the Captain had Represented to him that he could not proceed for some time, as he wanted sweats, & that he was apprehensive of falling into the hands of the Enemy, which induced me to order them to be sent to Vegapatam, where they have been Landed, & sent from thence to Tanjore; altho' they are very much wanted particularly in Trichinopoly, I should not have detained

17th detained them had there been a prospect of their getting safe, when I determined upon the destruction of Negapatm. I ordered Captain Tanner to proceed to that place, to examine the Guns & stores, & take upon him the management of transporting them to Tanjour, which he has performed to my entire satisfaction; & I take a pleasure in acknowledgeing that I am principally indebted to him for the expedition used on this occasion, I therefore beg leave to recommend him to your Lordship & the Gentlemen of the Committee, as an active & good Officer, highly meriting your Countenance & support. As there are no Inspectors of stores appointed to the Southern Garrisons, I beg leave to recommend his being appointed Inspector General to the Southward, upon the same Pay and Allowances, as Major Mackay had when he held that Post. Brigadier General Mathews has landed to the Northward of Onore, & Lieutenant Colonel Mc Leod embarked on the 30th Ultimo at Paniany, and proceeded to join him. I have this moment received a Letter from Captain Bilcliffe, informing me that Onore was taken by storm on the 5th Instant by General Mathews, which Mr Hutchinson Resident at Anjengo wrote him an account of.-

I have the honor to be, with the great est Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your devoted and faithful,

Humble Servant

(signed) Ross Lang

Camp near Trichinopoly 29th January 1783

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To Colonel Ross Lang—

Sir,

I now enclose you three Letters from the Shevegurry Polygar: Cullah pah Nayer to join us in a few days with his People, & then the Rowter intends to March towards Athevalapatore to endeavour to Collect Money from the Polygars, & secure the Grain in that Quarter; I have some Reason to believe that the Rowter & Cullapah Nayr in conjunction with the Shevegurry Braw, have some design against the Cutchmally Choccampellah men, whom they would be glad to turn out & put in Creatures of their own. If they should attempt such a thing & succeed, the whole Country will then be in the hands of the two Polygars who have made the most trouble, & they ought to be the first punished. they are now too powerful; I am not certain that they will put their Sch[illegible] in execution, but in case they do, I shall be glad to Know from you how I am to act, whether I am to [illegible] or must allow them to think they already have too much power

[illegible] J. Bidulph

Guyygundam
17th Jany 1733

To Captain Bidulph—

Sir,

I have Heard [illegible] 7th Instant, in answer to wh[illegible] on the Subjects which I judge [illegible] to be observed at this juncture [illegible] Sort of the [illegible] you my sentiments [illegible] to be the forefront [illegible] first Consideration [illegible] unto

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17. with Government, is to preserve tranquility in the Southern Provinces, from which only can be expected the Resources, which they are capable of Yielding, and which by prudent Management & great attention be effected. No attention should therefore be given to the desire of the Renter or Cattabomi naig for reducing Chocumpetty, or any other Polly gar It may be necessary to amuse Cattabomi naig by attentions, which I am convinced you will not fail to shew him, as well as by promises: & if you can prevail upon him to join you, it may tend greatly to prevent further Disturbances, whatever Polygars you move towards, with an intention of Reducing them to obedience, & obliging them to pay their balances, upon the Requisition or Representation of the Renter, You must be particularly careful that they are not unjustly dealt with, & guard against it with the greatest caution; you must insist, but in such manner as to prevent any misunderstanding betwixt you, upon being present at whatever passes betwixt them, & any Person sent to them by any Polygars as you shall go against, & employ trusty & intelligent men in gaining the best information of the offers made them; at all Events a very watchful Eye must be kept upon the Renter, who is much more connected with Cattapatch Naig than he ought to be, & both prevented from gaining greater Influence or Power than they have at present, which is not a time for making any fixed Arrangements with the one or the other, you are a judge of our situation & the great Distress

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17th we are in for Money; you are therefore to use every effort & afford every proper assistance, in obliging the Polygars to pay their Balances; at the same time effectually preventing their being altogether reduced or turned out, and others put in, in their room. The Destruction of Negapatam is nearly effected, & I expect to be able to draw away the Troops in five or six days. I am moving west, & hope to have it in my power to arrange matters in such manner, as to enable me to send your five Companys to Palamcottah these, with the two Battalions now with you, will make you Respectable —

Camp near Tanjore 23d. Jany 1783

(signed) Ross Lang

Received the following Letters from General Stuart —

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

My Lord &c.

I did Myself the honor of writing to you the 11th. Instant which I hope came safe- yesterday in the afternoon a very large party of the enemy with several French Officers came to recon- noitre from the high ground, beyond the East point of the hill at a few Miles distance. There were several French Officers, and we saw some with paper in their hands, taking sketches, and pointing to the fort, but —

From General Stuart, advising of Manduwah being almost entirely destroyed, the General Orders the Baggage into Manduwah Pettah & moves with the Army towards the French & my orders united who retreat with precipitation towards the River —

17. but they could only see a small part of the left of our line. I sent the Quarter Master General with a party towards them, & likewise to Reconnoitre, as if in the direction of Carangoley, purposely to conceal the real design of our March next day. This evening four Mines were Sprung in the fort, three of which took place completely - all the Guns were as I believe either broken or rendered unserviceable, and I ordered such small brass Guns as were portable to be brought away, but it became impossible for me to think of bringing off all the metal, perhaps 30 tons weight, all the 18 & 24 lb shot are brought off - I am very sorry to acquaint you that about the time of springing the first mine by some accident the Powder magazine blew up, and about five or six People were Killed, and about sixty people wounded, the Magazine was not bomb proof, and by the explosion the people without the fort suffered principally. I have heard only of one Officer being severely hurt by Lieutenant Wilkens the Engineer who was bruised by a fall at the time of the explosion, has every merit in the conducting of the demolition for the time he was employed, but Captain Flint with great judgement had saved us several days work by the mines he had sunk - The place is not so Completely ruined as I should have wished, because of the powder lost in the Magazine, and not thinking it advisable to take any from the Army Stores, it may still be a formidable for small arms - Late in the ev

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17th Yesterday I gave out orders for the Line to be under arms at three this Morning, and at that hour only I ordered the direction in which they were to march — I had Separately given directions for the baggage that Remained with us, to be put into Wandewash fortlet with a battalion of Sepoys, & a Company or two into the first at day break this Morning. — The army marched, & the enemy could not possibly guess our intention untill the head of the Line had got well into the Road leading from Wandewash to Conjeveram; I had desired Captain Douglas Dep.t Adjn.t General and Lieu.t Campbell my aid de Camp to observe from Wandewash hill, whether there was any alteration in the Enemys position, from that of Yesterday; they Remained as long as it was safe, and on the march, reported to me, they still were on the same ground behind the hills, in the direction as mentioned to Your Lordships &c.a in a former letter, but without tents, and that they Seemed to be moving irregularly as if alarmed; I got further intelligence from heights as I advanced, and about half past nine, the advanced Guard took possession, and formed one of those high grounds behind; which we supposed the Enemy were posted, the head of the Line came in front of this rising ground, and we then clearly perceived an extent of upwards of four Miles, filled with the enemys army, with their Guns moving off towards the River in great confusion, but at too great a distance, and the ground too difficult for my doing any more, than throwing a few

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I am,

My Lord &c.

Your most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at
13th February 1783

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

My Lord &c.

The above, is a Copy of the Letter I had the honor to write to you yesterday from the last ground, we marched from thence only this Morning, and encamped here at ten A.M. I chose this situation as very high commanding ground, & equally ready

From General Stuart, prior to the finishing stroke to the Demolition of Wandewash & Arnee away the Bravo Guns the French remain on the other side of the Arnee River, but Tippoo never saw it, —

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I am,
My Lord &c.
Your most Obedient,
Humble Servant.
(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at
18th February 1783

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

My Lord &c.

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If Ready to move to Carangoley or outtamaloor, or in any direction the Enemy may think fit of taking if they recross the Arnee River with their Guns; but I believe they will not again attempt this. My intelligence since their flight is, that most of their Guns had passed the River before we came to our ground, and that the French were badly with them; and last night only part of their Cavalry with the French Flemmand on this side, but no Guns; during we pitched our tents regularly last night, they were in the utmost apprehension of a visit this Morning - By your Lordship I dare know well the reason why such a movement on my part would have been highly improper - on our return how we were not a little harrassed by Rockets, five Men & two horses have been reported to be killed, and ten or twelve men wounded - I did every thing but hang one of the Rocket Boys taken, he went thro the Gallows Ceremony, and was pardoned only at the last - our light Guns Knocked down some of their Horse, & we took three horsemen and horses on this ground - The idea of giving the most palpable public proofs that we are Masters of the field, and can take our time deliberately to do what we set about, has induced me to halt on this ground to morrow, with a view also the more effectually to demolish Wandewash - I spring another mine this night, and tomorrow I shall blow up the out works & burn all the Gates - I shall also load a few Carts I have with the Brass & Metal - This halt

17th halt will keep the enemy in uncertainty, as to future operations and add at least one more day towards facilitating Br. Gl. Mathews & Colonel Langs offensive operations close where. The whole combined force of our European and Indian enemies, so far as I am informed, turned their backs yesterday - all my Reports, and those of Captain Flints Hircarrahs of this day who were in the French Camp confirm this Account - Tippoo has Recrossed on this side with the horse and Rocket boys, but the French with the Guns and Infantry are on the other side of the Arnee or Sician river. The Battalion with all the baggage joined me from the pettah of Wandewash the Moment we came to the ground here; Several fruitless attempts were made to cut in amongst the baggage, and get into the ruined fort, but the view of some Palmira trees in the embrasures where the Guns were lately, Kept them at an awful distance.

I have had indirect Accounts from Carangoley of a late day that all was very quiet there, and I hope to be able to inform your Lordship &c. on my return to that place that I have not lost a bullock or a bag of Rice in the whole of this excursion The Army in general is healthy, and the Europeans with his Majesty's 101st Regiment remarkably so - The battering Guns have never retarded our March - I have promised the Hircarrah who carries this three pagodas if he delivered it in three days -

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11 Dispatched the following Letter to General Stuart,

To Major General Stuart
Commander in Chief.

Sir

We have had the Honor to Receive your Letters of the 13th and 14th Instant - To General Stuart Communicating to him the Material parts of the Letters from Bombay & Sir Edwd Hughes -

his Majesty's ships Active Arrived here Yesterday from Bombay with dispatches from the Select Committee and Sir Edward Hughes which are to communicate to be sent to you with safety at present the most material parts of them are as follow -

The admiral assured us that every exertion shall be made for our speedy relief, and that he will put to sea the Moment a sufficient Number of ships to face the Enemy, is in a Condition to do so, he encloses also Intelligence obtained by Captain Mc. Leod of his Majestys ship Africa, from two Portuguese Vessels that the French Ships from the Cape arrived at Mauritius the 20th August Vizt. one of 74, one of 54, & two of 64, & Armee en flute with many Transports that they had buried during the passage upwards of 1000 men, and the Remainder were landed at the Mauritius in a Most miserable state and that if possible they would sail in October to join Mr. Suffren -

The Select Committee at Bombay advise us

18 us in their Letter of the 27th December that they were enabled by supplies from Bengal to make an effort for our Relief, by causing a powerful division on that coast - that the Armament left Bombay the 12th December under convoy of his Majesty's ship the Africa, General Mathews proceeded in the Chief command, and the force he carried from Bombay consisted of upwards of 400 Europeans and 1500 Sepoys, which would soon be followed by three more Battalions ordered from the Northern Station. That an Invasion of the Bidinour Country, and an Attack on its Capital, or Mangalore Appeared to them the Measures most proportioned to their strength, and presented the final disadvantages to encounter, ~~ordered from the Northern station~~ that they have given the General a latitude to detain the shipping as the Navigation at this season of the Year is short, and easy and if they find that circumstances will permit, and the General when on the spot shall judge it most eligible he is immediately to enter the Bidenour Country after putting Affairs on the Malabar Coast on the best footing he can, and providing for the defence of Tellicherry

They do not approve of beginning with the seige of Mangalore, the plan they pointed out to the General was to disembark the Troops at Cundapore, where there is a Fort and River, the former of which might easily be reduced and converted into a place of Arms, from thence by

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18 a rapid Movement to seize the Guns and perhaps
Bidderoure itself, the distance being only 20 miles
and its security consisting more in the natural
difficulties of access, than in the strength of
its Fortifications, they are disposed to think
that by a sudden, and well conducted enterprize
with success, and the army might afterwards
proceed in Reducing the Country, or make an
attack upon Bnangalore –

In a Letter of the 31st of December
they inform us that a short time after the
departure of General Mathews from Bombay
they received from Colonel Macleod certain
accounts of the death of Hyder Ally in consequence
of that information they immediately sent off a
positive order to General Mathews to relinquish
all Operations whatever on the sea Coast and
to make an immediate push to take possession of
Bidderoure which they do not doubt his Force will be fully
equal to, with the Reinforcement sent from Bombay and
the junction of the Troops under Colonel Macleod, the
whole making 160 Europeans 96 Battalions of Sepoys
We have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Fort St. George
18th February 1783

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18th Received the following Letter from General Stuart —

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

My Lord &c.

From General Stuart contains the Intelligence he received of the Enemy's Operations on the Day they retreated — gives Orders that the Garrison of Wandewash be paid up to the time of the Army, a party of Horse harrass the March of the Army — Tippoo takes up the Generals Old Ground near Wandewash —

I did myself the honor to address you on the 14th after we took up our ground about a mile N.E. of Wandewash In the evening of that day we sprung one mine with good effect and employed sufficient parties during that night, and the whole of the 15th to finish the mines in the Counterguard and in several other projections of the fort and in collecting combustibles near the gates, and smearing every bit of wood with pitch, so that before 6. P.M. of the 15th every mine took effect, and the whole combustible matter within was on fire and continued burning the whole night. It is a perfect ruin; and scarce now even a post for small Arms, — I had repeated intelligence of the enemy's horse keeping still on this side of the Sicar River, and from the hill their advanced pickets were seen behind a rising ground not three miles from our right, but I took measures to prevent insult or surprize, and not one of them ventured even into the Pettah or fort from curiosity tho our people were removed at some distance from thence after the mines were spru

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18th here could not stand before one of our Armies. In the March towards the enemy on the 13th by the Conjeveram Road, I was much indebted to Captain Pringle the Captain of the Guides whom I trusted with the Secret. The Road he led us this had formerly been judged impassible for Guns. I do myself the honor to present Your Lordship &c. a small plan done in a hurry by Lieutenant Beatson from a hand sketch of Captain Pringles. Captain Flint and Lieutenant Beatson act as my aid de Camps on the present service - I have desired the paymaster to give a certain Sum to Captain Flint, to pay the late garrison of Wandewash, as far as the Army - Captain Flints accounts will thus be more Simplified in settling with Government The Garrison has been drafted or Returned to their old corps - I shall do the same as to Captain Crawford and his Garrison, provided the Cash holds out; One Months pay has been issued to the Black troops which exhausted the whole Military chest except 9000 Pagodas. -

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13th of any kind come to me during the present service
We are all in great health & Spirits - On the
March this day from Wandewash to the present
ground we were followed by a body 1000 or 1500
the Enemy's horse. Any Intelligence is that they
are commanded by a new Man who is in Tippoos
Service Since his father's death, He is from the
Deccan, they call him the Rachore Rajah, his
people seemed remarkably well mounted and
came very nearour flanking parties just as the
ground was Broken, so much so, that a
few of them were in close conflict with a flanking
party of the 78th who had advanced further than
I had ordered. A head man with a red turban -
that appeared to be the leader with one of his -
followers cut two men of the 78th to their skulls,
and after receiving the wounds, our brave fellows
took aim and brought both of these men down the
red turban and the carriages are the trophies of
these two men, and I am happy to find their
wounds will not prove Mortal. I have however
given particular Orders not to suffer any Europeans
to run risks of this Kind, valuing as I do their lives
a hundred fold more then the men & horses of such
and Enemy. I have had Accounts that Tippoo with
the French and the principal part of his army
has taken upon our first ground at Wandewash -
He has been seen in person in the pettah & fort
where he will find nothing, but the thick end of a brass

Gun

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18th Gun which we could not carry off, Sent the Quarter Master General with a Reconnoitring party towards Outramal, and in the direction of our next march. He Reports to me there is none of the enemy's horse in any Numbers there. I shall take precautions to guard the baggage in case of Tippoo making an attempt from Wandewash. I propose marching towards Carangoly to morrow Morning an hour sooner than usual, with the advantage of the Moon Light, and have apprized Captain Crawford of it, so as the baggage and followers may join from Carangooley immediately on our coming to the ground - I must Necessarily halt one day to demolish - that place -

I am
My Lord &c.
Your Most Obed.t
Humble Servant
(signed) James Stuart

Camp halfway
twixt Wandewash &
Carangoley 16.th Feb.y 1783

Received the following Letters

My Lord

From Captain Cuppage
received 1000 Pagodas -
forwards Intelligence
of Tippoos situation &
of General Matthews
Operations on the other
Coast the Crops at Villour
in great forwardness
Requests a supply of
Cash -

The 25.th of January 1000 Pagodas arrived from Mr. Ogilvie for the use of this Garrison and now send back the same People, The day following I had a Letter from Colonel Laing dated Near Tanjore the 17.th Instant all was quiet near him, Tippoo had Called in all the Troops in his Neighbourhood -

General

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18th General Mathews was within 20 Miles of Bhangalore and Colonel Macleod sailed the 29th Ultimo from Tellicherry to join him the siege of which place he intended undertaking immediately He likewise says that he is hourly in expectation of hearing of the arrival of the French Fleet on the Coast with a much greater force than is generally expected by Tippoos Camp Remains to the Eastward Coverpak

Within these few days past I have got a very reasonable supply of Cattle Your Corps is Coming on very well but as it will not be ready for Marching before the 1st week in March If by that time we will not have more than 5 days Grain in Garrison, hope Your Lordships will send me a supply of Money least the Army should not move this way

I have the honor to be
My Lords
Your Lordships
Most Obedient Humble
Servant
John Cuppage

Vellore
28th January 1783

(signed)

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have been Honored with the Receipt of Your Letter of the 27th Ultimo and in consequence thereof

From President at Ingeram under date the Dates to Masulipatam I will forward the Copper thither

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18 thereof have lost no time in sending the Company's Bales off for Masulipatam as fast as Coolies could be procured, the Copper being too heavy to be transported by Land, I am shipping what remains of it on two small Vessels as also such Bales as cannot immediately be sent by Land for want of Coolies, these Vessels will wait under the Point Gordaware until a Northerly Wind Springs up to carry them at once to Masulipatam

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

(Signed) William Hamilton

Ingeram
10th February 1783

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

My Lord

I have the Honor to Acquaint Your Lordship that I am advised by Letters from Captain Smith of two French Ships being at Anchor in the Road of Ollapatnam, that on the 15th Instant they took two Large Snows Loading with Rice, which they Chased into that Road.

I have the Honor to be with respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most Obedient Servant

(Signed) George Smith

From Captain Smith. Two French Ships at anchored in the Road of Ollapatam.

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Sent the following Letters

To Mess.rs Hugh Maxwell, William Michell, James Anderson, and Colley Lucas Gentlemen

To the Medical Committee directing them to consider the objection stated in the Letter to them of the 1st February as the Committee do not consider them absolutely their last Recommendation

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter of the 11th Instant & the Objections which occurred to them on considering the System Recommended by You in Your Report of the 17th January the Most material is by no Means Obviated in your Reply — Your gave it as Your Opinion that the charge of 1 fanam p.r day only should cease for each man delivered over from the field to the Contract Hospital, or in other words that the Company should pay the Contract Surgeon 6 fanams and the field Surgeon 3 fanams p.r day for every Sick man so delivered over — and you add that otherwise the Surgeons in the field might be losers — but the Loss which the Company would sustain in the former case seems to have escaped your observation — It was to establish a system that should be equally just to the Company, and to the Surgeons, that the Select Committee desired your Assistance, and as the principal objection to that which you Recommended still exists in all its force, they desire that you immediately reconsider

that

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that objection as fully stated in my letter of the 1st. Instant and if any expedient occur to you by which it may be Removed, that you will communicate the same to them as soon as possible —

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Obedient

Humble Servant

signed John Hudleston

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18th. February, 1783

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council

of Bengal.

Honble Sir & Sirs

His Majestys Ship Active arrived here Yesterday and we have the honor to send you the Packets dispatches to your address enclosed with ours from the Select Committee at Bombay, as we know not whether they contain any advices from Sir Edward Hughes, we enclose Copies of those which we have Received from him, you will observe he does not mention when he may leave Bombay with the Squadron, but we understand from private Letters that he expected ~~to~~ to be able to sail by the 15th. or 20th. of this month, with 15. sail of the Line, leaving two ships, the Benford and Exeter at Bombay to Complete their repairs —

To Bengal - forwarding them the Dispatches received under their address from Bombay together, with Copies of the Letters from the Admiral advising them that General Matthews had taken Onore by storm

By the enclosed dispatches you will have the

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18 the Satisfaction to learn that the plan for attacking the Enemy in the most valuable part of his own dominions is at length adopted, and likely to be prosecuted with Vigour and effect, so formidable an Invasion, added to the Ratification of the Mahratta Treaty which we understand is daily Expected to arrive at Calcutta, cannot fail we think to produce the most serious alarm in the mind of Tippoo Saib and dispose him to an accomodation -

We have just received Advices from Colonel Fancy which inform us that General Mathews took Onore by storm the 6th Ultimo - we enclose Copies of our two last Letters from General Stuart and have the honor to be -

Honble Sir and Sirs

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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18th February 1783

At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. Presidt
Anthony Sadleir
Alexander Davidson -

Wednesday
19th February 1783

Major General Stuart absent upon Service
John Holland Esqr absent in Bengal
Read the following Letter from General Stuart

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Stuart - every thing prepard for blowing up Carangoly hopes to find a large Quantity of Rice at Poonamalley, Contained. several Complaints of the abuses in the Agents Employ, & encloses Sketch of his Marches —

The above is Copy of my Letter of Yesterday's date from the last ground, the army was in Motion at 4 this Morning, and we are now encamped entirely here, not a Rocket or horseman, on the part of the enemy has been seen — The fort here is emptying of all its baggage, but by the narrowness of the gate it will greatly impede our mining business, there are eleven mines ready to load, and the same working parties are to be employed here as at Wandewash, so that I hope in the Course of tomorrow, at least to undo every thing that has been done here, — We shall march the next day / the 19th. / to Chengleput where I shall be happy to know the quantity of Rice that may be expected at Poonamalee by the 20th. or 21st. because upon that will depend the direction of the Army's movement from Chengleput — I hope to hear of at least 4000 bags being at Poonamalee, and that the Bullocks last arrived from Mr. Call will be ready to be worked by a party which I shall send for that purpose, if necessary, with their Loads from Madras to Poonamalee on the 22d. together with all the carts that are ready, and to be drawn by the draught Bullocks from the Northward, I have had accounts of their numbers from Captain Moorhouse — I have not troubled your Lordship &c. with

† Mr. Ross says, 3000 bags will be there 21 Inst.

5/6ths of the Land near Tripasore, were either Dead, absent, or had fallen into the Hands of the Enemy, except themselves. I then pointed out to them a Piece of Ground containing about ten or twelve Canys, and told them I intended to cultivate it. They seemed to approve highly of my Determination at the Time, & I immediately set seriously to work to cover these Fields with Paddy. As soon as these People observed me entering into this Business with Spirit, & disregarding Expence, it instantly raised in them the Spirit of Industry & Enterprize, & they began to cultivate small Patches all round the Fort. At this Time a Circumstance happened, which was likewise a strong inducement for them to try their fortunes in raising Grain, Viz as follows. They had got a few Canys of Watchings fit to cut & waited on me concerning it. I informed them, that they were to put the whole Produce to their own Profit & not pay any part of it to Government. They told me, that the Amildars Peons were in attending at their Fields to take his Part, if not prevented by me. I instantly sent for the Amildar & desired him to desist from distressing them, as he knew it was Contrary to the Orders of Government, he denied his knowledge of his Peoples being there, & assured me that it was not his Intention. but nevertheless he left no Argument untouched, that he thought would answer the end of persuading me to permit him to make Exactions. Money was not left out, but I remained fixed to my

Purpose

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At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney Pres.t
Anthony Sadlier & Alexander Davidson Esqrs

Wednesday 5th
February 1783.

Major General Stuart absent upon Service

The following Letter from Captain
Burney of his Majestys Ship Bristol received
by the Greyhound Brig is now read

From Captain
Burney has
dispatched the
Greyhound Packet
to get Intelligence
& return to a
Rendezvous —

My Lord,

His Majestys Ship the Bristol left England September 11th 1782 in Company with the Ships hereafter mentioned.

The Greyhound packet which the East India Company have put under my directions I have dispatched before us to gain intelligence, and to give notice of our approach; having directed her Commander to repair immediately from Madras to an appointed Rendezvous near the Coast of Sumatra, that the Fleet might be apprized of the situation of the Enemy —

Just before our Sailing, it was reported in England, that 3 Sail of the Line, one of them armed en flute, with 2 Frigates and 6 Storeships, sailed from Brest August 20th intended for the East Indies of this I received no Official information and can only say it was generally

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Sir.

I am directed by his Highness the Nabob to enclose you a Letter from his Highness to the Governor, for the information of the President and Council; and to request that you will be pleased to deliver it to Lord Macartney

I have the honor to be &c.

Charles Binny

Chepauk
13.th February 1783

The Committee at present only observe on this Letter that the Honble the Court of Directors in the very same letter, wherein they annul the Bengal Treaty acquiesce in, and confirm the agreement made by his Highness with the President. That as his Highness in the above letter has thought proper to insinuate censure upon this Government, for its conduct towards the Vizianagrum Family, the President lays before the Committee the following Letter, which he wrote to Mr. Russel some time since, in which that Subject is touched upon —

To Mr. Russel

Dear Sir,

I cannot longer delay acknowledging the honor of your two Letters of the 5.th and 9.th Instant, the last of which did not reach me 'till this day. All's in the present very busy moment I cannot write to you so much at length as I could wish, yet I shall briefly

From the President to the Chief of Vizagapatam with respect to the Vizianagrum family, and the measures to be adopted towards them —

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Fort St. George 11th. February 1783

From the Committee of Stores relating their Minutes of the 8th. Instant; and a list of Articles wanted in the Military Storekeepers Department.

My Lord and Gentlemen

Herewith we have the honor to lay before your Lordship &c. our proceedings of the 8th Inst. together with a report of powder proved the 6th. Instant, and a list of articles wanted immediately for use in the Military Storekeepers department.

We have the honor to be &c. &c.

signed { Patrick Ross / John Kennedy / B. Sodney

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Fort St. George 8th. February 1783

At a ~~Select~~ Committee of Stores, present

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross

Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy

Bryan Sodney Esquire

Minutes of last Committee read and approved, together with the orders of the Select Committee thereon

Agreed that the Clerk is directed to write to the Agent for the captured Stores, to inform him that the Company are willing to take such articles as may be found fit for their purpose, if they can agree upon the price, which the Committee wish him to ascertain, and that he will be so good as to remove with all