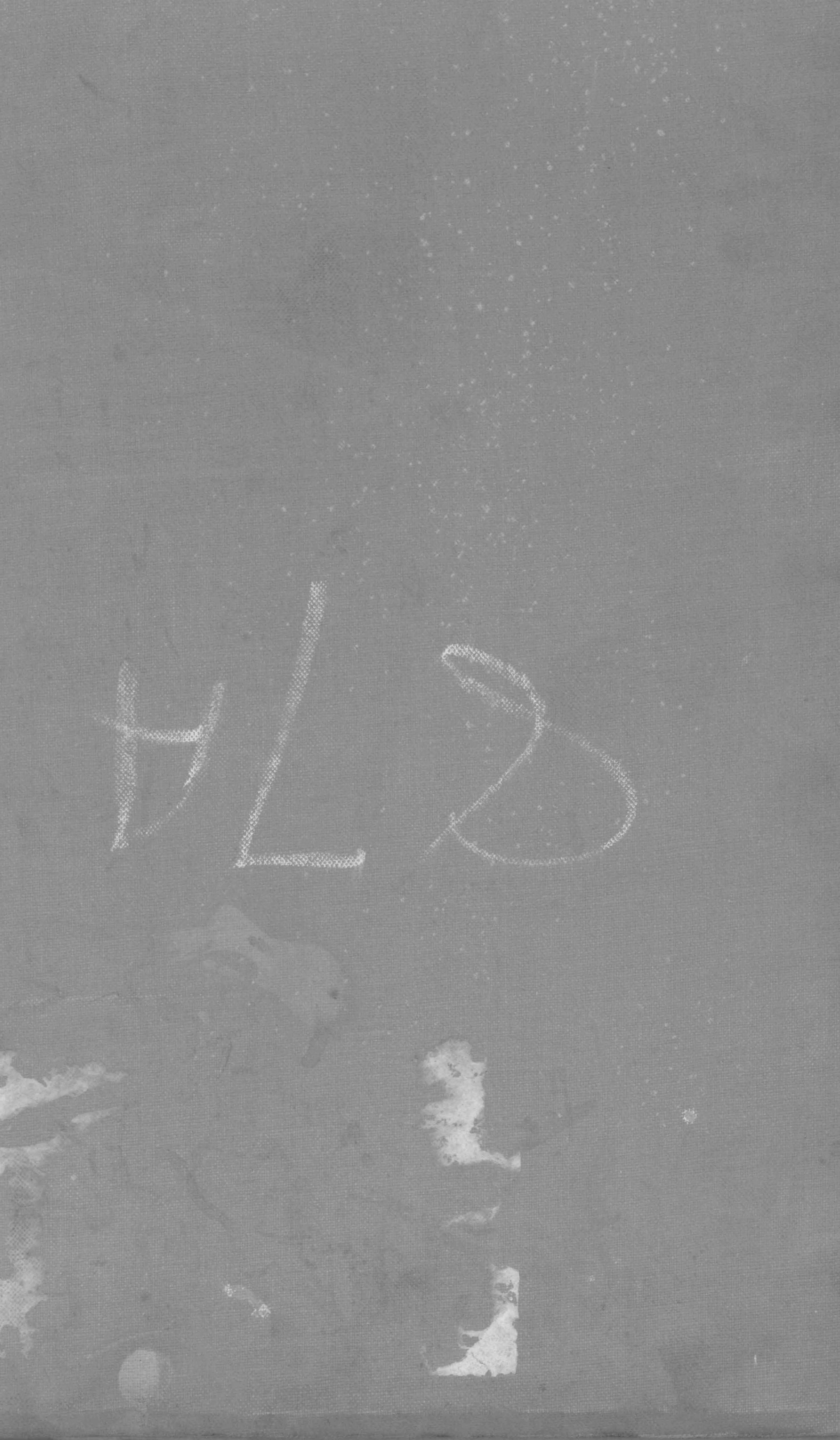

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Recvd the following note from General Stuart, enclosing a letter from Brigadier General Matthews to the President and Select Committee.

Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.
&c Governor &c. Select Committee of
Fort S. George

My Lord and Gentlemen.

This is the original of the letter from Brigadier General Matthews without date which I have informed your Lordship &c. of by a Sepoy.

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) James Stuart

Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.
&c Governor &c. Select Comm[itte]e
George

My Lord &c Gentlemen.

Captain I have the pleasure of informing you that the capital of the Kingdom of Bidanoor is in my possession. It is very strong and very well supplied with every necessary Article for defence. If your armies move on towards Seringapatam, much may now be done. Be pleased to reward the Bearer

I have the Honor to be &c.
B. Matthews

From the Commissary of Stores to the army with returns

Hyder Nagger
20th January 1783

Received from the Commissary of Stores to the Army a Return of Ordnance and Stores under his charge for the Month of January entered in Miscellany Book No 10

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From Town Major with Report of Bullocks

Received the Town Major's report of 591 Bullocks provided by Mr. Wiseett at Elore and arrived at the Presidency under an Escort from the Garrison of Wellore. Entered in Miscellany Book No 11

From Ongole with returns

Received from Mr. Gardner a return of the Garrison of Ongole for the Month of February as entered in Miscellany Book No

Receives the following letter from Mr. Joseph Garrow Deputy Judge Advocate with the proceedings of the General Court Martial thereon —

To John Huddleston Esqr. —

Sir,

Deputy

Court Martial

Agreable to the directions I have re
Colonel James Stuart, to furnish the G
Select Committee with
proceedings of a
Court Martial held in
Fort St. George on
ember last by his order,
for the trials of Cap
Bonnevaux, Macdowal,
Banks and Saxon, to serve as matter of Record for the
Honble East India Company, I have now the honor to
transmit the same, and request it may be laid before
the Committee accordingly.

I have the honor to be &c

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Joseph Garrow
Deputy Judge Advocate

minute thereon.)

Ordered to lie for Consideration

From Captain Flint with return of Troops

Receives from Captain Flint a return of the Troops, Stores, and Grain, in the Garrison of Wandewash on

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– Vansittart. – on the 9th of February last as entered in Miscellany Book

No. 14

Received the following letter and Enclosure from

Bengal.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.

President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George.

My Lord and Gentlemen

rom Bengal –
owing copy of
r from the
ain of the
Carlos –

We beg leave to enclose for your information

Copy of a letter from Captain Murray of his Majesty's Ship

San Carlos, on which we think it necessary to remark

that Captain Murray has mistaken the place where

the ship lies, as we learn from Persons in that part of

the Country that she had run into the opening of the

great River near Backergunge.

We understand by private Information

from Captain Smart, who was taken in the Succoys, and

afterwards ransomed, that the ships in chase of the San

Carlos, were the English Hannibal and Bellona.

We have the pleasure to add that the ship

Hastings, with Captain Murray supposed had been

captured, escaped the Enemy, and is anchored near the

Southend of Sagor Island, whither assistance has been

sent, as well as the San Carlos

We immediately dispatched to your

Presidency by post a packet from the Supra Cargoes

at China, which arrived a few days ago in the Worcester

We

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Fort William
10th. February 1783

We have the honor to be &c.

signed { Edward Wheeler
John Macpherson

Sir,

I am sorry to inform you of the situation of his Majesty's Ship San Carlos, which is now in three fathoms and a half water, about three or four leagues from what we take to be the Islands of Sagor, without any pilot on board; and shoals all round us having been chased for four days, and three nights by a French Line of Battle Ship, and a Frigate both of which are now at anchor four leagues from us, with the Hastings Country ship which we were convoying up to Point Palmiras, and the mortification of seeing her taken the second day of the chase. The French Frigate I take to be the Coventry, which I feared they had taken. I have sent the only boat we have to endeavour for a Pilot, but fear ere he comes we must fall, as they certainly must have Pilots. As the time draws near, on which the Admiral is expected on the coast, I hope, your sending express to Madras this account he may be able to cut off their retreat to the French Fleet: if we have lightened the San Carlos as much as possible without throwing the guns, and some provisions overboard, the line of battle Ship may not like to come into such shoal water, and the Frigate will not venture within shot, while we keep afloat, if therefore. Sir, you would be good enough to send a vessel down to take the people out I would destroy the

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the Ship, rather than run the risk of her falling into the Enemy's Hands.

San Carlos off Sagor Island 1st. February 1783 at 7. P.M. } Sam. Svi. &c. &c.

(signed) Geo: Murray.

Dispatches the following Letter to General Stuart.

To Major General James Stuart.

Sir.

To General Stuart — Have begun to send rice to Poonamalee — forwarding Intelligence of the French and Tippoo Saiby.

I am to acknowledge the Honor of your Letter borne of the 5th. Instant, as also of yours of the Committee of the day before.

Although the means of sending rice from home to the Mount and Poonamallee are very slender, on account of the absence of the Coolies now attending your Army, Mr. Ross had made a beginning, and will continue it to the best of his Power.

All our Intelligence agrees that Arcot is almost dismantled by the Enemy, but of this you will probably have ocular demonstration on your return from Vellore.

Tippoo's main Body was at Kanamaley the 1st Instant and a very considerable part of it is detached to the Westward through the Changamah Pass. It is indeed confidently said that he himself is gone with them; and that he has left Karim Sahibs with two Sirdars, upon whom he thinks he can depend at the head of the remainder of his Troops in the Carnatic. By the last accounts they were at Dobeegadda, and we are further informed that the French marched on the 2d. Instant from Valiapundel towards

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towards Cuddalore. I observe what you say with regard to the policy of keeping Tippoo as a kind of balance or check to the Marhattas. Your sentiments in a great measure coincide with the opinion which I gave to the Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the India Company, in a letter I wrote them several months ago. But whatever measures may be thought expedient to adopt, the leading principles upon which any thing serious could be built, are the immediate evacuation and restoration of the Carnatic, and a total separation from the French. These points once adjusted, the rest would probably admit of little difficulty. There is tonnage now in the road sufficient to carry, I believe, 30,000 to 40,000 bags of rice, but not a vessel will engage without compulsion — We have no account of the Admiral since you left the place: if he were arrived I think we could easily manage the business

I am &c.

(signed) — Macartney

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7.th Received the following letter from General Stuart.

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

Fort S.t George.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The preceding is the copy of my letter to the Committee yesterday — I am now to acquaint the Hon.r of your Lord

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From Lieut. Stuart.

Have from Brigadier General Matthews of the 28th and 29th January from Canapore, and Hyder Nagger and from Mr. Hutchinson from Anjengo the 13th February. I give your Lordship my best thanks for the communication, and congratulate on the important and brilliant success of Brigadier General Matthews. I judge it of consequence to communicate what was proper of the contents in the General Order of this day to the Army, and that part particularly to our Sepoys of their Countrymen being released, as mentioned by Mr. Hutchinson. By my Intelligence of this morning the French are on their march to Cuddalore leaving their sick at Arnee, which is under Sippoo Hussar, and the place is strengthening. They hope say they were in the camp only four days ago: it is in the same place as formerly: they report that of the particulars of Brigadier General Matthews' success, and that Sippoo means not to fight us, but to return to his own country, and if possible first to conclude peace here: that his Mother is with him: that the small fort of Arcoda is thrown down, and the same of Chittepet: but I believe they had not been in either of those places. The General Orders are out for our March tomorrow: We have got an addition of an hundred carriage Bullocks from Captain Stroudor, and a few cattle for Slaughter. On the whole if not many Coolies run off, I hope by management to throw into Vellore at least seven Months rice, and shall leave as much money as can be spared from the necessities of this

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Army so as we may be at ease with respect to Velore,
while we go against
the French. Ship
will be ready to
humbly recommend
loaded with rice
to Cuddalore, to
can drive the
districts with the
This is a greater
the next to it.
ation, where it
further dismant
and giving us
better neighbours

Camp North of the Cottlear
River Wednesday 5th March 1783

Sir

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therein mentio
To the Right Honble George
President and Governor &c. &c. &c.

From Genl Stuart.

My Lord and Gentlemen.

against our just and
by the time we return the Admiral
us to the Southward, and I should
the heavy reports in readiness
every thing to make us proceed
manned coast ways by the fleet. Give
from the Continent, the other
Power will settle themselves.
Seringapatam, Mangalore
a point of Hyder's hereditary
necessary for us in policy to prevent
a certain resource Hyder
advantages, he may be a
back than the Mahrattas
I have the honor to be &c.

signed James Stuart

following letter and enclosure
from General Stuart.

Head Quarters Camp St. George

The preceding is the copy
of the letter I had the honor to address yesterday
to your Excellency and their High
Mightinesses in consequence of the receipt of
intelligence and the certainty of the convoy
having

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having nothing of Riva Hatt, has induced me to rest the Army to morrow on this ground Several of our Europeans with as Many will recover in that time From the overpowering heat of the two last days and the Sepoys who are leg tired will also get Strength I shall in that time likewise know the real intentions and movements of the enemy, if they mean to Save their Honor they will fight us with Shulengur on their left, and I shall keep Tritany on my left on the second March from hence throwing my Baggage and Rice there; No alternative is left if the Enemy is manly, Neither from Policy or real Motive can or will Save nothing or avoid an Engagement, I am close to your Lordships &c. the last Letter From Captain Campbell, we fired a Royal Salute From the iron B. this day at Noon and Sepoys took it up From us.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord &c.

Camp at Cross Coleroon River
4th. March 1783
6 P.M.

Your most Obedient and most
humble Servant
Signed James Stuart.

P.S.

I have just now received a Letter from the Right Honble President dated the 3d Instant Inclosing B.G. Mathews other to the Select Committee, Candahore and Hyder Nuggur 29 Jan.y also letter from Mr. Hutchinson Agent to the Rajah of Tanjore 28 Jan.y

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To. Major General James Stuart

Sir

I had the honor to address you the 8th from the excessive heat of the weather and not a drop of rain for upwards of three Months past, I am under the necessity of taking the Lascars that were making gabions to open Fresh Springs and clear the water courses, least we should loose the greatest part of our Crop, notwithstanding every precaution that is in my power has been taken a great part of it will be lost, What grain is now in garrison and what I may expect of the Crop will only serve the troops to the 20th of next month, and as the greatest part of it will not be ready for cutting before the beginning of April I think it incumbent on me to lay my Situation before you, least any accident should happen to it on the remaining corn before the place, to be able to Subsist the Garrison from any other quarter but by means of the crop in my Power, Rice just now sells at the rate of 2½. Measures the Rupee and that with difficulty to be got. The Season has been so unseasonable that it has thrown the Crop very much back but am still confident there is sufficient to fulfil what I have said, but beg leave to mention

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9 that I think absolutely necessary for the safety of the place that a Supply should be thrown in, in the Course of next month. The 11th Instant I received 500 Pagodas, part of 1000 dispatched the 22d. and just now there is not above 10,000 in the Paymasters hands. Every Account that I have agree that all the guns Store and Rice has been taken out of Account, that there is not above 50 Cows in it, and that every thing is ready to blow it up.

I have the Honor to be with great respect. Sir

Your Most Obedient and
humble Servant
(Signed) John Cuppage

Vellore 18th February 1783

Duplicate

P.S. It is with the utmost difficulty I can get water for the paddy fields and without rain shortly, wheat at present there is not the least appearance, a great part will be lost, I have certain accounts to day that the Eastside of the Fort of Arcot is blown up. The remainder of money dispatched the 22d Ultimo is not arrived, and the Paymaster has not a Rupee in his hands.

(Signed) J Cuppage

Dispatched the following to Mr Williams
Banks with Copy of of 20th Paragraph of the Ge-
neral Letter from the Honble Court of Directors

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9 the 12th July 1783.

To William Burke Esqr.

To Mr Burke sending him Extract of the General Letter from England &c.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Pre-
sident and Select Committee to send you the inclo-
sed Extract of the Court of Directors General Letter
to this Government dated the 12th July 1783, and lately
received by the Greyhound Packet, and to inform
you that they in consequence given the necessary
orders to the proper Officer. —

I have the Honor to be &c.
(Signed) John Hudleston Sy

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Received the following Letter from
General Stuart. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Genl Stuart will arrive at Vellore at the time calculated — will be obliged to leave some Europeans there — Coffoe sending off his Guns &c

The proceeding is the Copy of your
Letter to the Right Honble President, two days
ago, nothing — worth mentioning —
Having Encamped on the march yesterday
we came to our ground here rather late
this day; my desire to save as much
Rice for Vellore as possible induced me to
bring over Left Wynaad. The Field &
towards Chittoor to make our next march the more
easy

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easy, and with certainty reach Vellore as calculated. It was two P. M. before the Rear Guard came to their ground, the weather is faltry, and Spare it may leave some Europeans more than Sick at Vellore, but they will be taken care of, and be of use in the general plans— while the line past under the hills, I went to see round the Country, and not a creature in Front, except a small party, which rode off so soon as we entered the pass. Lieutenant Colonel Oppenstone and the rear guard took a few wretches with their Horses, belonging to a party of 500, hanging on our rear, who say they were detached from Tippoo 12 Days ago, and that his Infantry and heavy Guns, are gradually going off by the Changama pass, and he with part of his Cavalry waiting to settle matters with your Government. My people are come in from the Poni River, and both sides of Wyamongulum Durgum— not a soul to be seen. Tomorrow I move to the ground beyond Shulingur, and I shall order the Advanced Guard to go to the Southward of the Hills both to reconnoitre, and to know exactly the Ground on that quarter for future occasions, they will join us probably about an hour after our Camp is formed.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed James Stuart

Camp West of the Putany
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Dispatched the following letter to Mr. William

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To Mr. William Oram.

Sir,

To Mr. Oram to continue to lay up a stock of grain at the current price

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the President of the 25th Ultimo, and to inform you that as the danger of an immediate attack upon the Circars is past, you may comply with the Renters request of a delay of 15 days (or more if necessary) in delivering to you the grain: but the orders for the renter laying up a large store under your care, are still in force. I am also directed to inform you that as the cutting of the new crop, must have removed the scarcity which before prevailed, the Renter ~~is not~~ is not to be allowed the price established by the orders sent some time since to Mr. Turing, but is to sell the grain at the current price

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I have the honor to be &c
John Huddleston
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Sent the following letter to Mr. George Ramsay with copy of the letter from Captain Fenwicke to the President agreeably to the Minutes of the 5 Instant

To

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To Mr. George Ramsay —

Sir

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee understanding that you are the Agent or Attorney of Captain Fenwick of the Ship called the Success Galley have directed me to send you the enclosed Letter from Captain Fenwicke to the President, and to inform you that having no authority to condemn prizes it rests with you to make the necessary Examinations, and upon your reporting the same to them if you shall judge it expedient to do so they will furnish you with there opinion on the subject.

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) John Huddleston Sec.

To Mr. Geo Ramsay
enclosing Letter
from Capt. Fenwicke.

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At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
Anthony Sadleir, Alexander Davidson Esqrs
Major General Stuart absent on Service
John Holland Esq.r absent at Bengal

The minutes of last Committee read and approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute

Sir

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In Committee

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President enters Minute giving an acct. of his Conference with Tippoo Saib's Vakeel —

The President has the honor to inform the Committee that for the purpose of avoiding any formal reception in Fort S.t George, of the Agent, or Vakeel of Tippoo Saheb, the President gave that Agent notice of his intending to Breakfast with Mr. Haddleston at his Garden House, where the Agent might come to him. This man gave the President assurances of his Master's unremitting attention to the British Prisoners, but that their effective relief could be alone accomplished by a Peace, which the necessities of the People on every side to which Tippoo was fully sensible rendered a most desirable Object. The Agent then proceeded to mention the grounds of the war on the side of Hyder, which were the breach of the treaty and solemn Engagements, that had been made by Mahomed Aly Cawn (Nabob of Arcott) to deliver the Mysorean Madras and Trichinopoly, besides a large sum of money lent to Mahomed Aly) for which he had given his bond, full due, and bearing Interest: with other grievances against him for encroachments and violences on the limits dividing the Carnatic and Hyder's Territories, and suggested the justice of a mutual forgiveness and a compliance with such engagements, which

Mahomed

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Mahomed Ally neither fulfilled, or adjusted by any subsequent agreement.

The President informed the Agent that the treaty between the Governor and Council of Fort St. George and the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn Bahauder made in the year 1769 was in behalf of the English East India Company for the Carnatic Bayenghaut, and that such treaty was therefore a final adjustment of all claims relative to that Country, whether upon the Company, or Mahomed Ally Cawn, who had the Government of it under their protection; and that therefore all demands founded on transactions prior to the year 1769 were absolutely inadmissible.

The President mentioned to the Vakeel the peculiar circumstances and cruel consiquences of the unprovoked and unjust invasion of the Carnatic, and the junction with the French, the Enemies of the Company, contrary to the faith of the treaty 1769, and added that as proper preliminaries to a negotiation between Tippoo and the Company, he must consent to an entire and immediate evacuation of the Carnatic, and to a renunciation of all connection with the French, and a separation from their Forces.

The Vakeel assured the President that the evacuation of the Carnatic, other matters being

settled

settled, would not be attended with difficulty,
nor would a renunciation of any connection
with any French Troops that might arrive
hereafter in the Country; but that those already
here came upon the faith of protection from
Hyder Ally, and joined Tippoo on the renewal of
a similar engagement; that his honor would
never permit him either to deliver up those
Troops, or by seperating from them, alone so
inferior in numbers, and unequal to the English,
to become an easy prey to the latter.

The President observed that the Objects
of Tippoo was to preserve his honor by providing
for the safety of the French Troops now here, against
the English; that the object of the English was to
provide against the designs of the French, that both
objects might be attained by sending the French
Troops now in the Carnatic back to their own
country, from whence they came, as they allege
to the assistance of the Mysoreans, who in the
case of Peace will have no occasion for
such assistance.

The Vakeel desired that a person
authorized might be sent from this Government
to confer upon this and other points in
difference with Tippoo; but was informed by
the President that as he conceived the

Company's

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Company's welfare would not admit of any relaxation in the preliminaries mentioned by him; it might be proper that Tippoo's sentiments should be clearly ascertained in respect to them, before any such step towards a negotiation for a peace treaty could take place.

The Vakeel then desired leave to return to his Master, which was given to him with the usual compliments. —

—

The Committee entirely approve of the steps taken by the President, and of what was urged by his Lordship in the conference with Tippoo Saheb's Agent — Agreed that copies of all our proceedings that relate to this subject be transmitted to the Governor General and Council as soon as possible.

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The Committee having maturely considered the late dispatches from the Southward and the situation to which the army under General Matthews may be exposed, if nothing is attempted on this Side for his support, it is agreed that the following letter be immediately dispatched to Colonel Long with copies of the letters of the 23d. and 28th. January from General Matthews

To

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To Colonel Ross Lang

Commanding the Troops to the Southward.

Sir,

We have received your letter of the 23d February enclosing extract of a letter to You from Mr. Hutchinson advising you of the surrender of Bednore to General Matthews.

The same Intelligence has reached us from General Matthews himself, together with accounts of his success previous to his ascending the Ghauts against the Forts of Rajamundroo and Onore and Candapoor.

Our President has already sent you copies of General Matthews's Letters, and duplicates are herewith enclosed - To have atchieved a conquest of such infinite Importance in so short a space of time, with so small a force, and under so many disadvantages, shews what can be accomplished by an active and intrepid Spirit, impelled and guided by Zeal for the public good, and cannot fail to add lustre to a Character already greatly distinguished.

But you will observe by General Matthews's letter of the 28th. January that his attention was called off from his next object (Changalore) by Intelligence of 10000 Horse, and 20,000 foot coming against him from Tippoo

To Col. Lang to cooperate with Genl Matthews & to use every possible exertion to prevent his being exposed to the whole force of the enemy - to hold a Council of War and if practicable to send a Detachment to his assistance. —

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Saheb's Army, which he hoped would be prevented by our exertions and particularly by our Southern Army's advancing towards Seringapatam. We are perswaded it is not necessary to point to you of what infinite moment it may prove to the Interest of the Company, and to your own reputation, that you should use your utmost endeavours to realize those hopes, and seize the opportunity which now presents itself before you of being greatly instrumental in bringing the war to a happy and honorable conclusion. Our Letter to you of the 22d Ultimo is strongly expressive of our anxiety on this head, and the motives for that anxiety are now become more urgent.

We have Intelligence, which confirms, that received by General Matthews, of Tippoo Saheb having detached against him a considerable part of his Army, and indeed without such Intelligence there can be no doubt of his determination to exert himself to the utmost to recover the most valuable part of his Dominions.

Under these circumstances, altho' we have satisfaction in observing by your last letter, that you had thoughts of moving to the Westward, that satisfaction is diminished by finding that after you were in possession of the Intelligence of General Matthews's success you were marching back

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back to the Tanjore Country upon a rumour that
8000 horse were on their way towards us from
Tippoo's Camp.

It is very improbable that in his pre
situation he should be able to spare such a for
from the important object which must eng
all his solicitude; and even though he sho
to divert your attention, detach such a Body
of plundering Horse to lay waste the Tanjore
Country, we cannot conceive the necessit
of your marching to oppose them, of by th
we are to understand that you carry with y
the Southern Army, which we consider no
sufficient to cope in case of necessity with
the whole force of Tippoo Saib.

We cannot avoid also expressing a
wish that you had not deferred to so late a
period as the 23d February the sending the
necessary Artillery and stores from Tanjo
to Trichinopoly, to enable you to move to the
Westward - however we hope and trust that
whatsoever blame has been lost will be re
by future activity, and we earnestly
expect and desire you, as far as we can
venture to direct you at this distance, to
knowing what events may occur to render
the execution of our orders impracticable, to

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every exertion that is possible for the important object of cooperating effectually with General Matthews and preventing the necessity of his being exposed singly and unsupported to the attack of the Enemy's whole force.

General Matthews, you will observe, has sanguine expectations of strong cooperation and assistance from your army, and as its movement cannot but most effectually contribute to distress and distract the Enemy. We desire that you will have this principle strongly in your mind: and in case you should entertain any doubt with respect to the practicability of effecting our wishes we recommend that you call a council of war (of which Colonels Fullarton and Forbes in particular should be members) and after communicating to them our present dispatches, and consulting with them on the measures most advisable to be pursued, you will either march yourself, or if your own personal presence should be judged necessary in the Tanjore Country, you will detach for the purposes above mentioned as large a force as can possibly be spared (with all due attention to the safety of our Southern possessions) under the command of Colonel Fullarton, or in case of his absence or Indisposition, under Colonel Forbes, both which officers, we have no doubt, will prove themselves deserving of such a trust.

We now write to General Matthews

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assuring him of every assistance and support that can possibly be derived from the Army under your command.

We have no doubt that Mr. Sullivan will exert himself to the utmost to give you every effectual aid in equipping and supplying your Army.

We hourly expect to hear of Sir Edward Hughes's arrival on the Coast, as he was to leave Bombay the 15th. ultimo at furthest.

Tippoo Saib it is said, has blown up the inner Fort of Mirzee.

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We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

Agreed that the following letter be dispatched to General Matthews.

To Brigadier General Matthews
Commanding the Army on the
Malabar Coast.

To Genl. Matthews
Congratulating him upon his Success
have ordered Col. Lang
to give him every
Possible assistance
hope to be able to give
him a sufficient supply
Stores

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letters of the 23d and 28th. January, conveying to us the agreable Information of your success against the Forts of Rajamundroog, Onore, and Cundapore on the Malabar Coast, of your attack of the Ghauts and the subsequent surrender of the capital of

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of Bidinour.

We heartily congratulate you on those conquests, of which the atchievement in so short a space of time, and under so many difficulties, reflects the highest honor on yourself, and the Troops under your command, and we trust will be attended with the most important advantages to the Company, by leading to an happy and honorable termination of the war.

We have Intelligence which confirms yours of Tippoo Saibs having detached considerable part of his army to the Malabar Coast. We know not as yet that he has entirely left the Carnatic, but we are disposed to think that he will leave it soon, and that he will use his utmost efforts to recover the valuable posessions which you have wrested from him. We shall most chearfully do every thing in our power for your support. Our Main Army under General Stuart, which is now at its march to Vellore, to throw provisions into that Garrison, it would be impossible to furnish with the necessary equipments for an expedition into the Enemy's Country. — We have news also to expect considerable French Reinforcements to land on the Coast and Mr. Bussy, and that his object is said to be an Invasion of the Northern

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Northern Circars.

Our hope therefore of assisting you depends chiefly on the Southern Army under Colonel Lang, to whom we have written on the subject in very earnest terms, enclosing copies of your letters, and enjoining him to use every exertion that is possible for the important object of cooperating effectually with you, and preventing the necessity of your being obliged singly and unsupported to the attack of the Enemy's whole force. ——

Should Colonel Lang find it impracticable to advance so far to the Westward, as to yield you effectual support, he shall endeavour with the assistance of the Admiral to send you a reinforcement of Europeans by Sea. ——

We are in hourly expectation of the Intelligence of the Arrivale of Sir Edward Hughes upon the Coast, as he was to leave Bombay by the 15th February at farthest. ——

Captain Light lately taken in the ship Black, is just arrived here from Trincomalee, and informs us that Mr. Suffrein was there with 12 Ships of the line. ——

The only considerable capture made by Mr. Suffrein, while he was to the Northward, were his Majesty's Ship Coventry

and

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and the Blandford Indiaman.

Sir Eyre Coote is daily expected from Bengal to resume the command of the Army.

We request you will continue to favor us with a communication of all material occurrences in your quarter. and

Have the honor to be &c. &c.

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(signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Read the following letter and enclosures from Mr. Sulivan. —

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

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My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have been prevented by Indisposition from earlier transmitting to your Lordship &c. the accompanying translation of an engagement, which I obtained from his Excellency the Rajah on the 15th Instant.

The period fixed for the delivery of the Paddy, though confined to May instead of July, as was earnestly contended for by the Minister, still go to a greater distance of time, than I could have wished; but I am not without hope of procuring the delivery of the greater part, if not the whole,

by

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by the end of March. — I am encouraged to this by the Rajah's attention to the late agreement, which he not only fulfilled before the limited time, but extended by the addition of near Ten thousand callums of Paidy. — He has now too at my solicitation anticipated the payment for this Month, and if nothing shou'd intervene to prevent good humour, your Lordship &c. may expect some little addition to the sum stipulated in the Agreement. I have now the honor of sending to the Committee. I dare not allow myself to wish for any increase in the quantity of grain to be hoarded up in our Magazines, for such is the Distress of the People, to whose Industry we owe this supply, that the attempt to lessen their means of subsistence, beyond what is necessary to our own safety. I am satisfied your Lordship &c. would think to be there of Inhumanity.

That your Lordship &c. may the better be enabled to pass judgement on a subject so interesting to the Company, and to this Country, I beg leave to entreat your attention to the accompanying statements, by which it should appear, That though we shall not have the means of feeding the Army from our Magazines here, we shall have a very ample provision for a greater number of men, than this Garrison, and the two Battalions

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Battalions, that may be left for the protection of the Country can amount to; and that we shall still have a stock of 3 to 322 cullums to add to the supplies from the next harvest in October, when we may hope for General and Effectual reliefs for if the Enemy do not interrupt it, the Aracant will be repaired in time for the cultivation —

I will not presume to assert that the accounts I have now the honor to lay before the Committee are perfectly correct - They are drawn from the best Information, I have been able to collect, and as they are checked by the Intelligence of Mr. Swartz, I submit them with some confidence. Your Lordship &c. will, I am sure, for offering up my wishes that the event may prove I have underrated the means, which the Country now possesses; but I will hope that though they should be found to exceed beyond any pardonable error in calculation, I shall yet have your approbation for not depriving a people, reduced to misery and wretchedness, of a larger part of their support, than may be necessary for our own consumption, upon the large scale I have taken in my calculation of Expenditure.

A resource of some consequence remains to us, in the crop of the Tinnivelore District, where I expect the proportion of the Government will be about 40,000 cullums, but the difficulty will be very great

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great of bringing grain from such a distance,
at a time, when all our means of conveyance
must be employed in transporting what lies near
to this place, and as our distress for money, is
almost as urgent, as the necessities of the people
for grain, I am of opinion it will be advisable to
dispose of a part of the Government share in that
country — I will consult with Mr. Cockrane upon
this subject, and will then do myself the honor of
writing upon it more fully to the Committee.

I have the honor to be

(Seal) John Sullivan

Tanjore
25th January 1783. —

(Seal of the Rajah)

Agreement of what we are to pay this year
to the Honble Company through the hands of Mr.
John Sulivan in Money and Grain of the present
crop of Paddy, of the April crop, and all other sorts
of small grain — In this year of Suma Sallas
Samanine Maya Vaydin the Month of Safer the
10th. Rajah Subha Kritu in the Month of
January the 25th. — Our Agreement consists in
paying 100.000 Star Pagodas and 100000 Kalams
of Paddy, viz.

In Money 100000 Star Pagodas, or
one Lack of Star Pagodas at the following
Terms

100000

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10,000 Star Pagodas to the 30th of January
13000 Do Do to the end of February
20000 Do Do to the end of March
13000 Do Do to the 30th of April
10000 Do Do to the 30th of May
10000 Do Do to the 30th of June

Here begins the year Fasha Khata

10000 Do Do to the 30th of July
9000 Do Do to the 30th of August
3000 Do Do to the 15th of September

100000 Star Pagodas

In Paddy one Lack of Kalam,
measured by that sort of Measure, which is used
in the Country, consequently the Damage of
Measurement and Carriage deducted

100000 Kalam of Paddy viz.
25000 Do of Do in the month of Nov. to the 30th
25000 Do of Do to the 30th of March
25000 Do of Do to the 30th of April
25000 Do of Do to the 30th of May
100000 Kalam

This Lack of Kalam is to be measured in the
Country, at the stated periods, so that the Damage
in the measurement and carriage be deducted from
the above mentioned Sum

P. S. We promise to pay the above mentioned Sums
of money and Paddy, but should the Enemy again
invade our Country, and raise Disturbances we
can't

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can't pay those 2 sums of Money and Paddy
according to the Agreement —

Estimated produce of the present
harvest of Paddy in the Country of Tanjore — 770000

Deduct for churches and charities — — 30,000

Deduct 30 p Cent for the Inhabitants share 296000

926000

Neat share to the Rajah — 555600

Deduct for the Company in grain 100,000

Deduct for the Company for value of Lack
being the sum fixed by the Rajah for the
Carriage, but which will probably be
reduced for the present crop 651 Janams
Pagodas at 16 Tanjore Janams the Collum — — 151.562½

251.562½

Remains for Raja 192,507½

Estimated harvest in small grain 170,000

Deduct 50 p Cent for the Inhabitants
share

83,000

Neat share to the Rajah 85,000

Total of Rajah's proportion, Collums 277.507½

Present stock of Paddy in the
Magazine of Tanjore 25th Jan.y 1783 — — 12588

To be received from the Harvest
now collecting

100,000

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112.583

Estimated consumption of 5000
Men for 9 Months or till the harvest in Oct.
at the rate now issued to the Sepoys of two
Pucha Seer of Paddy each Day and 3/4
Seer in the Collum ——— 78.261

Computed Stock in October
when the next harvest will yield
a new supply ——— 94.322

Computed application
of the Rajahs Share estimated ——— 277.437½

Supposed consumption
of the Rajahs family and Servants
in the Palace for 9 Months including
Wages to Peons and Servants at
6000 Collums p Month ——— 53.000

Remains 318.994

Computed quantity
of Grain for sale from the present
crop ——— 521.771½

Imports from other
Countries for nine Months. on
a medium of the last three Months ——— 93.960

Collums 635.731½

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the population now in
the Fort and Country of Tanjore
cannot be ascertained but the above
quantity at half the allowance
given to the Sepoys would sustain
only 7000 men

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to transmit
with this the copies of two letters addressed by me to
Colonel Lang, together with the papers referred to in
them. In consequence of those letters Colonel Lang
came here on the 5th Instant, and the next day we
had two conferences with the Rana's Minister. They
terminated in his assuring us that he was fully
convinced the gates of Dendigul would be opened
to us, and though he had not so entire a confidence
in the offers sent from Carour, he inclined to believe
they would be fulfilled; and that he would not only
go with the Army, but engage to supply it with
Provisions, if resistance should be made, and to
furnish money as soon as we should take
possession of. He recommended that Colonel Lang
should send a man of confidence to Carour with
his Agent but declared such a precaution
unnecessary with regard to Dendigul, as he had no

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doubts on that subject, but on the contrary would engage that if his Brother was sent there with a Detachment, he should return to the Army with a Reinforcement of 5 or 6000 Polygars, whom he would maintain. He added that he had great encouragement from Cocumbelore, and positive promises from Darapooram and other small Forts in the neighbourhood of Dendigul and Caroor; that he had letters from Carveypooram, inviting us on that side, and he repeated his promise to the Colonel that the Army should not want for Money or Provisions — The Conjeevaries to Caroor went off yesterday morning — Our Army has since crossed the River, and Colonel Lang has ordered it to encamp on this plain, as well to be in readiness to move upon the first favorable Intelligence, as that the Bullocks may assist in carrying grain into the Fort, where we shall have a large Magazine by the 10th of this Month, and I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship &c that before the 20th we shall be well supplied in Provisions; for I have had the good fortune to procure conveyance for as much Paddy as can be gathered and delivered to us, and Colonel Lang has sent such a Force to cover the Collections, as cannot fail to secure them against any Detachment the Enemy can make, while our Main Army keeps the Field — The whole force that Tippoo Sultan can collect, on this side does not exceed 7000 Horse and

6000

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1000 Sepoys, and all the Forts are weakly guarded—
The Rana's Minister has repeatedly urged to
me the value of the opportunity now open to us,
and the Danger that delay may cause the
removal of our Friends—bring an addition of
force to oppose our progress—I have thought it
my duty to acquaint Colonel Lang with those
apprehensions, and to communicate this letter
to him—He will, no doubt, advise your Lordship of
of his sentiments and Intentions, I will therefore
only repeat that with the force now in the Tanjore
Country, and with the means of conveyance we
have there, I will engage that a large Stock of Provisions
shall be laid into that Fort by the end of this
Month.

In this confidence, and with a well
stored Granary here, I have sanguine hope that
Colonel Lang will think it advisable to march for
Caroor upon the return of the Emissaries, even
though their Intelligence should make it necessary
to employ force. I am happy to acquaint your
Lordship upon the Information of an Officer of
Artillery who was last year before Caroor, it could
not hold out six days against a small battering train
supported by the force now in this District, and as
the harvest will be soon collected, and probably the
greater part deposited in the Fort we may hope to
find a valuable magazine of Grain there

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Your Lordship &c. will, I am persuaded
see in such a prospect a strong Argument for the attack of
Carour, and for our endeavouring to possess ourselves of the
resources mentioned in Captain Gibbons's Letters - with such
Aids at our disposition, effectual relief may be administered
to the People of this Provence, whose distress is now extreme
from the scarcity and high price of Provisions, and who will
find but an inapparent remedy in the suspension of all
duties on imported Grain; a measure which I thought it my
duty to adopt, and which I have ordered to be observed
throughout the Provence, as your Lordship &c. will perceive
by the accompanying form of the advertisement which
I have caused to be published. I will do myself the honor
of addressing the Committee on a separate Letter on this
subject. I have introduced here only as it may serve to
Illustrate what I hope will not be thought an unimportant
motive for my solicitations to Colonel Lang.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) John Sullivan.

Trichinopoly
5th February 1783.

Tanjore 27th Jan. 1783

No 1.

Calender Beg sent by Trimulroy to Mr. Sullivan to
give an account of his journey to Carour &c.

Calender Beg says that Trimulroy sent him to
Carour to make observations on the state of the Fort, and the
disposition of the Garrison. Calender Beg knew Anjasamy
who is a Jemidar of Horse at Carour, and having made known
to him the object of his mission under a promise of Secrecy

Anjasamy

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Angasaib thanked God that such an hour was arrived, and was happy to hear Tremulroy was a days at Trichinopoly. Calendar Beg remained two days at Carror, before he left it Angasaib sent him word that he had prepared the Commandant Semidar &c to deliver up the Fort: that the Hillidar & Semidar were not in the Secret, but that the others would serve as the English Army should arrive before the Fort. Angasaib is an aged man, the other Semidars have a great respect for him, they him from regard. Angasaib belonged to the Tanjore Country, left Vellum, and retired to Carror; he formerly was in the Raja's service, his Brothers were Semidars of Horse.

Angasaib having fully explained himself, desired Calendar Beg to inform Tremulroy of their Conversation, and to return, and bring some cloth, that he might give to the other Semidars in confirmation of the Agreement. Angasaib entreated him to return by the Ardaurrourchy road, by which he would avoid suspicion. Angasaib would distribute the cloth, and prepare for opening the gates; but as the Hillidar was not in the Secret it might be proper to give a little, but he would take care that no balls should be in the Cartridges, and when the English had possession of the Pettah, in the confusion he would cause the gates to be opened. Scill throw myself into the Lands of Tremulroy, and the Company said Angasaib, are they shall do as they please with me.

Mr. Sullivan desired Calendar Beg to consider

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conider well the nature of his Information, and to speak nothing but truth: he cautioned also the younger Brother of Trimulroy, who was present, to very guarded in creating this Information, or in recommending the Company to act in consequence of it. The reputation of the future negotiation would suffer, if it should prove void of foundation, and that he (Mr. Sullivan) should recommend Trimulroy personally to aid towards the accomplishment of the business by marching with the Army.

Calendar Beg repeatedly opposed to to take any person recommended by Mr. Sullivan to Carnoor, who should hear from Angarsaid the purport of this Information, that having settled the Business he will return to the Army. if it should not succeed, said he, then hang me within five days after the Army shall arrive at Curtalore or Nursaby. He engages to join it with such proofs, as shall leave no room for further doubt. I even hopes to come accompanied by the Family of Angarsaid, Hindaud Pawn, and three Sirdars of Horse. Angarsaid has no retinue at present. He says the Killidar is a Patan. The Family of Balaumbarow is at Karoor. Only a few guns at present in Karoor. The best and many matchlocks have been sent to Darapore: about three months provision in Karoor. —

Calander Beg belonged to the Peiny Raja, from Trimulroy engaged him the Commandant of 800 Sepoys. is Pertaupsing a Rajaput. Bawaunsanka commands 100 of those Sepoys, both of whom are in the secret

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No 2.

There are at present in Dundigul but 100 Sepoys, 150 Carnatic Men, & 30 Horse; the head man is Satta; he has the Horse under his Command, or rather commands the man, who goes out with the Horse. The Jemidar of the Horse is a Charadda, who is on our side. Satta is the Manager of the Country; he has not yet spoken in our favor: the Charhacca has a Brother-in-Law, who is with the Madoura Polygar, about 10 miles from Dendigul. This Polygar has treated with the Mathattas and has offered him a village: he has promised to come out. This is the most favorable moment to get Dendigul: The Polygar sends me to tell you so. A Subidar, called Mookendie, and a Naigue, called Swamacr[illegible]gar, engage to assist us. The Subidar has about 50, or 60 men under him: the Naigue the same number: The Subidar is in the lower Fort; a man, who came from Seringapatam is on the rock with about 60 Sepoys: if we get the Fort below, they must give up the upper Fort; for they must fetch water from below. The Gookah-Naigue are about 15 Rowing Horse. One Battalion will be enough to take the Fort. There is 6 Months Provision for the present Garrison in the Fort. Distance from Dendigul and Madoura 30 Miles. Tholaundoura is halfway from Dendigul to Madoura half a days walk. Madoura Pollam distant 8 miles from Nattam. The Commandant belongs to the Madoura Polygar, who sends him with this Intelligence.

&c

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In Mr. Sullivan's absence Mr. Hippesley asked what security could be given from the Family of the Polygar, the Subidar, and Semidar? The Man replied. The Polygar now at Trichinopoly (of Peny) is one security The Subidar intends to send off his Family, as soon, as he sees we are in earnest. Will he send off his Family as soon as the Battalion arrives at Sholawandum? The moment we come to the first Polygar place in the Country, the Family will be sent. Sholawandum is our Place, not 30 Coss: 7 miles from Sholawandum is Goocapatnaque: as soon as the Battalion comes there the Subidar will send out his Family, for certain Srinivasy wrote his Brother here, that he must introduce this Commandant to Mr. Sullivan.

To Colonel Lang

Sir.

Calander Beg, who will have the honor of delivering this Letter to you, has been employed by the Agents of her Excellency the Rana of Tanjore in procuring Intelligence from Carroor.

The success of his mission will best appear from the Information in the Paper (N 2) taken by Mr. Swartz in the presence of the younger Brother of Tremimbroy, his Confidential Vakeel, Mr. Hippesley and myself.

The precautions suggested by Calander Beg add authority to his Information, and he opens to us the most unquestionable sources of Intelligence by offering to take with him to Carroor such Agents

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as we may think proper. Mr Mercaval, on whose secrecy and attention I can confide, now accompanies him, and I beg leave to request you will send some person with him for the same purposes of observation and Enquiry.

I cannot doubt but you will embrace the present opportunity as favourable for taking advantage of a disposition which promises such important benefits to the Company at this very interesting Period, when a Powerful enemy under General Matthews is fondly occupied in dismembering the Northern provinces from the unsettled Government of Tippoo Sahib. When the principal Force of the Enemy is known to lay encamped near Conjeveram at the distance of more than 200 miles from Canara; and when the collection of the Revenue in the Western Districts of Trichinopoly must be necessary that a Detachment of some force should be sent to Curtalam, or Wynaad.

We may reasonably hope that the Garrison of Bednjore would not be disposed to resist after the surrender of Canara. The Offers which were made to us, while at Trichinopoly were of the most encouraging nature, and you will find them considerably strengthened in the paper (No 2) which contains an Information taken also by Mr Swartz in the presence of the same Chiefs. I will send the names from whom this Information has been taken, tomorrow when I hope to add some further Intelligence

I have the honor to be

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To Colonel Lang

Sir,

I had last night the honor of your letter dated near Atmby, and I received at the same time a letter from Mr. Balk at Trichinopoly.

I beg leave to congratulate you on the success of the Detachment under Captain Blaker which I hope will enable you to subsist the Army without drawing upon the little stock of provisions in Trichinopoly. Mr. Balk has represented in such strong and just colours the extreme distress of the People as well in that Country, as within the walls of the Fort, that every possible relief must be given to them. The enclosed copy of my letter to him will explain how far I conceive it to be within my power to alleviate this distress, and my readiness to adopt any measures that can be pointed out to effect a purpose, in which Humanity and good policy are so much concerned.

I am persuaded your wishes are earnestly directed to the same end, and that in our present circumstances you will estimate a magazine of grain as the most valuable prize, that could be made. In this opinion I send you the copy of a letter I have received from Captain Gibbins, which not only gives Intelligence of such a magazine, but places it in the situation most favorable for our views towards Dendigul, in, and near to, which place further supplies may be found. I am happy to add

P.S.

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to this information the translated Extract of a letter received last night from the Minister of Mysore, now at Trichinopoly. His desire that his Brother may accompany any party you may send to take advantage of this opportunity, is the fullest testimony he can give of his reliance on the Intelligence he has received, and on the Friends it has come from: and I will venture to say that he will desire little further support, than can be given him by the Troops now in the neighbourhood of Madura.

Encouraged as we are by the accounts from Caroor, and Dendigal, and by those I have now the honor to communicate to you. I beg leave to repeat my hopes that you will consider the present time as favorable for seeking the absence of the Enemy, for the means of relieving the distress so keenly felt in this Country and Trichinopoly.

His Excellency the Raja has applied to me to request that the force left in this Country may be assembled as soon as possible, and he has proposed Combaconum as the station, from which the harvest can be most effectually secured. A party of about 200 of the Enemy's Horse is said to be collected near Cotmanarcoil on the northern bank of the river opposite to Candamallore. As the Incursions of even so small a body would materially interrupt the harvest, I request you will be pleased to order such a force as you may judge proper to assemble, and you will acquaint me when your

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would wish ~~to have~~ provisions to be collected for it. If two Battalions can be spared for this service and an Officer guard is left at Negapatam, I can venture to say that sufficient Protection will be given to this Country

I have the honor to be &c

Letters referred to

To John Sullivan Esq.

Sir,

The People I sent out to make the enquiries you desired, are returned, and bring the following Intelligence. Parchagoarum is a place without either Fort, or Troops, except some Peons: but there is a Fort at Perrycollum within a mile of it. and another at a place called Warrogur, where there is a fine magazine of Paddy, containing from 60, to 70,000 Candys and very few Troops to protect it. There is now a fine crop of Paddy at Parchagoarum fit to cut, which is to be sent to Dandigal when cut.

The 300 horse remain at Golapoh with 6 company's of Sepoys, 4 small guns a chevagar, called Andivah, with 500 Coolies from the Country. joined Hyder's People at Golapah 8 days since. Imagine they intend making another attack on Cosiga Cooke als Sullivan's am. but I have no doubt he will make them go off as before

I am &c

Hyder Ally Khan Bahadur

Colonel

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Extract of a Letter from Trincomalee

Trichinopoly 29th January 1783

News is come to me from Dindigum and Paramudy, and other places in that neighbourhood, where I have Friends, in whom I can place entire confidence, they wish and are waiting for our going there. There are not more that 2 or 300 men in each Place. If you please to allow me to send my Brother Narrain Row to Tholoundaram we shall be able to do a great deal by that means.

Trichinopoly 2d Feb. 1783

Whereas, in consideration of the present high price of grain, it has pleased the Honble Company to take off all duties on Importation in the districts and Port of Trichinopoly from this day until the 10th Day of March next. Notice is hereby given to all, whom it may concern, that no duty, custom or fee whatsoever will be required within the said Limits upon grain of any kind, coming from any Country whether within the Dependence of the Enemy, or otherwise, and all Chokeydars and others employed in the collection of Customs throughout this Province, are hereby strictly enjoined on no account whatsoever, either to require or receive any custom, or to detain on any pretence on the road the persons or Bullocks employed in bringing grain into this Province.

by order

(signed) Thos. Balch

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Read also correspondence between Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Balk on the subject of the Trichinopoly Renters conduct as entered in Miscellany Book &c

The above Papers to lie for consideration but it is agreed that a short letter be dispatched to Mr. Sullivan acknowledging the receipt of them and signifying our approval of the Agreement he has made with the Rajah. Agreed also that copy of the letter to Colonel Lang be sent to Mr. Sullivan and that he be informed we rely on his exertions to promote by every means in his Power the views therein stated.

Read the following letter from Captain Edmonds

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

My Lord.

I have the honor to inform you, that a few days ago as Pope Naijer, Killedar of Kirshoor and on his march to Cannagherry, a Party of the Enemy's Horse and foot, which had been sent for the purpose of plunder, met him; a small skirmish ensued and the Enemy were beat off, without the loss of a man on the side of our Friends, who continued their march to Connagherry, at which place they were reinforced by Hanzy Jenny Basher, Naijer &c. a few Sepoys from hence thus followed the Enemy to the Fort

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of Nandawannum, about 5 Cos from Connoysherry a small Fort in which the Enemy place such plunder as they get, and keep a pretty strong guard in order to cover the Plunderers. This they surrounded; and the preparations making for an attack were of so alarming a nature that the Enemy thought proper to capitulate. The Polygars in this neighbourhood seem at present to be getting the upper hand of the Koonbum of Troops, and I doubt not after this will gain many other advantages, unless the Troops reinforces the Garrison of Koonbum, which are much dispirited —

A man is arrived at Kummum Catchy who says he is the nearest surviving relation of Ram Rauze formerly Zemindar of the Balaghaut and his errand is to request, the Kummum People will give him protection, and assist him, if not in the recovering to lay waste the Palygar Country.

He has been living all this time with Warhauddy Runmanah, who, I understand has consented to his taking this step.

I have the honor &c &c

(Signd) Edward Edmonstone

Angole
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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K: B:

President and Governor &c.

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My Lord,

I did myself the Honor to write your Lordship in my letter of the 27th Ultimo intelligence, which I had received of a [illegible] to Ram Rauze formerly Jemidar of the Palnaud Country having gone to Cummum to implore assistance in order to make a disturbance in the Palnaud; since which I have been informed this person is also related to Cavanah the present Chumil, and that he has in a great measure supported him since the family was turned out. I mention this to your Lordship, if there is any real foundation for this report the present Instructions and the Officer there (" to comply with all requisitions of the Chumil for Sepoys to assist in the Revenue Business ") may subject both him and the Sepoys to very disagreeable circumstances especially situated at such a distance from hence, as he may be liable to have the greater part of his Force scattered over the Country in small parties, that may be easily overcome; Lieutenant Hope being arrived here, Lieutenant [illegible] will be relieved in that command in a few days. It is reported (and I believe with the truth) that the Soubah has taken Nuzonal.

I have the honor &c &c

(sgnd) Law. Edmonds

Angole
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Agreed Captain Edmonds be directed to take measures for securing the person mentioned in the foregoing letters if he should continue his endeavours

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to raise disturbances in the Balnad District.

Read the following Letters.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have the honor herewith to enclose a letter addressed to your Lordships &c. by Major Maule, relative to the present state of the Fortifications of this Garrison, and recommending some further improvement. We beg leave to observe in justice to former Engineers, that the defect, which Major Maule takes notice of in the pier at the Sea-Gate from its being "one entire passage occupying the whole breadth of the Ditch, save a narrow retrenchment, of about 12 feet" was represented by Mr. Beatson, when acting as Engineer of this Garrison, under whose directions the opening of 12 feet was made, and the whole would have been removed at that time had the state of our treasury admitted of the expence - we believe the same remark has also been made by other Engineers. We are unacquainted with the reasons, which may have prevented the work, intended by Mr. Call to have been built on the Pettah Causeway, from being carried into execution; unless an Idea may have arisen, that it would have been in danger of being carried away during the Freshes, when the river overflows, in likemanner as a Bridge over the same Causeway was carried away some years ago; which Idea may

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also have prevented a redoubt from having been built opposite the Sea-Gate.

Our apprehension of being involved in Difficulties by orders being sent to Civil or Military Servants of the Company in these Districts, which do not pass through this Board, and because we apprehend the order lately sent to Major Shaule to proceed to the Presidency, which did not pass through us, may possibly have been owing to some mistake of the Secretary, induce us to beg your Lordship &c. will be pleased to give directions that in future all orders to Company's Servants in these Districts may be sent to us, that those Difficulties which we foresee may be avoided.

We have the honor &c.

Masulipatam
8th March 1783

signed
I. Daniell
I. Hodges
I. P. Boileau
I. Barnard
A. Pringle

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have been honored with your commands by Mr. Secretary Studdleston, under date the 15th Instant, and have the honor to report to you the state of the Fortifications at Masulipatam

Your

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Your Lordship &c. are already so fully possessed of a general knowledge of the situation of the Place, and its Environs, the state of the works at large, and the nature of its defences, that for me here to enlarge upon them, would be needlessly to take up your time.

On my arrival at Pondicherry and examination into the state of the works, with what had been undertaken by Captain Prescott on the apprehension of an Attack, I found that he had judiciously made the procuring a sufficient body of water in the Ditch, his primary object: in this he hath succeeded so, as at this time to have preserved it at a depth of nine feet entirely round the Fort.

Previously to my arrival Captain Prescott had carried into execution an additional work in Masonry for four guns in the Curtain, between Fords, and the Magazine Bastion, in order to encrease the fire upon the high ground above the level of the Swamp, which an Enemy could undoubtedly possess himself of to erect his Batteries upon. These Grounds although at too great a distance to yield the means of doing essential injury to the works themselves, afford situations well calculated for encreasing the cross, and enfilading fire, which it must be expected the Fort will be harrassed with, whenever it is attacked, and the obtaining an

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to a besieging Enemy, must be an essential advantage gained. — Colonel Ross in his Report to your Lordship &c. has pointed out, what must naturally have occurred to him as an objection to these Cavaliers (viz.) the possibility of their affecting the old work, but I hope, and from every appearance really believe, that no failure will arise — The Revetments although of a slight Profil, are well built, and the rampart is filled in with a clay, of a very firm and tenacious nature; and must be, from the length of time it has stood, become so thoroughly settled, that I am very much inclined to think no accident will happen, and in that case, the additional Fire they will bring on the dry grounds, must turn to our advantage.

I here beg leave to observe, that all the Curtains of this Fort, are so narrow, as to afford no space for Cannon defence, should it be ever so urgently required from any particular part of them, and it is perhaps an object well worthy consideration, if in any future resolution to erect Casemates, the constructing them so as to turn them to account, in thickening and heightening the Ramparts of the Curtains, would not be essentially advantageous.

Another work, similar in Execution and Intention, to mount three guns on the Curtains between the Royal and North Bastions, was in some degree of forwardness on my arrival here.

Captain Prescott has judged it

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it necessary to derive some additional Fire on the place of Arms before the Pettah Gate from the Curtains North and South of that Causeway; to obtain this he has been obliged to thicken the rampart with clay and Fascine work, for three guns on each Curtain. These are necessary also to protect a small Cavalier in clay, with which he has occupied one face of the place of Arms, which is too steep to admit of any vacant fire from the Body of the Place. I found it was somewhat advanced, and that it was raised in clay, solely for Economy and Expedition, as a temporary work undertaken at the moment of alarm. It is now completed; as Colonel Ross in his letter to your Lordship &c. of the 18th. Febuary, expressed his wish it should be, and will produce from three Guns en Barbette, a vacant fire on the Glacis and command the Causeway, and is well protected from the body of the place. Yet I beg leave to observe to your Lordship &c. that I think, whenever it can be done with convenience to the state, it will be far more eligible instead of this work, which is now formed in clay, and occupies only one Face of the place of arms, that a Redoubt should be built in Masonry entirely to protect it, but even this constructed on as light a Profil as can be, to answer the purposes intended, and countermined so effectually that it may be entirely destroyed the moment it shall become necessary to abandon it.

A considerable number of Tanks Diggers have been employed to work the Glacis, which very much required it

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work is still in hand—

The retaining a sufficient depth of water in the Ditch, the putting in hand, and pushing forward the Additional works, clearing the Berme, repairing the Glacis, preparing a quantity of Chevaux de Frise, and filling the reservoirs with water, have been the great objects of Employment since the arrival of the French Fleet on the Coast, and I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship &c. that I can only learn from their Chiefs, but am convinced from the advanced State of what has been undertaken, that Captain Prescotts attention to the attainment of these objects has been unremitting.

I am informed by the Chief Council that Captain Prescott had, previous to my arrival recommended to them some additional works to answer purposes similar to those already carried into Execution, which, however necessary, should, in my opinion, give place for the present to a fixed and early attention to the state of the River Front, the works of which are equally respectable with those on any other Front of the Fort, the Bastions and Curtains affording the like good defence, the Ditch and Bermes equally spacious, and the River, which should afford such additional security, becomes from the nature of the present communication between the Landing place and the Fort, an evil instead of a benefit; for the Pier, which extends from the landing place to the Sea-gate is one entire Passage, occupying the whole Breadth of the

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easy, and safe; and it being executed in Masonry and thoroughly countermined, so as to throw it into an heap of ruins, whenever it might become necessary to abandon it, will render it impossible that an Enemy should turn it to any account in the further prosecution of this Attack.

As a very principal and excellent Defence at a most important period, it be derived from the spacious Berme of this Fortress. I take leave to recommend to your Lordship &c. that Sally-ports well traversed and secured, with proper doors, and fastenings, be opened near each centre Angle, under cover of the adjacent Faces. These will at all times render the Communication (now much wanted) from the Interior of the place with the Berme, safe and expeditious, and will considerably accelerate any work, that shall be carrying on there.

Nature has in situation so bountifully contributed to the safety of Masulipatan that not to remedy such deficiencies, as yet remain unprovided for by art, seems to betray an Inclination to forego the advantages, she presents. These deficiencies appear to me only to exist on the river and Detach Fronts, and arise from those Communications, which unfortunately possess nothing as a remedy in their construction, for the inconvenience they occasion to the Work. To preserve them in their full extent, all the conveniencies they afford, and at the

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the same time to render them of as little detriment as possible, is an object, surely well worthy the attainment. The evils to be apprehended from the uninterrupted communication between the Landing place and the Sea Gate I have already fully discussed, and to the best of my judgement have pointed out what I think would remove them. The communi=
=cation on the Land side it is equally necessary should be rendered of a little avail as possible to an Enemy, and to throw at a distance any operations he might meditate on that quarter were much to be wished, and is the principal Intention of the work, I have before proposed.

The Interior of the Fort is capable of great Improvement by the removal of a number of damaged, useless buildings, and forming and compleating the streets at right Angles with each other. Captain Prescott has just opened and planted a new Street, extending the whole length of the Town which has added considerably to its cleanliness and and regularity of Appearance.

The Great want of casemates for the lodging of Troops, the purposes of an Hospital, and the other several uses to be derived from them must be very severely felt if ever Masulipatam should have an attack to sustain —

I have recommended to the Chief and Council the further provision of Fascines, as well as some Gabions, of which there are none in

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Stores. I have also represented to them, that I think the quantity of Pioneers tools should be in a certain proportion encreased.

The Gun-carriages are in general very good: there are some, which have been reported unserviceable; and these should be replaced by the Carriages Br. Wasterbis making on terms, you are already apprized of. I can assure your Lordship &c. that the carriages, which Mr. Braddock has sent from Ellore to Masulipatam, are equal in Materials, and workmanship to any I have seen made up at the Presidency.

I cannot close this Address, without observing to your Lordship &c. that on my arrival here I found in every Department, on which the defence of the place at all depended, a precision of arrangement and good order, which reflects the highest credit on the Gentlemen in charge of each; and I hope your Lordship &c. will not think I pass the bounds of propriety in doing a justice as strictly due to all concerned, as it is satisfactory to me to make the Assertion.

As your Lordship &c. have been pleased to direct that I should return to the Presidency, I shall in compliance with your orders make Captain Prescott acquainted with my particular Ideas on the subject. I have in general submitted to your Lordship &c. and trust, that he will in the execution of any of them you have adopted, acquit himself to

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your satisfaction, and his own credit.

I have the honor to be &c

(sgnd) Geo Maule

Engineer

Ordered to lie for consideration

Read the following letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam, with the letters therein mentioned from the Rajah Vizeram Rauze and his Brother Sittaram Rauze, as entered in Country Correspondence No 1, Pension to Consultation mentioned in the above letter lodged in the Office.

Masulipatam 27th February 1783

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

My Lord, and Gentlemen

We have the honor to send you inclosed a letter for the Right Honble the President from the Rajah Vizeram Rauze and his Brother Sittaram Rauze, in answer to those transmitted in your Lordships &c. Letter of the 18th Ultimo, which were delivered them by the Chief agreable to your orders. They both took that occasion to renew their professions of firm attachment and true allegiance to the Honble Company, and we have no doubt, that when their assistance shall be necessary in the Masulipatam district they will readily comply with the summons. But we presume ourselves, &c

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that until such necessity exists, it is not your Intention they should leave this District open and unprotected to the Ravages of the Hill People, which would be the certain consequence, and which our small force will be unable to repress. In our former letter we took the liberty to represent our sentiments of the necessity of pursuing such appearances as long as we can for the security of the Revenue, and the Peace of the District; but those two objects will be lost, the moment the Rajahs with their People leave it, for after having sent away our guns, Stores, and Europeans, it will be considered as a total desertion of the District, Anarchy will ensue, and the few Sepoys left with us may prove but a poor protection to ourselves, when we are obliged to retreat from Vizagapatam.

With respect to the requisition of Narsinha Puzzapatty Pauze as an Hostage which your Lordship &c.a have left to the discretion of the Chief, either to bring forward or not, as may be thought most eligible; we beg leave to refer you to our Consultation on the Subject, herewith enclosed and shall here only remark that our Sentiments coincide with your Lordships &c.a, and moreover we are thoroughly convinced, that even did the measure in other circumstances appear unexceptionable, it would in our present situation be highly impolitic, as we have not the means

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to enforce the requisition, in case of a refusal, which, would be disgraceful.

In our letter of the 12th we requainted your Lordship &c. with the demand of the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam for the Grenadier Companies of our Battalion, and enclosed copies of our correspondence on the subject; we now transmit copy of another letter received from them last night, and as they have thought proper to persist in the requisition, we shall comply with it without thinking of the consequences unless your Lordship &c. in consideration of the representation, made, of our situation may have thought it necessary to send us orders to the contrary

We are &c.

signed
Claud Russel
Henry Crawford
Chas. Maistone
F: H: Drake

Vizagapatam
25th February 1763

To Claud Russel Esqr.
Chief and Council of
Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

We have been honored with the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, and communicated your reasons for wishing to detain the Grenadier Companies of the 1st Circar Battalion to Colonel Jones, who has declined giving any opinion respecting

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respecting the propriety of what you have urged being, as he says, unacquainted with the Politicks of the Vizagapatam District, and has only informed us he will wait their arrival, when it may deemed proper that they should join him.

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee having repeatedly directed us to pay every attention to whatever measures are recommended by Colonel Jones, and to consult with him on all Military matters, we must again request you will be pleased to order the Grenadiers to join him; but lest you should be of opinion that sending them out of the District immediately would impede the payment of the Kistabuck you inform us will become due at the end of this Month, we have informed Colonel Jones, that we would leave it in your option to detain 'till the end of the Month, should you think it necessary, and we then desire you will order them to join him without further loss of time.

The Detachment, which the Select Committee have ordered to be assembled under the command of Colonel Jones being intended for the security of all the Northern Circars: they would of course march to any part of the Districts, if circumstances should render it necessary, so that although the withdrawing two Companies from your District will weaken it internal Force, yet it cannot by any means be considered as

weakening

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weakening the strength of the whole, agreable to the general plan of defence adopted by the Select Committee.

The French fleet being now to the Southward of Madras, and Sir Edward Hughes expected shortly from Bombay are further inducements to us to consent to your detention of the Grenadier Companies till the end of the Month — but as the last necessity may be too late for them to form a junction with Colonel Jones, we hope you will not detain them longer than the beginning of March, and that you will then order them to join Colonels Jones's detachment with all expedition.

We are &c.
signed J. Daniell &c
Council

Masulipatam
21st. February 1783

It was not the Intention or wish of the Committee that the Rajahs should leave the District with their People to join the Troops in the Masulipatam District, unless the common safety of the Circars should render such a measure advisable — The Committee approve of the reasoning of the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam against demanding Nasima Gazzepatty Rauze as an Hostage

The removal of their two Grenadier Companies will be prevented by our Letter to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam of the 21st. ultimo.

Read

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Read the following Letter —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The enclosed Papers will shew you how much General Stuart was pleased with that part of his Majesty's Hanoverian Regiment, which served but a short time in the Army, and notwithstanding all flattering Compliments was sent back to Fort St. George, by the means of which the Officers, who with large expences equipped themselves, are not put into an entire ruin, being obliged to sell their Horses and other stores to their utmost damage — Nay it rather would have proved to their absolute profit if this Detachment had always staid within the Fort, so much the more as it has been projected, before the Army moved towards Wandewash, that this part of the 73d Regiment should return to its former Garrison, immediately after the Army's coming back near Madras. I therefore find myself under the more pressing necessity to request a recompence for those Officers, who for their greatest loss were kept only a few weeks in the field, as it redounds to the most earnest will and orders of his Majesty that the German Regiments should be treated in every respect equal to his English Troops, it however would prove the most evident difference, when the first should stay in Garrison, whilst the latter were towing in

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in the Army.

Further remonstrances I have to you consist in the Officers lately returning out of the field, not having got until this day such quarters, as their ranks deserve, but as they must live these ten days under Sepoys Tents upon the rampart endure so much more damage. The money, which, on account of past loyal services, this part of the 15th Hanoverian Regiment may lay claim to, and which by regulations of the worth Honble Company, is due, cannot be drawn out of, which the impossibility arises to pay out to every one what he deserved, or to establish the cash of the Regiment, and we must be afraid indeed to be put into the greatest confusion.

The matters I have spoken of, are but too often the source of displeased minds, especially when neither Officer, or private men can get in proper time, what by their services became due unto them, it moreover will grow damageable to the Company's service, and hinders me from maint= taining discipline, or those established orders, which the King's Hanoverian Troops would always boast of, and of which I am obliged to report to his Majesty according as it happens.

The King's Majesty having conferd with the strictest orders under my care, and to the best of my Power, the welfare, and good station of his German Troops, I find myself under

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of remonstrating the mentioned articles unto the Honble Company, adding to this a request it will make such regulations in each case, which may redound to our better benefit: it appears so much the more my duty, as I am answerable for whatsoever belongs to this Corps unto the King; and as I shall endeavour as much as ever possible not to lose the love and reliance of these brave Regiments.

I dare depend upon it the most Honble Company will not overlook these my complaints, but rather keep such orders that his Majestys German Regiments are not to suffer any disadvantage, but enjoy the same profits like other Kings-Troops: at the same time be pleased to consider our being new arrived troops, even like Strangers, who though came not over to India to grow rich people in this Country (which however is always impossible for any tributary man living on his wages; so much less as every kind of management requires a large sum by these most expensive days) but rather left our native Country and Friends, undertaking a very large and dangerous passage over the Sea, enlivened by that laudable desire for every honest Soldier to acquire honour and glory in the service of their Princes and Armies.

I flatter myself that after a ripe consideration you by your own selves will take

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the most possible good care and attention for the
maintenance of both his Majesty's German
Regiments.

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I have the honor &c
(signed) C. I. Reinbold
Colonel

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

You will allow me to put
you in mind of the arrival (probably very near) of
the 16th Hanoverian Regiment, together with the other
part belonging to this 15th, and request at the same
time, you will be kind enough to make some
regulations, that both Officers and private men get
their quarters as soon as possible, and that for the
rest of their reception every thing be put in order,
so that these Troops may be landed without loss
of time.

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) C. I. Reinbold.
Colonel

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To Colonel Reinbold
Sir.

The Exigency of the service
requires that the Detachment of his Majesty's 15th
Hanoverian regiment lately serving in the field, should
now the present make part of the Garrison of Fort St. George,
&c

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I was happy in having it in my Power in the General Orders of yesterday before their leaving Camp, to express my entire satisfaction of their Conduct.

I am now to mention to you (tho' not in General Orders) that in the present State of Health of Major General Sir John Burgoyne, the like exigency requires that an Officer of your abilities and experience, should be at the Presidency, to command in case of need, while the Army in the Field may be employed at a distance from thence; this is one reason; and another arises from the consideration of the remains of His Majesty's 73d & 74th Battalions of Highlanders, which may be soon expected.

The responsibility with you as their Colonel to see that every thing is provided properly for them, and that they be soon put in a condition for service in this Country, makes me think it expedient that you should be immediately present at Fort St. George; and for these reasons, so soon as you see proper this Day, or tomorrow, you will proceed thither.

I hope on every past occasion it my power to have afforded you proofs of my friendship, and of the high opinion I have of you in every point of view; I am confirmed in that opinion from the more near acquaintance during the late service in the Field. I am now to repeat the

I am

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same sentiments, with assurances, that on every future occasion, you and your Corps may depend upon the attachment of

Your &c.

(signed) James Stuart.

General Orders of the 23d. of February 1783

The present Service requiring that the Garrison of Fort St. George should be encreased, it is therefore necessary that the Detachment of his Majesty's 15th Regiment of Hanoverians under the command of Major Dareniue should proceed thither; and they are to march to-morrow at Day-break — The General taked this occasion to express his satisfaction of the Officers and men of this Detachment; and he requests that Colonel Reinbold will add that he looks upon their continued state of good Health on Field service as on account of regularity, and interior good discipline in the Corps —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K: B:

My Lord,

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that three French deserters are just come in here, who left the French Camp near Arnee the day before yesterday, and say that Tippoo marched from thence (and reported for his own Country three days before they left Arnee) and took away about six hundred men of the Regiment of Mauritius under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Tippoo

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has left a body of five thousand Horse with the French six miles this side of Arnee, they also say that a French Frigate is arrived at Cuddalore with two hundred men, and with account that Mr. Bussy is near at Land.

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I have the honor to be &c
Lieut. Alexander Paterson

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I did myself the Honr some time since to propose supplying the Honble Company with a quantity of Bengal Rum at the rate of 155 Pagodas ₱ Leaguer, and I have since received a Letter from my Correspondent at Bengal which induces me to inform your Lordship &c. that I am now willing to engage to furnish the Company here with a quantity from 100, to 300 Leaguers, each of 130 Gallons at 150 Pagodas ₱ Leaguer, payable on delivery by bills on the Governor General and Councile at the rate of 280 Arcot Rupees ₱ 100 Pagodas, the whole to be delivered between the 1st April and 30th September, provided the Cock continues open, which I apprehend in the present state of affairs is an unavoidable condition. The Rum I lately had in hand being all disposed of I am unable to deliver any at present.

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I have the honor to be &c.

(signd) Wm Michell

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K: B:

President and Governor &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Accompanying I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a return of the Rice, Grain &c and Carriage Bullocks, Carts and provisions supplies to the Army from the 6th. of January to the 6th. of March 1783 — and only beg leave to remind your Lordship, that all this has been effected without any advance from the Company, and under the heavy arrears, which are now due to me.

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) William Roy

Agent

Fort St. George

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The return mentioned in the foregoing letter entered entered in Miscellany Book.

Agreed that the Secretary return the following answer to Colonel Reinbold.

To Colonel Reinbold &c.

His Majesty's 15th. Hanoverian Regiment

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th. Instant.

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The Select Committee have great pleasure in joining in the approbation he has expressed of your conduct, and that of the Regiment under your command.

With respect to the circumstances of your Regiment being ordered to the Field, and a short time afterwards into the Garrison Field again, the Select Committee are surprized that you should think it a proper subject of Complaint. It is the lot of your Corps to-day, and it may be that of another Corps tomorrow; and your own experience must inform you that it is left to the Commanding Officers of Corps to judge where they can best be employed for the Public Service.

Your complaint of the loss your Officers have incurred by being ordered into Garrison appears to the Select Committee to be equally unreasonable for the extraordinary expences of the Field. There is an established allowance called Batta, and as a particular mark of attention to you the Select Committee dispensed with the rules of the service in your favor by completing the Months Batta after you had left the Field and were actually in Garrison. The field expences of Coolies and batta to Servants ceased on your return to Madras: and the Select Committee can scarcely conceive that the loss your Officers have sustained by being obliged to sell their horses, could have been so great as to have involved them in entire Ruin.

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The Select Committee on this occasion direct me also to remark to you that the Company's Troops are exposed to greater Inconveniences than others, by being many Months in arrears, while your Regiment receives its pay as soon as it becomes due.

With respect to quarters, you are not unacquainted with the State of the Barracks, and that although it was not possible to put your People exactly into the same Quarters, which they occupied before they joined the Army, the Barrack-Master has informed the President, that in pursuance of the orders of Government he had accomodated them in the best manner possible at the time, and was using his endeavours to gratify them still further.

Whatever Complaints you may have to make in future the Select Committee request that you will point out the persons, who are in fault, that they may be the better enabled to give the relief, which you wish, and which they will always be desirous of affording to the best of their Ability

I have the Honor to be &c

(Signed) John Huddleston
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N.B. The Committee having written to the Governor General and Council for a quantity of Bengal Rice do not think it necessary to contract for any. Agreed to write to them again

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on the subject.

The President laid before the Committee the following paper of Intelligence obtained from Captain Light late Commander of the ship Blake, who arrive this Morning in a Portuguez ship from Cuddalore, whither he had been sent from Trincomalee a few days before.

Intelligence of the French Fleet &c. given by Captain Light late Commanding the Blake Brig.

The French Fleet consisting of 11 Sail of the Line, and the Fire and Bellona Frigates left Achem the 20th December. The Hannibal and Bellona were sent to convoy off the Braces. The 1st of January the Fleet arrived at Ganjam — the 4th &c. the Coventry was taken, she had spoke the Blandford that Morning, who informed Captain Wolsey that he had in the night engaged a Privateer. The Coventry seeing a Ship at Anchor in Ganjam road supposed it to be the Privateer, and ran close in before she discovered the rest of the Fleet. On the 11th the Blandford was taken by the Coventry — On the 13th the Blake was taken by the Coventry — On the 20th & 21st three small vessels in Ballast were taken and sunk. — Monsr. Suffrein finding he lost so much time in keeping along shore put off near Vizagapatam on the 26th — on the 21st a small sloop from Cuda with Pepper and Tin was taken — When the Fleet approached Madras, two sail were seen, from which the French concluded that

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that Sir Edward Hughes was there, and immediately steered to the Southward — The Coventry was sent to Pondicherry for Intelligence, and on her return to the Fleet with the Masters Attendants Mr. Suffrein stood for Cuddalore, where he staid three days, and learnt from the shore that Sir Edward Hughes had lost four Ships sunk, and two missing; that Mr. Bussy was to have sailed on the 20th December: and that five sail of the French Line, and five Dutch, with many Transports were at the Cape. From Cuddalore the St. Michael and Coventry were sent to convoy the Marias — The Fleet went to Porto Nova, staid two days, then proceeded to Trincomalee, where they arrived on the 20th February. At Trincomalee the Energie was on the Careen, nearly finished and new copper'd. The Hornby from Portugal, put in under jury masts, and is retained as a prize. The Polongue Transport, 28, 18 pounders Captain Mr. Hilare arrived with Troops (800) from the Mauritius. — The said Captain St. George, 30 Guns, 9 Pounders, from the Cape. — The Fortitude with Timber and Masts from Pegue, and another vessel a prize — The Consolant from Malacca with Masts and Provisions. — a large Dutch Ship from the Cape with Provisions. — A small Brig taken Captain Connor, or Conner — the Mary, Snow, and two small vessels. — Captain Light was not allowed to go on shore; but saw they were at work, strengthening Fort Ostaburg, and levelling the Hill at the Back: He was told, they were encreasing the Fortifications round the Town.

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The Fleet were watering and wooding with all Expedition.

The 27th the Fox and Black were sent to Cuddalore with 250 Troops; they arrived 1st March, and sailed again that Night for Trincomalee.

The 2d the St. Michael Coventry arrived from Madras. they staid two days, and then sailed for Trincomalee.

On the 28th the Naiad arrived at Cuddalore where she now is — About 100 Seamen were returned from the Hospital to the Fleet. — Two Regiments of the French Europeans, with 6000 Horse, said to be marched from Cuddalore to the Mysore Country. The French Officers mentioned this in Conversation before Captain Light onboard the Coventry in Cuddalore Roads, and added that the French Troops had refused to march, until the Batta they had stipulated, was agreed to be paid by Tippoo Saib —

Captain Light arrived at Madras the 9th onboard the De Cavone a Portuguez Ship from Bengal, which had been met by the Bellona on her way, and obliged to go to and dispose of her cargoe of Rice at Cuddalore

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Agreed that copy of the foregoing Intelligence be dispatched to the Governor General and Council

Read Letters, as entered in Miscellany Book from Major Mackenzie of his

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his Majesty's 73d. Regiment, advising that he is ordered by General Stuart (as by a letter from him enclosed) to return to Europe on the recruiting services by the first opportunity, and requesting that a passage may be ordered for him onboard of the first of the Companies Ships that may be dispatched.

Agreed

To pass Lt. Zeglar and Ensign Dutch Gentlemen on their Parole at Trincomalee requesting to be permitted to go by way of Columbo to Batavia.

Agreed Major Shackenzie be informed that we shall willingly order him to be received on board one of the Company's Ships, but that we are precluded by the Company's orders from putting them to any expence on that account.

Agreed that permission be granted to Messrs. Zeglar and Snyder to proceed to Batavia direct but not by way of Columbo

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9th Dispatched the following Letter agree-
able to the Minutes of this day with the en-
closures therein mentioned, respectively

To John Sullivan Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

To Mr. J. Sulivan enclosing a letter for Col: Lang Expressing the firmest reliance on his exertions, approve of the agreement made with the Rajah —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, to furnish You with the enclosed Copy of a letter now dispatched to Colonel Lang, and to signify to You their reliance on Your exertions to promote by every means in Your power the important service therein stated, and they are persuaded no Delay will arise in Your Department to the Operations of Colonel Langs Army; as the Committee have the greatest dependance on Your endeavours to furnish him with every possible Resource, of the Tanjore, and Trichinopoly Countries.

The Select Committee have received Your dispatches of the 5th ultimo but have only time at present to signify their approbation of the Agreement You have made with the Rajah, and their hope that You will be able to render it effectual,

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) John Huddleston
Secy.

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Major General Stuart

Commander in Chief

Sir

To General Stuart enclosing letter from Masulipatam and Intelligence from Travancore —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send You the enclosed Copy of a letter to them from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, and the latest Intelligence received relative to the Enemys motions

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Fort St. George
9th March 1783

(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

10th Received the following letters with the Enclosures mentioned therein.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President & Select Committee —

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Col. Lang representing the situation of the Tanjore Country & the insufficiency of the stock of Grain proposed to be laid up there with intelligence respecting Hyder & his intentions regarding that Place —

I had the honor of receiving Your letter of the 20th past on the 4th Instant & immediately transmitted a Copy of the Intelligence to Mr Hutchinson to be forwarded by him to Bombay by Cleave

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10th. leave to congratulate Your Lordship &c. on the Reduc=
=tion of Bidanore by Genl. Mathews. of which Mr. Hut=
=chinson received Accounts from Tellicherry by a boat
which arrived at Anjengo on the 11th. & expected official
accounts by a Ship the Day following, this Country is
at present in perfect Tranquility, & the Harvest about Ter=
=minating, getting in fast, that in the Tanjore Country be=
=ginning to be cut, In my former Letters I expressed the
absolute necessity of attending to the security of the Corps,
on which our very Existence Depends: this now becomes
the more necessary from the situation of Tanjore. in
which on the 15th. there was but a very inconsiderable
quantity of grain & the weekly consumption of the
Garrison 1300 Cullum from that Day Grain has been
taking in Daily, but not in any considerable quantity,
I have represented to Your Resident Mr. Sullivan the
Insufficiency of the quantity of Grain intended as
the Stock for that important Garrison, & informed him
that I shall not think the Southern Countries in a State
of Security, Tanjore in a State of Safety, or look upon
myself as responsible for the safety & preservation
of the Southern Provinces, unless two Lacs & fifty
Thousand Cullums of Grain be deposited in the Publick
Stores of Tanjore. which the Country can now sup=
=ply in the most ample manner I have recommended
this to his most serious attention & have represented

to

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10th to him how very precarious / Answers from Government are & that Your Orders may not arrive in time to secure this quantity; & have informed him that I have represented this to Your Lordship & the Gentlemen of the Committee I am deeply concerned to inform Your Lordship &c. that I am apprehensive it will be out of my power to keep up that harmony and Unanimity which should subsist betwixt Your Resident & me, Our Departments are so connected that I have hitherto deemed it indispensably necessary to communicate freely every information I received respecting the Revenue & State of the Country, this has led him into an opinion that I have been making strictures upon his Conduct, & prying into his Actions, a Line of Conduct, which I detest & hold in the utmost abhorrence, In my Letters to Your Lordship &c. as well as those to Mr. Sulivan & in my Conferences with him I never attempted to draw upon the proportion which the Rajah should pay out of his Share of the Crop & his other Receipts, nor do I know the Extent of his Engagements with this Honble Company, I have acted as every Officer in my Situation would have done, when I heard of the Agreement which the Raja had entered into with Mr. Sulivan, I expressed my disapprobation at his not having furnished considerably more, than he was fully enabled to do from the flourishing State of his Country, the Tranquility which it has enjoyed

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16th enjoyed for many months. & the great Resources, which he will draw from it this Year. should it become necessary hereafter I shall prove that the Estimate which I have laid before You, of the Rajahs proportion of the troop & his other Receipts falls far short of what he expects to receive altho I have no concern in the Revenue Depart= =ment. Yet I deem it an indispensable Duty to gain the best Information of the Resources, on which I am to depend. & to lay before You the State of the Country and what it is capable of yielding. The Agent whom I sent to Canoor upon the assurances of Mr. Sullivan that he would return with the most satisfactory accounts, has not been able to effect any thing, nor did he receive the least encouragement, or converse with any of the party as mentioned in the papers of intelligence, sent You, or even gained admittance into the fort, I am informed by this man that he understood from People with whom he conversed that the Garrison is 2000, half were suspected to be our friends & the other half not to be depended upon, I keep a Watchful eye upon this place & shall possess myself of it as soon as I see I can safely, Mr. Sullivans Army Views unfortunately tend to different objects, This to conquest which I could not maintain, after possession, mine to secure

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10th seem these countries by storing the Garrison (which were altogether unprovided with grain before I undertook any enterprize whatsoever, Whenever I begin I must (you must excuse a Country expression) never look behind me nor must attempt to burn too many irons in the fire at a time, I could but ill merit the confidence I trust reposed in me, did I omit embracing any opportunity of rendering my Country & Employers that Service, which is expected from me.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your faithful humble Servt
(signed) Ross Lang

Camp on Pulicat Poly
Plain 21st February 1783

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Wm. I. Sullivan with copies of letters giving an account of the success of Genl. Matthews as entered in the Committee of the 5th of march

I have the honor to send your Lordship & Gentlemen Duplicate Copies of Genl. Matthews Letters & Postscript from the Resident at Anjango the originals were dispatched last night for Nyapatam and I have this evening forwarded copies thro Genl. Stuart I have communicated those dispatches to both

Lang

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10th Lang in the hope that he will immediately take such measures as may divert a part of the Enemys attention from Genl. Matthews —

I have the honor to be with

great respect

My Lord Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and

faithfull humble Servant

(signed) John Sullivan

Warrior
February 24th 1783

The Originals of the abovementioned
Letter entered in Committee 5th March

John Huddleston Esq.

Sir

I Inclosed are copies of two letters I rec'd. from Lt Genl. Sir Eyre Coote, relative to the demo=lishing & Evacuating of Carrangooly. besides the Stores sent to Chingleput, for which I yesterday had the Honour to Inclose You Lt Patersons receipt there was two Field Pieces with Bullocks, Tumbrils & Ammunition, compleat Twenty Five Barrells of Musquet Ammuni=tion some spare Musquet balls &c delivered to Lt. Moorhouse for which I have not Yet got his receipt the Coast Lascars Artificers &c were delivered to Mr. Welch & the Carriage Bullocks to Mr. Kinnoorthy by

From Capt. Crawford with account of Rect &c paid in Carangooly —

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10th by Genl Stuart to Order. I likewise Inclose Your an account of Cadey & Rice mined and Issued in the Garri= =son of Cannanoory from the 9th January 1782 to the 17th February 1783 Inclusive, a Book with the Particu= =culars of it will be made out as soon as possible & delivered in.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Very Obedient
humble Servant
[signed] Arr. Crawford

Fort St George
6th March 1783

To Lieut Crawford

Sir

I desire that on receipt hereof you make every preparation necessary for Blowing up the Works & hold Yourselves Garrison in readiness to Join the Army, Immediately upon the receipt of my further Orders the Intention You will use the interim allow as little to Transpire as possible

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
[signed] Eyre Coote

Camp Vandewash
11th June 1782

To

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To Lieut. Art. Crawford

Commander Carnangoly

Sir

I have received Your letter of the 3rd. You will endeavour on receipt of this to commence sending of the Stores to Chingleput by Coolies or other means of conveyance You may be able to procure. I am sensible this is a Business which can only be effected by degrees, but I know I can rely on Your doing it with every possible dispatch, & I have directed Capt. Caldwell to give You all the assistance in his power, it is not my wish that the Guns should be evacuated until the Enemys motions of which You will endeavour to obtain the best & constant Information, give You reason to apprehend danger, in the Interim You will do by the Stores as above directed the disabling of Gun carriages of the Guns mounted on the Works, & otherwise rendering the Guns unfit for the Enemys use the burning of the Gateways & the spiking of the Mines are all Operations to be executed about the time You may think it necessary to Quit the Garrison You will be Guided in this step by Your own Judgement formed on Your Intelligence Your Retreat must be to Chingleput, by such Route as You may think most safe the two Field Boats you formerly You will of course bring along with You

I am

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Camp Cherryleput
16th June 1782

Sam
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) Eyre Coote

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

My Lord &c &c Fort St. George

From Genl. Stuart with intelligence of the French & Tippoo Saib—

We came to our ground here this day about 11 in the forenoon — the advanced Guard under the Field Officer of the day (which Corps I fell in with a Harcarrah Peshwa from the Enemy dispatched by Tippoo to the Man who commands the Cavalry hovering on our rear. This fellow has infinite merit, I defended himself with great Manliness, and prosperity against Lieut. Thorp and two other officers who with great difficulty got up with him, he had dropped his letter (as he says) one mile from Camp, and I have sent a party to conduct him to the place. The Corrocar man has a rope about his neck to frighten him, but he is such a fine fellow that he shall not in any event suffer. I desired my secretary before he went off with the rope to examine him and found the result which has every appearance of Genuiness. The advanced Guard came rather late to their

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10th their ground owing to this fellows pursuit — Seven of my people are this day coming in, who in general agree that the principal part of Tippoos Army and Guns are actually on their way towards the Changama Pass by Coilore and Tippoo waiting for the Negociation with You, and that the French are still encamped near Wy a hundred and a party of Horse (some say three thousand) to remain with them on the Carnatick untill Tippoos return, and that the Partisan Lalle is gone back to Cuddalore their accounts are of four days from seeing Tippoo, there have been some proportions from the Hilly Dar and two Subidars of Sepoys are arrived to Captain Cuppage which I shall write more fully of the Day after to morrow, that place (the small Fort) is opened at a certain and one bastion. There is some paddy in it and were I not that I must confine myself to five days Rice from Vellore In the certainty of finding a supply at Trepassore I should direct my return to the Bruse=deney by Arcot and Conjeveram But we have too great an object in view, the drawing the French from the Coast to be diverted by inferior considera=tion or to think of leaving one Company of Sepoys from this Main Army, even to garrison ten Ar==mind Capital of the Carnatic Liable to invest — therefore I shall neither turn to the right nor to

the

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20th the left on any side views —

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most obedient

& most humble Servant

(signed) James Stuart

Camp near of Shedinguer
8th March 1783

P. S. Notwithstanding the Reports concerning Accot
Captain Douglas when I sent to the top of the hill
me that he counted distinctly all the Towers of the latter
Fort standing —

Intelligence received the 8th March 1783

Abdoolnubbee taken Coossoor this Day
says he was dispatched by Tippoo from an inhabited
Village near Arnée (the name of which he is unacquain-
-ted with) probably 10 Cy upwards (on last Friday morning
with a letter to Sultan Sing whom he expected to find
in the neighbourhood of Tyacotum - that the above letter
is lost but believes the Contents are as follows - I am now
going to recover Bednore Country which has lately fallen
into the hands of the English - I have left Moonoodeen
(Nephew of the late Meer Saheb) with the Sillahdar Horse
with instructions to assist the French and take care
of the Carnatic in my absence, You will therefore consi-
-der him as my Representative in these parts and obey

him

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10th from accordingly — That Mohamed Ally with 2000 Cavalry his own Division of Infantry and some heavy Guns and Stores marched through the Changama Pass 12 or 15 days ago to proceed for the Bidenore Country and has been since followed by Commandants Sack Doodeen and Shuckamuse with their Divisions and the remainder of the heavy baggage of the Army — That Tippoo Sarreem Saheb Cummeroodeen (Meer Saheb Son) and Second named Commandant the only Infantry Officer of any note now on this side of the Pass with some Cavalry were to march the Day on which he Abdoolrieebba was dispatched for Colloor on their way to the Mysore Country by Changama That he understands the above Meer Abdeen & the French are encamped near Vulwah with Directions from Tippoo to move towards Madras in order to disturb that Neighbourhood while the English Army is engaged to the Westward — That ten Days ago he delivered a letter from Tippoo to Mons.r Suffrein then at Porto Novo taking in water (as he imagines) wishing to have information relative to the expected reinforcement which at that time was not arrived also that he understood Mons.r Suffrein was soon to sail for Mangalore in order to cover that place from any attempt on the part of our Troops in that Quarter —

Sign'd James Stuart

John

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John Ruddleston Esq.

Secretary

Sir

From Mr. Ramsay declines interfering respecting the Vessell sent in by Capt.n Fen= =wick —

In Answer to Your Letter of yesterday which I have just now received I beg leave to inform You that altho' I have at times transacted business for Capt.n Fenwick Yet I have no general authority for doing so nor have I ever heard from him on the Subject of his letter to the Right Honble Lord Macartney of which You have been pleased to furnish me with a Copy I therefore I consider that it does not behove me to enter= =fere in any respect in regard to the matter in Question —

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

/ signed / George Ramsay

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Dispatched the following Letters

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r

Governor General &c.a Council

of Bengal

To Bengal with intelli= =gence from Trincomalee.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to send You Paper

of

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10th of Intelligence obtained from Captn Light who was captured in the Ship Blake and is arrived here from Trincomalee —

General Stuarts letter received Yesterday is dated the 7th. West of Trittany and contains nothing material except that Tippoo Saibs Infantry & heavy Guns are gradu=-ally going off by the Changama Pass.

We have the honor to be

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Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient
humble Servants
/ signed / Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bengal
with copy of Proceedings
for December ——

We have now the honor to forward copies of our proceedings at our first meeting in December and shall send you a further part by each succeeding Tappy until the while for that month shall have been dispatched - The proceedings for January shall follow in the same manner as soon as We can get them copied - We are so disposed for Assistants in the Military
Department

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10th Department as to be obliged to employ in it several portuguese Writers a measure which at such a Juncture as the present we should not adopt without the most urgent necessity —

Many letters are received and answered between our meetings in Committee that cannot be included in the proceedings sent to You, but we shall not omit any thing of importance or that can convey to You any material Information relative to our conduct, of every part of which it is our anxious desire that You should be fully acquainted

We have the honor to be
Hble Sir Sirs
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Macartney &c
Select Committee

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To Mr. Robert Gardner
Paymaster at Angola

To Angola - to send information - if the Renter delays to lay up a Stock of Provisions no allowance to be made for Secret Services in future without a particular order

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter to the President of the 23d ultimo and to desire that you will continue to press the Renter to lay up the stock of provisions as required, and should he use any

10th

any further delay. You will acquaint the Select Committee that they may take the necessary steps to enforce obedience to their orders ——

On account of the material Information — communicated by Lieut Boudaun From time to time to the President You are authorized to pay his Bill for Intelligence but You are to observe that no officer is permitted to make a regular charge of this nature as such charge can only be allowed when a particular Service is performed or where the President may have given particular directions to the Officer — In the ordinary course of duty Sepoys may be employed to procure Intelligence on which occasion Batta is a sufficient recompence except in cases where extraordinary danger has been incurred and You will observe it as a constant rule that no Bill for Intelligence or secret service is to be paid that has not the sanction of the President by his Lordship's signature.

With respect to the Money You receive from Masulipatam You are to carry it to the credit of Account Current Fort St George.

As to the Nabobs Stores they may be disposed of by the Phoundor as the Select Committee do not intend to interfere at all in them

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
[signed] John Huddleston
Secretary Dispatches

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Dispatched the following Letters

Major General Stuart

Sir

To General Stuart to give Rugoram Pundit possession of the Arcot Province

Rugoram Pundit having some time ago been appointed to the Management of a part of the Arcot Province & the time being now favorable for his proceeding to that Country, We desire You will afford him such assistance as Depends upon You in availing himself of the present occasion to take possession of the Districts committed to his Charge and for Your Information —

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servants

Fort St. George
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(signed) Macarthey &c
Select Committee

First division of Arcot province to be under

Rugoram Pundit

Mahomedpour Alias Arcot with Customs	1 Mahl
Cheeramelloor	1 Do
Damerpack	1 Do
Velapauck	1 Do
Serugeddowlapour	1 Do
Venpour &c	1 Do

Walgopet

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No. Walajapet	1 Mahl
Mundial	1 Do
Timery	1 Do
Terradore / excepting 12 Magans /	1 Do
Tindevanum	1 Do
Permacoil Seghyre	1 Do
Asperur	1 Do
Veldour	1 Do
Nowamahl	1 Do
Velnoor	1 Do
Terredy	1 Do
Vencatumpet	1 Do
Calemcottah with Saghyred	1 Do
Bovanagery	1 Do
Tantanagery	1 Do
Chelumbarum	1 Do
Mohomedbunder alias Portnovo	1 Do
Coal Vmmargody	1 Do
Verduchul	1 Do
Goporapour	1 Do
Portungal	1 Do
Shamiashtum	1 Do
Tellicoguby	1 Do
In all 24	Mahls

To Captain Edmonds
Commanding at Angole

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

To Angole
to receive the person
represented

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represented as attempts-
-ing to raise disturban-
-ces in the Balnaud
Country the Offices
there to be on his guard

11th A Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letters of the 27th Ultimo and 2d Instant

If the person You mention should continue
his endeavors to create disturbances in the Balnaud dis-
-trict the Select Committee desire You will take measures
for having him removed —

The Officer commanding at Coalroad
will keep a watchful Eye on the conduct of the Amil
and inform the Resident if he shall have reason to
suspect him of giving encouragement to the person before
alluded to — in such case also he will doubtless be cau-
-tious of dividing his force so as to expose any part of it
to danger of being overpowered.

I have the honor to be

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Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
[signed] John Huddleston
Secretary

No. 22. 23.

To Major Mackenzie
permitted to go home
To Messrs. Topander
and Ziegler - permitted
to go to Batavia -
To Mr. Bony his
bills referred to the
Committee of accounts

Sent Letter as entered in Miscellany Book to Maj.
George Mackenzie Messrs. Topander and Ziegler
and to Mr. Bony agreably to the Minutes of the
9th Instant

12th Dispatched the following letter to Bombay

The

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12th "

The Honble William Hornby Esqr

President and Governor of Bombay

& the Select Committee

Gentlemen

To Bombay. con=
=gratulating them
on Genl Mathews's
success - inclosing in=
telligence from Tre=
=comalee &c

Our President has communicated to us a letter from Your President by the Lapwing with Inventory of her stores and We beg leave to return You our acknowledgments for Your attention in sending us that Vessel as a packet in conformity to his Lordships request.

We congratulate You most heartily on the important conquests atchieved by General Mathews on the Malabar Coast which reflect great honor on the General, and noless on Your Zeal and Judgement in allowing Your original plan in consequence of Hyders death, and directing the General to attempt the Capital of the Bedenoor Country without waiting to possess himself of the Forts upon the Coast - We hope this success will be attended with the solid advantage of a speedy and honorable Termination of the War By the last Intelligence received from General Stuart - Tippoo Saib has sent the greater part of his Army through the Changamas pass - We send for Your Information Copy of our answer to the letters We received from General Mathews -

We inclose a paper of Intelligence attained of Captain Light who was lately captured in the Ship

Bluke

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12th. Blake and is arrived here from Trincomalee also some Intelligence received from Captain Mackay at Chingleput

We are in hourly Expectation of hearing of the arrival of Sir Edward Hughes upon the Coast — Sir Eyre Coote We believe is on his passage from Bengal to resume the Command of the Army General Stuart marched from his Quarters near Poonamalee on the Instant & arrived at Vellore on the ——— He is now upon his return towards the Carnatic — His further operations must be in some Degree regulated by the Arrival of the Admiral & the Intelligence we may receive of the Situation of the French on the Coast & that of Tippoo Saib —

Colonel Lowe with a strong Body of Troops is stationed at Ellour in readiness to act against the French in case they should attempt an Invasion of the Northern Circars.

We have the Honor to be Gentlemen Your Most Obedient humble Servants

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/signed/ Macaulay &c.
Select Committee

13th. Dispatched to Mr. Aurcol to be laid before the Governor General and Council a continuation of the Proceedings of the Right Honble the President and

To Bengal with Proceedings of the Committee

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13th and Select Committee from the ——— to the ———

Dispatched the following letter addressed to the Honble Mr. Basil Cochrane or in his absence to Mr. Edward Mackintosh at Tranquebar

The Honble Mr. Cochrane
at Tranquebar
or in his absence to Mr. Edward Mackintosh

Sir,

To Mr. Cochrane desiring the Companys madeira may be sent by the first opportunity

His Majestys Ship Medea now proceeds to the Southward and will probably touch at Tranquebar in which case the Right Honble the President and Select Committee desire that You will Freight a vessel to bring hither the Companys Madeira Wine and dispatch her under convoy of the Medea whose Commander has been applied to on the subject. If it cant be done by this opportunity, It is desired that You will not let slip any other favorable one to send it with security

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
[signed] J. Huddleston
Sec.y

Fort St. George
13th March 1783

Received

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14th Received letters from three of the principal Poligars of Tinnevelly / as entered in L. B. stating that they had the strongest attachment to the Company and should be always ready to pay obedience to the commands of their Representatives, and upon all occasions chearfully assist them in distressing the Enemy -

From the Poligars of Tinnevelly expressing their attachment to the Company -

Dispatched the following letter to Masulipatam -

To James Daniel Esqr.
Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

As it would appear from your letter to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee of the 4th Instant that the Originals of our Enclosures to You of the 21st ultimo must have miscarried I am directed to forward to You the enclosed Duplicates

To Masulipatam enclosing Duplicates of a letter supposed to have miscarried -

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

Fort St. George
14th March 1783

At

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At a Select Committee Present

Saturday
15th March 1783 The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. &c.

Anthony Sadleir Alexander Davidson Esqrs.

Major General Stuart absent upon Service

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following Letter and Intelligence received this Morning —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Mr. Grant
peace established
between the Nizam
& Tahidsham Sing.

The Battle of Chittial fought on the 12th. Ultimo as related in my last, between the Nizams troops & those of Tahidsham Sing, has quickened the negociations for peace which for some time have been carried on between both parties thro the mediation of the Mershtah Vakeels. On the 13th. Luchmen Punt did in behalf of the Nabob of Nirmul required & obtained a cessation of arms. The next day the mother of the same Nabob, & who a twelve month ago was sent from Hydrabad to Nirmul with suitable honours

on

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in the hope of her being able to reclaim her refractory son, came as a supplicant to his Highness' camp. Im=
=mediately perhaps thro the friendly intercession of the Jarou=
=te Begum procured a promise of pardon for past offences
on terms of unconditional Submission on the part of the Nabob.
On the 15th. Meerchee al Mooluk the prime Minister
with Sillabut Khan a principal commander under the Mysore
were deputed to treat with Tahlerham Sung: & on the
17th agreable to what was resolved on at this interview,
the Young Nabob, attended by Delaware Sung with
a small retinue mounted on Elephants & under the con=
=duct of Meerchee al Mooluk, personally presented himself
before his Highness in the front of both armies encamp=
=ed near the Fort of Chittleal; made the most satisfacto=
=ry submissions to his superior & received forgiveness
together with a Khelat &c. as are honorary tokens of his
being restored to favour. From the tent where this ceremo=
=ny was performed Tahlerham Sung attended another
with the prime minister, & from thence after a conference
of two hours returned in safety to his capital where
he has been since busied in making preparations for
the reception of his Highness who proposes soon to
make his triumphal entry & to honour his conquered
Vassal with a visit. Peace however has not actually
been concluded on the 22d. of the month when my
last advices, of which I have endeavoured here to give

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a faithful extract, were dispatched from Court

This unexpected turn of affairs can only be a matter of surprise to those who are unacquainted of the circumstances & character of the parties; a Mussulman prince actuated by the haughty jealous feelings of a superior without duely considering the efficacy of his proper force, or the difficulty of crushing a rebellion reared in the weakness of his own government; a Minister kept in awe by an opposite faction, & deriving his consequence less from superior ability than the ordinary policy in Hindostan of rearing a subordinate Military power in the state to support his own civil authority even against the will of his master; a tributary inform, but feeling mutual independance, inexperienced, ill advised, & too presumptuous of his own strength, until humbled they to submit to be the instrument of a minister, - such the circumstances & such the parties, the events which have lately occurred at Nirmal require no commentary & will appear perfectly conformable to the natural order of things when it be considered, that a Fox more powerful party equally connected with the other three, but having no interests except their own & that of maintaining a just equilibrium between the parties

at

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at variance, were called in as mediatory or interested as such to terminate subsisting differences. Tahtisham Sung however still treads on very slippery ground. If he be not very strenuously supported by the Merhattahs, if he acts not with more circumspection & prudence than hitherto he can have credit for, & if the Minister Mushur al Mooluk be not unprovided in his Masters opinion for political abilities, supposing him at the same time to be the Secret patron of the Nabob of Nirmul the latter has every thing to fear in a personal intercourse. From the established character resentment & address of his Highness. The grand immediate object at present, however, seems to be, to gain an accession of Military strength by the Junction of the Nirmul troops under such a leader as Delawer Sung, & take advantage of the times in re= =uniting Adoni to the Nizamut together with some of the neighbouring provinces dismembered by Hyder Ali. The idea that this Highness can have the most distant intention seriously of molesting our prosperous under actual circumstances, & while the Guntoor Circar which he rents at twelve Lacks of rupees per annum remains in his hands would apparently be inconsistent with every maxim of enlarged, or temporary policy, if we had not a still better security in a just opinion entertained

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entertained of our Superior strength comparatively with the most perfect conviction of his own weakness.

The report of General Mathews having entirely subdued the Bidnore country seems to be confirmed by letters to the Shroffs at Hydrabad by the way of Adoni, & gives great alut to the British arms all over the Deccan, from the mistaken opinion formed of the riches & strength of this small territory the districts of Soonda & Bidnore never having been thoroughly conquered by the Moghul, were valued in the general rent roll of the Empire each at a Krore of rupees, apparently to tempt the cupidity of the Kheng or his delegates to complete their conquest, & so extend the glory of the Mussulman arms, but Hyder with the utmost Ligour in his collections & economy in disbursements could never realize a greater revenue than thirty lacks from both districts united —

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordships faithful &

Most obedient humble Servant

/signed/ James Grant

Masulipatam March 7th. 1783

May I beg the favour of Your Lordship to send me a

half

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half Miles for five mentioned in my last as the circumference
of the body of the place of Nearmal which may be near-
-ly the circuit including the principal out works.

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

My Lord

From Mr. Cockrane with intelligence

I have the honor to inclose Your Lordship further intelligence from the same Quarter It is currently reported at Tranquebar that Tippoo Saheb is resolved to quit the Carnatic and carry with him 600 French Men Mr. Lalli has retired from Tippoo Saheb's service in disgust and now at Cuddalore —

On the 27th February at sun rise I saw one very large & one smaller ship off this, standing for the Southward they were soon out of sight — as they passed Tranquebar in the night they have no accounts of them there but I should imagine they are two of the French Cruizers returned from the Northward and now gone to Trincomalee —

On the 1st Instant Colonel Fullerton & Major Mackenzie & Captain Johnston arrived here in their way to Tranquebar the two former for the recovery of their health the latter intends proceeding to

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to Madras —

Yesterday the Lafine Frigate a Grab
ship & a sloop passed this for the southward —

I have the honor to be with respect

Your Lordships

Most Obedient &

Very humble Servant

/signed/ Basil Cochrane

Negapatam
4th March 1783

Tranquebar 26th February 1783

Woonun Saib Shiltedaar of Bidenoor &
first Cousin to Tippoo saheb was with his Mother in
League with the Marrattas — Hyder had appointed one
Dowlet buch sirdaar to take charge of the Town and
Fort, who was on bad terms with the Inhabitants and
Seapoys — The English had reduced some Forts and En=
=camped at Oree Arum all the People in the Fort of
Bidenore was friends to the English, so that it surrendered
the 24th Instant without firing a Gun — a large sum
of Money was found in the fort — General Mathews still
Commands & has wrote to Bombay that if they will
reinforce him with Seapoys, he thinks he shall be able
to reduce all the Forts in his way to Syringapatam with

Cattle

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little trouble — a Reinforcement of sepoys from Bombay Embarked, & arrived at Conaporam after the fall of Bidenore many other Forts & Guns were evacuated by Hyders troops without waiting the approach of the English army — Genl. Matthews has taken possession of them — Tippoo Saheb has received intelligence of Matthews being in possession of the forts & countries of Bidenore, & that he intends entering the Syringapatam countries — This News has greatly perplexed Tippoo & obliged him to think seriously of making Peace with the English & returning to his own Country as quickly as possible — Ardash Pundit and Syed Saib are gone to Tippoos Camp and have ordered the Horse & foot under their Command to remain at Seringe —

On the 26th. Instant some Peons belonging to Polygars & the Killedars of Chellumbrum have been Plundering the Villages as far as Sheyaley — The Killedars & Polygars of Chellumbrum intend cutting & carrying away the Paddy in some part of the Villages belonging to Sheyaley —

Tranquebar 27th. February 1783

I have already wrote You concerning the arrival of the Mharratta Horse near the Kistnah — and of Tippoos Saib in consequence of this news having sent for the French agents and informed them of his intentions to continue at Peace

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Peace with the English and return to his own Country —
also that on the 16th Instant he intended to send Vackeels to
Madras in order to Negociate a Peace — The same Day
he received Intelligence of Genl Matthews having Taken Bide=
=nore and which he considered that if the offer for Peace came
from him that the English would reject it — therefore resolved
to keep the French Camp with him, and expend Many Lack
of Pagodas among the Marrattas to prevent their entering
the Carnatic — He then wrote Letters to Mr Pimorin
Mr Delonny and the two officers belonging to the Fleet
acquainting them that the English had a great army
on the other Coast, and that Bidenore had fallen to
them — that he intended sending Caram Saheb with 10000
Horse and 10,000 Foot likewise Mr Lally with his Detach=
=ment in order to prevent the English army advancing
further than Bidenoor and desired the above Gentlemen
to write Mr Suffrein to Proceed with his fleet to the
other Coast and prevent succours being sent from Bombay
to the English Army there — by doing so he will sup=
=ply him / Mr Suffrein / with every thing he has
occasion for. He wrote another letter to Mr Suffrein
to the same purport which was forwarded by a fri=
=gate to Mr Suffrein — to which an answer has been
received, that Mr suffrein would sail for the Coast on
receipt of which Tippoo Saheb on the 21st Instant ordered

Caram

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Lorim sahib and Mr. Lally with his Party to march
to the Bednore Country with all haste they accordin
=ly Marched and Ardaisht Pundit accompanied Lorim sahi
The above Intelligence came from Tippoo sahibs camp
of Date the 21st. and arrived here the 26th Instant

Further Intelligence from Tippoo sahib Camp
mentions that Tippoo sahib had received a second letter from
Mr. Suffrain acquainting him that he must remain
at Trincomalee and could not proceed to the other coas
on Account of the English Fleet also that Lorim sahib
after having Marched had returned again by order of
Tippoo sahib.

On the 26th Instant the Killedaar of
Chellumbrum received orders from Tippoo sahib to g
the fort and send off all the Gun to the Grand Cam
which he is now doing —

2d. Letter dated the 27th Febry

After the arrival of the Nayade
frigate on the 25th inst. The French passed abo
reports that Mr. Bussy was hourly expected - This
wrote to Tippoo sahib - I have enquired into the ma
but cannot find out that there is any real Founda
for their expecting Mr. Bussy soon — The Grain
store at Chellumbrum and in the other Forts ne
the Collaroon in the possession of Tippoo sahib is sell

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Off Jast —

A great part of Hyder Ally Cawnis riches were secreted in the Town and Pallams of the Bidenore Country the particulars of which I will send You —

There was a consultation held on the 24th Instant betwan Tippoo sahib and the French the particulars has not transpired, but the French have been since very much Cast down. —

The Marrattas are encamped on the North side of the Kistnah waiting for further cou=rs.

Tranquebar 2d. March 1783

In consequence of the French not fulfilling their engagements Tippoo sahib resolved to make Peace with the English and Two men were sent to Madras for that purpose. The French have wrote a letter to Tippoo sahib telling him that Mr. Bufsy and his fleet are arrived at Colombo and he might ap=ply to the Governor at Tranquebar for a confirmation of the same — On the 28th February 300 sepoys arrived at Chillambrum from Tippoo sahibs Camp, & came purposely to cover the sale of the Provisions there and to escort the Military stores from thence to his own Country. They are now quitting Chillambrum and

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the other Forts as fast as they can - The last two letters from Mr. Suffrein were dated at Mudaam half way betwe[illegible] Trincomalle & Colombo. —

Tranquebar 3d. March 1783

Intelligence from Cuddalore

Mr. Delonny and some other Gen=tlemen after remaining six days at Cuddalore proceede in a Frigate to Mr. Suffrein at Trincomalle - On the 28th. February 400 Europeans were landed at Cuddalo from a frigate sent there by Mr. Suffrein - On the 1st. the same frigate and capt.ns Eight Grab ships sailed from thence and arrived here Yesterday; and this Morning left this for Trincomalle to gether with a Dutch ship in convoy. — That Lord Macartney sent Soumbagapunde =tah son of Shumbagee punditah to Tippoo sahib. who had a conference with him, after which he returned to Madras accompanied with Soumbagee Punditah son of Verrajeepunditah on the part of Tippoo sahib. —

From Tippoo sahibs Camp — Tippoo has Intelligence after Bidenore and the different Forts of that Country were delivered up to Genl. Mathews. The People in the other P[illegible] including that of Serringapatam were well inclined towards the English. On which he appointed 5000 Horse with M. Lally's Detachment to remain with the French. and was very anxious to conclude a peace with the English and return to his Country. —

From

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From Pondicherry — Tipsoo sahib received advice of Genl. Mathews having Marched from Bidenore, he in consequence ordered 5000 horse and Mr. Lally's Detachment to remain with the French, and proceeded with his army to his own Country —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I take the liberty of Informing You that it is currently reported & firmly believed here that Mr. Bupay with Five ships of the line and thirty Five Transports arrived the 11th at Trincomalee the Coventry is Now in the roads & without a man of War to Carry down the officers to Madras from hence there are seven whose services might be usefull & must be lost for a Time, Reports from Tuticorin say Mention the Seizure of Seringapatam by the Mysore Rajahs adherents, the liberation of all the English who had been in Irons & of their having joyned the Misorians Troops

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most faithfull &
Obedient Servant
/signed/ Eccles Nixon

Tranquebar
March 13th 1783

from Col: Nixon
Mr. Bupay reported
to be arrived at
Trincomalee

Ordered

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Minute on the above letters

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Letters and Intelligence from the Southward be sent to the Governor General and Council, and General Stuart.

Agreed that the following letter be written to General Stuart

Major General Stuart

Sir

To General Stuart conferring him to detach a part of his army into Tippoo Sultaun's Countries in the Neighbourhood of Bednore —

By our latest intelligence of the enemys motions, we are assured, and it is probable, that the French troops now in the Carnatic are left with Some of Tippoo in the neighborhood of Gungee with an indention of not moving to Cuddalore till their expected reinforcement shall arrive there, but of following Tippoo into his dominions in case of being pressed in the mean time by our army. A body of French troops it is also said has accompanied Tippoo out of the Carnatic in order to assist him in the recovery of Bednore, and the preservation of his other territories from our arms. It is possible therefore that General Mathews may have to encounter an a more numerous, & more formidable army, than that which he foresaw might be detached against him and of which as too powerful for his Small force he has requested that the progress and direction against him

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him might as much as possible be impeded by every
effort on our part We have accordingly expressed to
Colonel Lang our desire that he will as far as may be
consistent with the Safety of the Southern provinces, proceed
to the Westward and cause at least if possible such a diver-
sion as may contribute to distract the attention &
divide the force of Tippoo, so as to weaken his attack upon
General Matthews. It is possible however that Colonel Lang
may not find it expedient to take such steps or proceed
so far as to occasion any effectual delay or diversion
of Tippoos forces In these doubts & in our anxiety
for the Safety of General Matthews, it has occurred to
us as possible, and it has indeed been suggested to us as
practicable, that the sudden evacuation of the Coast
province by Tippo without marking his retreat by the
desolation of the country or destruction of its resources
might enable You to march with a considerable part
of the army or Send a detachment of it towards the
Centories of Tippo in the neighborhood of Cellore as might
add to the effects which we wish might be produced by
the motions of Colonel Lang Tippo attacked on every
side will not only be left able to direct an effectual
attack on his part on any one Side, but the opinion
Such multiplied attacks may entrench on the wavering
minds of the Officers to whom his father had entrusted
the different Governments of his extensive Territories.

may

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may induce Some of them to follow the example of the Governor of Bednore in opening his gates on the approach of our troops, On the celerity of movements & the concurrence of efforts may at this time depend the Security of the advantages gained by General Matthews and the consequent possibility of a speedy and honorable termination of the war. It is possible that You may be the more inclined to a measure of this kind, as the projected expedition against Cuddalore on Your return from Vellore, and the return of Sir Edward Hughes from Bombay, if both those events should happen before the arrival of the French reinforcements on this coast, would not answer the chief end proposed by it. If those Forces troops which have been in the country some time, are whom we expected to attack and take at Cuddalore are determined to avoid that place until reinforced, and escape from us by with drawing if necessary, into the country The intelligence You may have obtained on Your march to Vellore as to the state of the Country beyond it will best enable You to judge how far any movement by any part of your army may be practicable or advantageous for the purposes we have mentioned, But that no time might be lost by waiting for Your resolves on further communications from You, we authorise You to use Your own discretion in any movement or operation of the army which may appear expedient to You at this

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this time to be pursued for attaining the object we have in view of supporting the Superiority lately acquired, and preventing any misfortune to the army commanded by General Mathews, At all events, however, it is our duty to desire that You will have in view the preservation of Fort St. George, as the strong and principal hold of the Company on this coast, and that as its Garrison is now very scanty and inadequate to its defence You will, in case of keeping or Sending the main part of the army at a distance order Such a reinforcement to Fort St. George as will effectually Secure it against the threatened attacks of our European enemies We have the honor to enclose to You copies of papers of intelligence which we have just received ——

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

(signed)

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From the Nabob complaining of the usurpation of his Rights & protesting against the Government & the Company

Read letter of the 12th Instant from his highness the Nabob as entered in Country Correspondence N 35 complaining of the Usurpation of his rights in the usual terms of Asperity and Abuse and protesting against the Right Honble the President the Council the Select Committee and also the Company ——

Ordered to lie on the Table

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Read

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Read the following Letter

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

My Lord & Gentlemen /

From Doctor Lucas requesting bills on Bengal —

Having a Demand on Me for two Thousand one Hundred and forty two Star Pagodas for which they will accept of Bills — on the Board of Supreme Council of Bengal I must Intreat Your Indulgence to Order a Sett of Bills to that Amount Payable to Mr. David Young or Order, On Account of

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Devoted
humble Servant
/ signed / Colley Lucas

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Doctor Anderson respecting sick Lascars Seapoys in the Hospital & Seamen sent thither —

In the beginning of these troubles Mr. Pasley and myself did ourselves the Honor to represent the State of this Hospital with regard to the accomodation

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admission of Sepoys and wounded persons of all denomina=
=tions, and in answer to some vague Ideas of Mr. Proctor
the then Auditor on that Subject, at which time our Accounts
were all examined and paid off

The circumstances of the war however ren=
=dering it necessary it would Suit for the Commander in
Chief to order the Sick as well as wounded Sepoys dr from
Camp, great numbers were on every Return and march of
the Army thrown into this Hospital, of which I made no
other difficulty / believing this measure at that time consis=
=tant with the welfare of the Service and Your pleasure /
than applications to You of being supplied with rice
from the Stores for their use till such time as I was
favord with Your orders appointing Lieut Ashby to
draw rice for the Sepoys in Hospital and make a Stop=
=page of their pay in Camp for enabling the Sepoys to
provide diet for themselves

In complyance with which orders I have
directed the Hospital Accounts of Sepoys to be confined
to the Contract alone and as the Markets or Bazars
began to be opened discharged the least dangerous cases
to save the Honble Company as much as possible from
even the Contract expence in which I hope meeting with

Your

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Your approbation

Having received no answer to the above mentioned Letter, however of December 1780 and finding my Accounts return from the Commissary generals office endorsed with "I believe Mr. Lind was not Satisfy'd — think it my Duty to Submit this matter to Your consideration — how far Mr. Lind was or was not Satisfy'd is not for me to determine, that Gentlemen is here and I suppose can Speak for himself should You deem it necessary, and give very Sufficient reasons for the propriety with which he has discharged his Trust, — when one Third of the Troops were cutt off, and the rest driven into Madras, when the hand of Hyders Vengeance was over You when Your very existance depended on Your Sepoys, as was the case before the Arrival of Reinforcements from Europe, who are Yet more fit for an Hospital than Field Service, — Your Commissary General could surely warrant me in any care attention or expence I could be at for the Sick or wounded this however I do not insist on till I am acquainted with Your pleasure

I take the liberty likewise to trouble You in mentioning that it has been the invaried custom for government to defray the expences for Seamen belonging to

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to Ships employed by the Service on Hospital — on the contrary the Commissary General writes on the back of all such Accounts "to charge the owners of the Ships"

By way of bringing this matter to a point of view permit me without disrespect to ask, who are the owners of this greyhound, the last vessel from Europe am I to have business with them — Captain Anderson sent 3 of his men here dangerously ill of the Scurvy to what place may I pray You have You sent him? am I to follow him over India for Payment —

I have the honor to be with

Fort St. George due respect
March 14th 1783

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient &
humble Servant
/signed/ James Anderson
Surgeon Genl. r

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c. &c. &c.
&c. Governor of
Madras

My Lord

From Mess.rs Renaud concerning their detention of their Vessels —

On the 8th Instant I took the liberty of

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of addressing my humble Represantations to Your Lordship on the subject of my detention at this place, and on the condition of the Snow le Borrogmen I have attended twice at the Gover-nment house without being able to obtain the honor of speaking to You to procure an Answer, so that I am under the necessity of impor-tuning You again My Lord, to request You will take this affair into considerations — As to the Situation of the Vessel, which I intended to screen on my Arrival at Pegu, — it is becoming every day worse for at this present time she makes five Inches water p.r hour — and the few Provisions I had provided for the Passage to Acheen, will be consumed without a possibility of my being able to replace them, but at an immense expence.

My Papers evidently prove the neutra-lity of the Property, & the destination of the Vessel; and the depositions of the whole Crew if they can add to the Veracity of these Facts, for the engagement I entered into with them are of the same tenor as my Papers —

I implore Your Lordships Justice to decide on this affair speedily or to inform me of your intentions, that I may justify my conduct to those to whom I am accountable.

I am

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I am with great respect

My Lord,

Your very humble, & very

Obedient Servant

/ signed/ Nicolas Renaud

Madras.
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Doctor Lucas's separate application for money improper

Agreed that Doctor Lucas be informed that the Contract hospital being vested in the two Senior Surgeons jointly, any separate application from either for an advance of money on account of that Contract is improper —

Doctor Anderson's letter to lie on the Table —

Ordered that the letter from Doctor Anderson lie on the Table —

Mr. Renaud to have recourse to the Admiral he being detained by the Captn of the Medea

Agreed that Monsieur Renaud be informed that the Commander of his Majestys ship Medea having taken possession of the Vessel his recourse must be to the Admiral this Government having no however to interfere in such cases further than to furnish the Admiral with a Copy of his letter — which shall accordingly be done —

Read the following letter from Captain Edwards with the proposal therein mentioned / as entered in Miscellany Book A/ stating 3960 rupees Pr month for 99 horses and 340 rupees for each Tarrar with various

other

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other conditions -

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

My Lord

with an offer from a Maratta Surdar of bringing a body of horse enclosing his Proposals

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Capt.n Lychaton by your Lordships directions enclosing a Copy of Intelligence from Masulepatam respecting Boospatta Venkat Ram Rauze, in consequence of prior information received from Mr. Darnell I had sent people in search of him who traced him to a village in the Guntoor Circar at which he still remains. & they watch over him I have taken such steps as appear to me most likely to secure him should he advance, & your Lordship may depend on it being done with as much delicacy as possible —

I do myself the honor to inform your Lordship that I have received several messages from a Maratta Sardar offering to bring into the service a body of horse I desired him to send me his proposals in writing which I herewith enclose, In which he only mentions 3000 horse which he has immediately at command, but assures he has it in his power to get as far as 10'000, but this must take some time His reasons for mentioning

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presents to be made him is that it is according to the
Custom of his Cast, & serves to support his consequence with
other Chiefs — I have

I have the honor to be with great

Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Obedient humble Servant

/signed/ Edward Edmonds

10th March 1783

P.S. I have promised the Maratta an answer in 10 days

Minute thereon

Agreed Captain Edmonds be informed that We are
under the necessity of declining to accept of the proposal
not having resources to defray the expence

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer
with the confidential Report therein mentioned, which
the Committee do not think it prudent at this time to
enter on the proceedings, but will transmit it, with such
remarks as they think necessary to the Court of Directors

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

of Fort St George

From the Chief Engineer - enclosing a confidential Report

My Lord Gentlemen

As it may be thought proper to
acquaint

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Acquaint our Honble Employers with the particulars of the Confidential Report I had the honor to submit to Your perusal. I now enclose it for that purpose, as I understand those parts that may afford material Information to an Enemy may be safely sent, and kept in Cypher - Should You be pleased to remark upon it, I shall be happy in an Opportunity of profiting by those Remarks, that the whole may go as well digested as possible before them

I beg leave at the same time to submit to Your Lordship the propriety of a Direct communication to me of Your Intentions respecting my Appointment, as I consider my letter of the 17th October 1782. and the before mentioned Report of so confidential a Nature as not to be communicated to the different Employs under which the materials are provided, without Your permission, and without which they cannot judge of their propriety

I have the honor to be with respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
[signed] Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
11th. March 1783

Read

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Read also the letter from the Chief Engineer of the 17th October last attended to in the foregoing letter and lodged in the Office together with the present Confidential Report.

Minute thereon.

The Committee referring to their Letter of the 27th December last to the Committee of Works fixed that on most of the points stated in Colonel Ross's letter of the 17th October Orders were issued to that Committee in answer to their Minutes of the 4th and 8th November and having also adverted to the other parts of the said letter and considered the one of the 11th Instant now before them, it is agreed that the following answer be written to Colonel Ross by the Secretary.

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer referring him to the Committee of Works

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant with the confidential Report therein mentioned, which is under consideration with respect to your letter of the 17th October, to which you refer. The Select Committee sent Directions to the Committee of Works on several of the points

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points therein stated in answer to their letter of the 8th
December enclosing their proceedings of the 5th and 8th of
which the former contained a Minute of yours which
related to most of the subjects before represented to the
Select Committee in your letter above mentioned. I am
therefore directed to refer You to the letter to the Committee
of Works above attended to bearing date the 27th Decem=
=ber 1782. as the Select Committee see no reason
except in very particular cases to alter the established
System namely that of receiving direct communication
from the Chief Engineer of his plans, and opinions rela=
=tive to the Fortifications, and furnishing the
Committee of Works of which he is always a member with
a requisition and explanations regarding such parts
of them as they think necessary for putting the means
of carrying into execution

Respecting the Clearance of the
Environs of the Fort whenever they afford Cover, and
of the Interior of the Fort from being crouded with
useless Lumber, Your applications on those points
should be made to the Right Honble the Governor
the former his Lordship informs us was long since
ordered and whatsoever regulations or Arrangements
You may wish to propose in order to effect the latter

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his Lordship will pay due attention to, and adopt it if practicable.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/ signed / John Huddlestone
Secretary

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Read letter from Lieutenant Stuart Hall

From Lieutenant Stuart Hall - requesting to be restored to the Command of a Troop of Cavalry & Liberty to cloath 300 dismounted Troopers —

/ as entered in Miscellany Book / giving a Congratulation of his Conduct and Services, requesting to be restored to the Command of a Troop of Cavalry taken from him and given to Captain Lovett and permission to cloath 300 dismounted Troopers under his Command

Agreed that Lieut. Stuart Hall be written to in answer that his applications to the Select Committee should be made through the Channel of the Commanding Officer of the Troops to the Northward, and that as to clothing any Troops his request cannot be complied with

Minute thereon

Agreed that Bills on Bengal be granted to the Agent for Pags. 12,000 as an advance for the Charges of his Employ.

Bills on Bengal in favor of the Agent for Pags. 12,000 ordered

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15th Received the following Letters

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

My Lord &c.

The preceding is the Copy of my last address — what follows I beg Your Lordship &c. will take in good part as the two last days journal —

On the 4th we crossed the Pooni River and marched thro' the ground of our former encampment and near the space where Hyder remained during the whole of last Monsoon and where his illness first began — No rain having fallen for many Weeks past & found the forrage so scarce for some Miles that it was judged proper to prolong the march tho' fatiguing until within seven Miles of this place — Had further intelligence that Tippoo was actually gone beyond Pollore a great way into the Changama Pass and sent orders to the large body of Irregulars usually stationed on this ground and at Bringipoor 8 miles West & also at Bujnamabad 7 miles South of this to collect and join him in their Return to the Westward. Also heard that a few days ago he had sent orders suddenly to destroy two sides of the little Fort of Arcott and it had actually taken place and that the agreement twixt the Man left in charge of Arcott and Captain Cuppage was some how broke off and what Paddy remained was plundered or made away with —

A person came to me from the Packer at Vulgrum

which

From Gl. Stuart the Army cross the Pooni River. Tippoo marches beyond Pollore into the Changama Pass, & orders some bodies of Horse to join him in their return from the Westward, — the army arrive at Vellore & lodge the Sick in that Garrison. The General relieves the 6 Batts by the 18th Batt which is ordered into Vellore — and Lieut Lynch &c with a Party to seize upon a large Quantity of Paddy — recommends that the Killidar of Arnee Conda be written to, & desired to send Provisions to Tripatore — The General writes a circular Letter to all the dependant Polygars invited to the Camp, & urging them to send Supplies of Provisions to Vellore, — fears the present Convoy will fall short of what was expected, — the Army will immediately begin its return to the Presidency, — furnishes Captn Cuppage with 10000 Pags — the Issuing one months Pay to the Black Troops must be deferred till the Army return to Pondamalee.

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15th shall first with some information respecting Brest contrary to the above, I desired him to endeavour to prevail on the Man that was in Pyamengate Durgum to dispose of his Paddy for ready Money and to make him give up the Place on Peaceable treatment, he promised to return with an answer but did not. — On the 16th we continued our march and encamped within five Miles of this place, the forrage tolerably good — I ordered the four battering Guns and the Convoy of Rice forward to the fort and before Noon every thing was got in, the Rice only not Measured. This I desired to be immediately attended to tho' it might require time — thinking it highly expedient to change the Garrison which had been so many years here at Vellore and to introduce another Garrison that had seen Service, I gave orders for the 5th Battalion to move out and to be relieved by the 15th / Cochrane D. Campbell / commanded at present by Lieutenant Pare, an Officer of Enterprize and who had distinguished himself in the defence of the shell fort here — this took place in the afternoon after I had reviewed all the old Garrison — I ordered as at Wandewash the four Garrison independent Companies to be incorporated into the 11th Battalion. You will thus have an experienced good Battalion of 900 Men complete according to regular Establishment. I desire few Europeans fit to join the two Grenadier Companies of the Coast Infantry with the Army have I

joined

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15th joined and the same number of batt: men sent in
their place I have also ordered Mr Dyer Assistant
Engineer here to be relieved because he was employed
under Mr Giles at Cuddalore where he may be
wanted Mr Ryland is in his place — A man
deserted from Mayamenguelum informs me that
there is a large number of Cattle drove within the
walls of the Pettah and offers to lead the Party
to take them; I have ordered a Battalion of Sepoys
to move for that purpose from Camp this Evening,
Lieutenant Cox will command and will avail himself
of any favorable step of Hyders Killidar in the
Hill chiefly to get the Paddy, but I expect little
from the Character of the man, This day on
our march we took prisoner a Person carrying
the Road with a Doolay and some attendants, on
examination I find he is a Man of some relative
consequence, He is the Son in Law of a Coramattie
Pollygar in high favor with the late Hyder
and now with Tippoo as having made terms with
the Command of the Hill Fort of Avalconda
and his Jaghire Country is in high Cultivation,
it is about 25 Miles S. E. of this and dependant
on Tripasore as I believe Letters have been
written by the Prisoner Love to this fellow to
work on his hopes and fears to send Grain &c.
to this place which he may easily do by the
way of Aporah about 8 Miles S. of this, I shall

also

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15th also recommend to have have their overtures to in
some way from the Presidency to the same purpose
and to send provisions to Tripasore I have written
Circular Letters to all those Polliygars depending on the
Carnatic suited to the present state of things
and with a particular view to their supplying
their Garrison with grain; to this point I most
earnestly request to call the attention of your
Lordship &c. on two accounts, the first that
I much fear the present convoy from a Report
Report just now made and for reasons which I suspect
and which I find are out of my power to check or prevent
will fall considerably short of a late written Report
of Rice bags. The other Reason is drawn from the
greatest Line of the state of offensive operations of a
unfortunately an advantageous peace cannot be
had I humbly think in that case this important
Fortress 107 should be supplied with six or eight Months
Rice for the Army. We may then march Eight from
the Presidency and carry the War where we please —
Thus is may unfortunately be unfortunate to have
blown up all the intermediate Posts no place of the
real strength remain from hence to Pondrop —
Lieutenant Cox is returned from the Village of
Mayamongalum, He carried off all the cattle
but not the 10th part of what was reported —
the irregular Horse brought from the Neighbourhood
some more cattle and some hundred Sheep
some Carnattick families were also released, — there
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15th was no parte or message with the Killedar on the Hill fort, Guns were fired from them at a distance and over their heads. The orders are out for our march tomorrow, I believe I shall be induced to show this Army to all the dissolated places in a different direction our Return and cross the Pallar to meet with the advance of the army which will reach on this side towards Walajah Nuggur, I guess very little will be left of grain and therfore must take one days Rice more from the Stock of this Garrison, The secret is yet with myself alone and I hope to be able to convince your Lordship viz. that the benefit to arise from appearances by your Return on this direction will greatly out weigh the diminution in that proportion of the Stock of Grain in Garrison here, upon the whole there will be for five Months from tomorrow besides what yet remains from the Crops and I have given particular directions to repair the opening made by the Enemy in the Chittleberry tanks near this place — The Circular letters to the Pollygars will have some effect as I hope with the promise of ready money 10,000 Pagodas have been paid to Captain Cuppage and the Arrears of the 5th Battalion are only to be paid from Madras but this with the payment of Public followers Bullock men & Surgeons on the account

has

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15th has put it out of my power to order the Months Pay to the black Troops as intended and we must still have an addition of 12000 Pagodas for that purpose which I hope will be ready the 17th when we come to our ground near Pondamalee. — It gives me infinite pleasure to inform your Lordship &c that there are not seven Men of this Army left Sick at Vellore and not one of His Majestys Troops. I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most obed.t

& most Humble Sv.t

Signed J Sadl.

Camp near Vellore
March 11th 1783

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

My Lord &c.a

From Genal Stuart the Army arrive near Arcot — Col Gordon sent with a Detachmt & Engineer to inspect the State of that Fort, & to bring away all the Stores, that are left there — States the Condition &c.a of Arcot — On his arrival at Poonamallee he proposes to send to the Presidency all the Carriages of the Army for Grain, — Types passes thro' the Changamah Pass leaving behind him a Body under Brigr Sahibs Nephew. — The Tenants refuse to remain to cover my last address — The Army came to their ground here about 11 in the forenoon yesterday on the Enemies old Encampment, Lalpett little hill and Bungalo being N. by W. 3 miles and Arcot bearing S. by W. distance 7 Miles, the forrage scarce having been eat up by the Enemy and no rain fallen since that time — I sent Lieutenant Colonel Gordon of his Majestys 101st Regiment the field Officer for Detachmt about

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since last return to Cuddalore, appoints the Vellore Renter to be Amuldar at Arcott & recommends that Bommauze be desired to send some Polygars to escort Arcott.—

15th about one in the afternoon with the 4 Grenadier Companies of the 73d 78th 101st and one of the Companys Coast Grenadiers with six Pounders also two Regiments and two Troops of Cavalry and two Battalions of Sepoys with their Guns across the Pallar to Arcott with orders to inspect the state of the small fort and Pettah Wall, and bring away any public grain or Stores which might have been left; the Inhabitants persons and property to be secured and that such of His Highness's Servants who wished to come to the Presidency would receive all the Assistance in my power— Engineer Wickens also attended to take a sketch and to estimate the time necessary to repair the works so as I might judge hereon all circumstances Especially from the quantity of grain of the expediency of remaining any number of days with the view of General good in repairing or keeping a Garrison in the Place—

The different Reports on every point have been made me in the course of yesterday and this day and they shall be laid before Your Lordship via by the first safe occasion; mean time I am to inform you of the Result That there is no means with this Army in many days even to remove the Rubbish. That all the grain I have as yet received does not amount to 200 bags of Paddy: that the Pettah Wall is entirely down and the small Fort to the extent of

more

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15th more than 300 feet in different places and in the Weakest Sides— that the buildings in the small fort and His Highness's house are entire, and that none of the Enemys people have been taken or brought to me. There are some Inhabitants and I have had no complaints of any injury being done them: The small Fort was blown up the 4th & 5th Instant the day we crossed the Trepasore River, and it has come to me from different unconnected Quarters that Tippoo Saheb imagined we carried over Iron Battering Guns in this Trip on purpose to attack this Fort— Upon the whole and for reasons contained in my last letter I am of opinion in a public view that it is best to keep the place in ruins as a Fort— The importance of putting the Garrison of Vellore at a certainty of Rice to the greatest length of time in my power lead me to send off 200 bags of the Arony Rice & 173 bags of Paddy from Arcot on this side of the River to day with an Escort of two Battalions of Sepoys & to return this Evening and three Days more will be laid up but I am now to the last possible pinch, for tho' we march tomorrow & morning, there is not a grain more than for four days on the Sepoys backs to bring us to Trepasore— I have written to C. Scoutter to have Rice and the two Battering Guns in readiness the 17th as we pass from thence I expect to be in a central situation for supplies near Pondamalie from

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15th the Presidency on the 19th Instant, and shall on this
21st send all the Carriages &c. thither for the 26 days
provision of public and private Followers and fighting
Men when I hope the Agent will give us all
possible Dispatch — My latest and best intelligence
is that on the 8th Tippoo had gone thro' the Changama
Pass on the Road to Kistnapurry, three Carnatic
Sepoys are come in from them, and as to the body
of Horse left to act with the French under the
Command of his relation Meer Saheb Cousin or
nephew I have heard from the principal
Inhabitants at Arcot that soon after the
seperation of Tippoo the French were observed by him
to remain in the field to cover Arnee, but the French
Officer commanding told the Moor man that he
must return to Cuddalore to protect the Stores &c
in that place which he said was to be attacked
by the English, & their fleet was on the way from
Bombay, on this a new difference arose, but the
French would not give away and were accordingly
escorted towards Gingee, The Enemys main body
of Horse remaining near Arnee & neighbouring
districts. — Judging it both inexpedient and
unnecessary to leave any part of this Army liable to
insult in an open place such as Arcot small fort
without Rice or other support but the promises of a few
Inhabitants I have untill your further pleasure
be known directed & empowered the Man who is
Renter [of nothing] at Vellore and who I hear has
influence

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15th influence with many Pollygars in this neighbourhood
to act as amildar and overseer in Revenue and Dependencies
in the name and for the benefit of His Highness
and the E.I. Company and I have desired him to
be attended by two Shrofs of the Vellore Subsidy &
Looty horse and to invite all the Pollygars to resort
and to send parties to Arcott for his support if
they mean to obtain the favor of Government,
This as I am well assured may tend greatly to bring
forward a beginning of regular cultivation and
Government, and from what I hear of the Character
of the Military who are left behind by Tippoo
in the Line of Auxiliaries to France I am apt
to think 200 well armed Pollygars would keep
off all the Enemys horse and save the public buildings
and private houses from being burned or destroyed
— If your Lordship too are of the same opinion
I should humbly think that circular letters
to the Pollygars to send parties of their people as they can spare for the purpose
would have the best effects and that you make
at least an experiment of this Vellore Shroff
to effect a beginning and continue him as
according to his Merit and Services. I know
nothing of him but from the good opinion of
his Excellency Sir Eyre Coote whose written
recommendations he shewed me, his Name is
Mahomed Morad He is reported a brave man
and their Service if he undertakes it I may

very

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15th very probably be in service of some danger. I have written to him but will not have time to wait for his answer if it comes not to night for tomorrow I must march off to avoid the chance on the way to Tripassore — I am afraid by the best informed Men who came to me with their salams soon after that every good effect will naturally follow from our calling them in pasport and halting the Army one day and that with the support of the friendly pollygars they will be able to defend the place and resettle and cultivate — I dont perceive cultivation round us here and I have not been able to collect cattle in any numbers, they are either far in the pollums or drove towards Arnee & Wyapeindel by the Enemy I chose to avoid any marks of ostentations appearance by Flags Guns or Tomtoms in taking the possession of the unfortunate Capital of the Carnattic because of the consequent affront if the Enemy returns there in force when the Army marches —

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c

Your most Obed.t &
most Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Stuart

Camp to west Calpett
and the River Pallar
opposite to a east distance
2 miles Thursday 13th
March 1783

To the Right Honble G. Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Gov.r &c. Members of the Select Committee
at
Fort St George
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15th

From Ganjam — transmitting an Acct of Grain exported from that District from 1st June to the 31st Decr 1781 & 1st Janry to 31st Decr 1782 —

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My Lord & Gentlemen

In obedience to your Lordships &c commands Signified in Mr. Secretary Sutherlands letter of the 10th ultimo We now do ourselves the Honor to transmit an Account of Grain exported from this District from 1st June, to 31st December 1781 & from 1st January to 31st December 1782 —

We are with respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Ganjam &c
March 1783

[Signed] J. H. Stone
R. D. Munro
Hond Corbett
Dan. Russell

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal with the Enclosures mentioned therein, agreeably to the Minutes of this day —

J. Peter Auriol Esqr

Secretary to the Honble

Governor General &c Council

of Bengal

Sir

To the Secretary at Fort William — transmitting Copies of Intelligence rec.d from Mr Cockrane &c of a private Letter from Trang.r

I am directed by the Honble the President & Select Committee to transmit you Copy of a Letter and Intelligence received this day from Mr Cockrane at Negapatnam also copy of a private Letter from Trangumbar and

to

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16th I request you will be pleased to lay them before
the Honble the Governor General & Council
I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt
Humble Servant
Signed John Hudleston

Fort St George
15th March 1783.

Dispatched to Mr Auriol to be laid before the
Governor General and Council Copies of the Proceedings
of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee
from the 11th to the 15th December last.

16th Received from the Chief Engineer a Letter
addressed to him by Captain Ghent, with a Return
of the Workmen &c employed at Gangaur and the
Materials received and expended for the use of the
Works of that Garrison in the Month of February
as entered in Miscellany Book.

Received from the Chief and Council of
Masulipatam a Return of the Troops in that
District under the command of Colonel Jones for
the month of February.

Received the following Letter from the
Chief & Council of Vizagapatam with copy of a
Letter to them from the Gentlemen at Masulipatam
stating that they had no occasion for the two
Companies of Sepoys stationed at Vizagapatam
and therefore revoked the Orders they had before
given on the subject.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

After fully complying with the additional Indents made to us by the Chief and Council of Ganjam besides the supplying them with Guns and Stores agreeably to the List sent us by your Lordship &c we have this Morning dispatched by Land to Masulipatam 74 Barrels of Gun Powder 3 Howitzers & 2 Small Mortars together with the Shott &c belonging to them. —

Captain Grover of his Majestys Ship Medea who sailed from hence for Madras the 26th of last month was so obliging to take 190 Hand Grenades which was all he could find room for and we embraced that opportunity of sending also a pair of Dutch Standards which had been taken at Pennilipatam — We were at the same time sending some Guns, Tents &c by his Permission on board the San Carlos which was likewise there. when some Intelligence from Madras induced him to order her suddenly to Bengal viz 3 nine Pounders with 500 Shott were all that were embarked when he sailed — By the Pearl now on her way to Madras We have Laden for them more of the Shoes for the Army

From Vizagapatam — comply fully with all the Indents from Ganjam — specify the Articles we Capt Grover had permitted to be embarked on Board the Medea & St Carlos, & will forward another supply of Shoes for the Army.

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16th With great satisfaction We have to acquaint your Lordship &a that the Chief and Council of Masulipatam have now no occasion for the assistance of part of your Battalion. Enclosed we have the Honor to send you Copy of their Letter on the Subject.

We are very respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful

& obedient Servants

Edward Russell

Vizagapatam

9th March 1783

[Signed]

Chas Maxtone

W Drake

17th Received the following Letter from General Stuart

To the Right Honble Ge Lord Macartney K. Bo

President & Govr &c Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord &c

I have had the honor of your

Letter of the 4th Instant both in first and second

where I see that mine of the 2d and 4th have come

to hand — I certainly did say (whether for

Record or not is not material) that the good

disposition and spirit of this Army were such

that the greatest difficulties would be got over

by them rather than the public service suffer

and I believe I might add that in real

necessity

From Genl Stuart stating the impossibility of advancing to the Pullicat & Mantrees the Detachment ordered by the Committee ordered them therefore the Money for the Paymasters Hands by the Jackson more especially as he conceives the Mantries are only the Substitutes of European masters is of opinion that the Encomiums passed in Genl Matthews Dress to point at a Contrast of Genl & Operations

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Sir that case requests to know in what instance he has been deficient, attributes the former despirited Condition of the army to weak & wrong measures of Council.

necessity Rice alone would suffice That I know nothing of your Resources not being admitted of Council or Consultations in Money or Revenue matters I therefore must take it solely on the Report of the Right Honble President and I should thankfully take in good part what money was sent to the Army — In my Letter 22.d Febry I stated the sum wanted and for the reasons I now beg leave to refer to — In the rough 23.d calculation which I there made the sum was only for one months subsistance of the fighting men and a Quarter or 61 Days for his Majestys forces & a Months Pay & batta for all the Officers and a sum to left at Vellore, but from the large Sum you mention (93000) I find that 11500 has been paid to the Public Followers of the army dependant on the Paymaster also from necessity there has been Money paid to the Surgeons to enable them to do their duty with us this Drip until in your wisdom you find a way & ultimately to adjust matters with them which have been for so many months in dependance — Seeing this and Mr Welch having to the one of certain Sums received in addition to what you mention from Mr Jackson and the necessity to give something to the Bullockmen I desired that one half should be issued, it was done accordingly and on receiving your Note to me two days ago for the Sum of 12000 Pagodas

to

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17th to be issued without delay — I without delay ordered that all the Money received for Rice balances should be paid which I guess to be your real meaning / and this I trust will satisfy you tho' it be not equal to 12000 Pagodas because only 6 6[illegible] were received and therefore only 4 6 6 were now to be paid — The demands that came to you from my Quarter for past present and I add that will come for future times are and will be for public most important real calls such as our Worthy Employers the E. I. Company and their Representatives the Governor General & Council of Bengal to whom under the Company we owe I may say our Existence have deferred more than once to be the first Exigency in applications of the Sums granted or raised on their credit. The President may in conversation communicate to me what he pleases of your sounds, it is to me only conversation for the reasons already stated, nor in that conversation do I believe it ever was engaged that the Arrears of the Garrisons of Wandawash, Carangooly Hearnfords Corps / or Vellore were to be paid from the Sums sent to the Paymaster, I repeat again that the Sum wanted and barely equal to the need was 120000 Pagodas for the 2 Months pay of all Ranks in the Companys Service and for a Sum at Vellore and other things absolutely necessary — I have already written to Your Lordships &c that 10,000 Pags. clear have been left with Captain Campbell

besides

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17th Besides what is already stated in this letter — as to the set of people you say much more clamorous and to whom a payment was promised (unknown to me) you mean the Bullock Maistries, you must excuse me if I am free to speak to you in regard to them, and since my words are thus to rebound — Especially, I must also recall to the Right Honble President his words that they are men of Straw; In my conscience I believe untill I am convinced by accounts and figures, and other circumstances to the contrary, that the real expence & consequent abuse of the Company's funds from the Management by agency in the business of what might have been done in Contract rigidly kept up to, is greater in the present mode of Management stating to the Company (under the name of Revenue) the first expence of Bullocks and giving contract hire at the Cawny for the service of those very Bullocks when only the expence of miserable drivers is incurred by the people who are in the Secret that expence will be found most enormous, even after every check or Controul which from Gratitude to the E. I. Company I have gone out of my line to Establish. The Bullock Maistries for whom this peremptory order for Money (more than the Rice) to be paid them out of the bare subsistence of the brave & Soldiers

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17th Soldiers of this Army are as I believe Men of Straw. These Ministries are the Servants and Substitutes as I do believe of white Masters and you must excuse me if in this belief I do not order more than seems to have been your first idea, the Money put into Mr Hastes hands by Mr Jackson. — In regard to what remains of your letter of the 4th when B.r G. Mathews's name is mentioned I can only say that before knowing of the Remark that follows I had in the General Orders of the 5th Instant given to that Officer and to the Army under his Command from my own inclination and opinion as well as for the sake of example that praise which their most eminent services deserve; I remark however your Words when you say "To have atchieved such great things "with a handful of Men almost unprovided "with Tents Bullocks or Coolies shews what "an Active and Resolute Spirit can accomplish "and will crown him with immortal honor" — I may be mistaken but I think I see thro this pointing on your part towards a Contrast of Generals and Operations here & on the other side of India; if so I wish you to speak out your mind more plainly & say we have on this side the Peninsula there has been a deficiency either in Activity or spirited Resolution to accomplish any attainable desirable practicable

purpose

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17th purpose or object — This Inquest a Sepoy in
my own name who thinks it my greatest
honor and good fortune to tread in his
footsteps in the Command of the best Army
for their numbers at present existing
on earth and in which he has the sole Merit of
having formed from the Remains of
broken dispirited Troops owing chiefly
to weak & wrong Measures of Council —
I have the honor to be
My Lord &c.

Your most obed.t and
most Hum.ble Servt.
/Signed/ Jno Stuart

Camp near
Coveny Pauck Lake
March 14th 1780. —

Dispatched to Mr. Auriol, to be laid
before the Governor General & Council, a
continuation of the Proceedings of the Select
Committee from the 14th to the 19th Decemb.r
last. —

Received from the Committee of
Stores the following Extract of their
Proceedings of the 15th Instant with the
inclosures mentioned therein, as lodged in
the Office. —

Fort St. George 15th March 1783.
At a Committee of Stores present
Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross
Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy
Bryan

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Bryan Scottney Esq.r

From Committee of Stores with their Proceedings of the 15th Instt.

Read a letter from Captain Moorhouse, Commissary of Stores in Camp, setting forth the advantages of the double Yokes, lately made, over those formerly in use.

Agreed to lay the same before the Right Honble the President, and Select Committee, and to request their directions thereon together with an Estimate of their Expence, compared with the Expence of those hitherto in use, and to acquaint them that when the Chains, were Ordered, instead of ropes, for the Gun Carriages and Tumbrils, it was intended that the new constructed single Yokes, should be made in Cantonments by the Artificers of the Army, but on the sudden March of the Army to Wandewash, the Commander in Chief on finding they were not completed. Indented for

The Yokes of the new Construction to be made up upon the next Indent to be supplied

Signed/ Sec.r

Fort St George March 5th 1783

1200

174 for 5/8, which the Military Storekeeper informs the Committee, he immediately made up, to prevent the Army from suffering an inconvenience by the want of them —

Approved. Signed M

The Commissary of Stores lays before the Committee an Indent from Prepasore for 10 Maunds of Candles —

Agreed that it be complied with, and that Captain Scouler be desired to account for the expenditure of the Six Maund, which were sent to him last November.

To be complied with if usual but not otherwise Signed M.

Capt. Scouler to account as desired. Signed M.

/ Signed /
Patrick Ross
John Kennedy
B: Scott Surv.

Dispatched the following Letters with their Enclosures. —

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to transmit

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To Bengal —
enclosing the procdgs
related to the
Transactions with
Tippoo Sultan —

17th
your Extracts from our proceedings containing the
particulars of our Transactions with the Agent of
Tippoo Sultan since our address of the 15th Ultimo

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obdt
Humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney
&c Select Committee

Fort St. George
17th March 1783.

To Captain Edmonds
Commanding at
Onore

To Capt. Edmonds
advising that the
Committee has
declined accepting
of the Mahratta
Sardars Proposals —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President & Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 10th Instant with the
proposal from a Maratta Sardar therein mentioned
and to inform you that the Select Committee have
declined accepting of the same. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Sert
(Signed) Thomas Kingscote

Fort St. George
17th March 1783.

Sent the following Letters

To Mr. Renaird
Sir

To Mr. Renaird
referring him to
the Admiral on
the subject of the
Vessel taken
Possession of by the
Comdr. of the Sloop

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter, and to inform You
that the Commander of His Majesty's Ship
Medea

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17th Medea having taken possession of the Vessel which is the subject of your application you must have recourse to Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, the Select Committee having no power to interfere in such cases further than to furnish the Admiral with a copy of your Letter which will accordingly be done

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obt Servt

Fort St George
17th March 1783.

[Signed] Thomas Kingscote

To Mr Colly Lucas

Sir

To Doctr Lucas informing him that no seperate application for Cashew nut of the Hospital can be attended to —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, and to inform you that the Contract Hospital being vested in the two Senior Surgeons jointly; any seperate application from either for an advance of Money on Account of that Contract cannot be attended to.

I am

Sir

Your most Obdt St

Fort St George
17th March 1783. —

(Signed) Thos Kingscote

17th Received the following Letter from General Stuart

To the Right Honble Sr Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My

1203

Fort S. George March 18th 1783.

18th

My Lord &c.

The above is the Copy of what

From General Stuart advising of his having given out Mr Budleston in General Orders as Judge advocate Genl but objecting to the legality of the appointt & declaring that neither he or his Deputy shall ever act in that Capacity while he is in the Command of the Army. —

I had the honor to address to you Yesterday: —
The Adjutant General shewed to me as an order
of Government received from your Secretary
dated 9th March That you had appointed
Mr Secretary Budleston to be Judge &
Advocate General in the Room of Mr B.
Sullivan / dismissed from the Service / according
to the Companys orders in their General Letter
of the 3d of February 1780. by which the Office
of Judge advocate General is considered as always
annexed to the Office of Mr Secretary. It being
an Order of Government I have in the line of
my General Duty to the Honble E. I Company
published it in General Orders, at the same
time I have the honor of acquainting you in
the line of my Duty as a Members of Your
Government but more particularly as
Commanding His Majestys Troops now serving
on this Coast that so long as any of the Kings
Troops remain in the Service here no person
whatever of right or by law can act as Judge
Advocate General or give a substitution to
any other who is not appointed or approved
by the Commander in Chief of His Majestys
Troops who alone has the power of appointing
and Summoning General Court Martial
and deciding as to the Sentences and Sam now
to add that during the time I am in the

command

1204

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18th command the Gentleman now appointed by you never shall be employed as Judge Advocate General nor any Deputy from him suffered to act until he has an appointment or approbation from the proper Authority —

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Camp Tollar

3 Miles from Pollibor

15th March 1783.

your most Obedt &
most Humble Servant
/Signed/ J Stuart

Received the Letter from Mr. William Roy with a copy of the Commissary Generals Return of Bullocks upon the Island the 11th Instant as lodged in the Office.

Received from the Civil department the following Letter from the Governor General & Council to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam

To Edwards Daniel Esqr.

Chief & the Council

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

From the Govr Genl & Council to Masulipatam resolved to send thither a Quantity of Gunpowder a supply of Stores to Ganjam & desiring them to furnish Dhanakottah with small arms

We have received your Letter of the 21st January and considering that the Situation of your Garrison will render it the proper Magazine for all kind of Stores and Provisions for the use of the Northern Army; in case the Enemy should make a Descent in this Circar, We have resolved to send you two hundred Leaguers of Rice and as the safest

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18th safest and the best Channel of Conveyance, We propose to send it by one of the Company's Ships to Madras whence, it will easily and Speedily be sent to you in the approaching Southerly Monsoon—

The Fort of Cyanjam being greatly in want of Artillery and all kind of Military Stores We have ordered an immediate Supply to be dispatched from hence, but as we are all able to spare them a sufficient number of small arms from our own Stores, we request that you will assist them in this, or any other particulars to the utmost of your Power.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Sts
Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort St George
10th Febry 1783

(Signed)

A true Copy
(Signed) Jno Scott Secy

Send the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

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

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right
Honble

1206

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18th

To Commee of Assigned Revenue approving of their several recommendations — mentioning that a Letter had been written to Mr Sullivan on the subject of the Complaints of the Trichinopoly Renter, & that Colo Lang had been directed to return the Batt drawn from that District — encurs in their opinion relative to the Complaints of Appajee Row — & that Mr Jourdan & Yarrow will be directed to pay Appiah Moodely the Value of the Trees cut down

To the Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Extracts of your proceedings of the 22d and 27th January and 10th February also your Letters of the 21st February with their several Enclosures, and to signify to you their entire Concurrence in your opinions and recommendations on the several subjects therein discussed.

A Letter has been written to Mr Sullivan on the subject of the Complaints of the Trichinopoly Renter.

The Select Committee have great hopes that the situation of affairs to the Southward will admit of returning the Battalion of Sepoys that was drawn from the Tanjore Country to reinforce the Southern Army — They have written fully to Colonel Lang on this point.

The Select Committee entirely concur in your Minute of the 18th Instant on the numerous charges and accusations brought by Appajee Row against the Pallour Renter which appear to them so frivolous, and ill founded, as to render the author totally unworthy of credit for any thing he may advance in future against the Characters of Timmanarow or any other person.

Agreeably to your recommendation Mr Jourdan and Mr Yarrow will be directed to Appiah Moodely the value of the Trees cut down for their use, and on no account in future to cut down any without having first made a reasonable compensation to the proprietors.

Captain

1207

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19th Captain Smith will be called upon to answer the Complaint made against him by the Renter at Pullicat and copy thereof be sent to him for that purpose.

The Select Committee entirely approve of the Letters which you recommend should be written to Madeira and Trichinopoly Renters and desire you will cause them to be written and dispatched accordingly.

I have the honor to be—

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) John Huddlestone
Secretary

Fort St George
18th March 1783.—

19th Received the following Letters from General Stuart

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

From Genl Stuart
is informed of his
Miscarriage that the
Garrisons of Arnee
& Permacoil have
been ordered to be
withdrawn, & those
Post to be destroyed;
a small Party of the
French joined with
Tippoo, the remainder
return dispirited to
Cuddalore, sends
Detachts to Coverpauk
whose is in a very
bad Condition & to
great & little Conjeevaram
to report to him the
State of those Place
& to give assurances
of Protection to the

My Lord &c.

In the two last days March from our Encampments of the 15th Covery Buck & W. 3 Miles, and of the 15th the right near the Pagoda of Pollavor and three miles from Pollilore, nothing much worth notice occured, the Weather was sultry but the empty Carriage of the Army came in aid of every thing— some of my people brought me intelligence from Arnee where they were the 13th that the Stores &

Guns

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19th Guns and provisions were carrying off and the
publick talk was of the Garrison going after
Tippoo and blowing up the place, the number
of the French gone with Tippoo is under 500
adventurers, and the rest gone towards Cuddalore
much despiritted — they say that not only
Arnee but Permacoil are to be destroyed &
abondened — I sent a party to survey Panack, the
bastions at the Angles are all thrown down &
and the rest of the works very rotten. The Inhabitants
that remain say that the Enemy took their leave
without plundering and said they were going to
join Tippoo — Many Reports have come to me
this day 16th, that Arnee is actually destroyed
and abondened; I have sent in three different ways
to be certain of its being destroyed or not —
I have ordered Lieutenant Colonel Kelly the
next field Officer for Detachment to March
with two Regiments of Cavalry and one Battalion
of Sepoys to great and little Conjeveram to
report to me the State of those places and join
on the 18th towards Vellore, and to give every
assurance of protection to the Inhabitants whether
they had or had not taken Part from the Enemy —
I am very sorry to find by a note of the 12th from
Pondamallee that no Rice has been thrown into
that place since I left it; this will oblige me
to take from Tripasore one day more than
I intended; I must halt to refresh the Army
some where the 19th and on the 20th shall place
myself

Inhabitants, is
concerned to understand
that no Rice has been
thrown in to Pomamalee
since he left it, which
will obliege him
to take one Day
Provisions from
Tripasore. will
blow himself on
the 20th on strong
centrical ground
& send to Madras
for 26 Days Rice
for the whole Army.

1209

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19th myself in some centrical ground to send for 26 days Rice for all Cavalry in this Army from Madras, beginning with the Rice for the fighting Men; & Mr Roy will I hope be ready to deliver it at more than one place and to load Mr Call's new Bullocks for Despatch. —

In the Course of this days march I was very happy to pass over the ground where poor Baillie was unfortunate and where Sir Eyre Coote beat the Enemy near Pollilore. — The Drummers of this brave Army beat the Grenadiers March of themselves and I felt no want of my leg, the same of my friend were anxious to look for it. — This Army is in great health and Spirits and we are now encamped on the ground where Baillie had the advantage of Tippoo the 6th of September 1780. —

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c
Your most Obed. &
most Humble Sr
(Signed) Jn Stuart

Camp Peerumbaucum
March 16th 1783.

To the Right Honble Ge Lord Macartney KB.
President & Govr &a &a Committee
Fort St. George

My Lord &c

The Preceding is the Copy of my last address to You. — On the 17th (yesterday)

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From Genl Stuart receives different Accounts relative to the Disposition of Armies — encamp on the old Ground at Pellout Revell halt there to receive the Rice from Poonamallee & to exchange the sick Men for the recovered Men of the Army — proposes in a few Days to remove on this side of Tamaroom to favor the sending Convoys of Rice to Chingleput — desires that the Agent may be ordered to employ the Carriages under him in selling the Mount (Magazine) — receive Accounts of a large Quantity of Rice having arrived at Poonamallee — expects to be joined in the Course by the Detachts from Conjeveram &c — will then communicate to the Commee the Intelligence he may receive from them — recommends that 6 Comps of Capt Knowles's Bn do detach to take Post at the Pagodas at Conjeveram & a mid Station on the Road to Arcot for the protection of that District, the disposal of the small Rentes appd by the Commee to wait till some Accounts shall be rec'd from thence

19th (yesterday) we encamped on Cockatore plain on this side Trivatore & by the time the rear Guard came to their Ground I had the two Battering Guns with their proportion of the Shot and three days Rice for the fighting men brought from Trepassore, likewise all the recovered men of the Army who had been left there. Captain Scoutler came to Camp and informed of Arnee being demolished and yet I have accounts from one of my people from that place the 18th that there then entire. — Wishing to get towards our Supplies near the Presidency I moved the Army this Morning & came to our old ground here & before ten this forenoon, The orders have already been given in every detail — For Rice for the army at Poondamallee will be here tomorrow and we halt for that purpose as well as to refresh the Army and to send away our sicks and get the recovered Men in their place — The forrage being scarce and the Water bad on this ground I shall move the army in the direction of six Miles on this side of Tamaroom in two short Marches the 20th & 21st & from thence I shall send for 30 days Rice and proportionable supplies for the Europeans and for Rice also in Convoy by small Escorts forward to Chingleput therefore after this day I wish the Agent may direct all the possible Carriages under him to Transport Rice to the Mount this Coolies have been brought along with the Army on their Return from Vellore and

I have

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14th I have this day ordered them to return to Madras with the Escort now sending to Pondamalle — I hope Mr Ross will again collect and employ them in filling the Mount Magazine with all expedient — a letter from Pondamalle Received late last night informs me of a considerable quantity of Rice arriving there since the 12th Instant which was the date of my Information that nothing had been received there at that time — Lieutenant Colonel Kelly has not as yet joined from Conjeveram, I look for him to arrive this Evening and shall do myself the honor to communicate his information, mean while I have acquainted Captain Lowder that I shall with deference offer my opinion to your Lordships Jaw that five Companies of his Battalion be sent to take post at the great Pagoda of Conjeveram to support the Renters or Overseers of that District and to Detach 30 Sepoys to a small Mud Fort a few Miles from thence in the road to Arcot, but to carry no guns with them, Captain Lowder as things are now situated can send at least 250 men with five days Rice in their Pockets & he says he can find Carriage for five days more. — If Lieutenant Colonel Kelly finds no Grain at Conjeveram the Rice meant for the present be sent thither from the Mount for the use of this Detachment — The person who delivered a Note to me at your Pointer of Arcot

is

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19th is now here. I have told him if he did not chuse to proceed to his charge instantly that he had better wait with the Army till I have some intelligence of the State of things there since the Army left it —

I have the honor to be

Your Lord &c

Camp at Pellaut

Tuesday 18th March

1783. 5 P.M.

Your most Obed.t &

most Humble

Signed Jas Stuart

Received Letter from Rayeram Pundit (as entered in C.C.) stating that he had been informed by His Harcarahs and others that there was a considerable quantity of Grain on the ground in the neighbourhood of Arcot, and requesting that a respectable Force might be ordered to attend him upon his taking charge of that District to protect him against the Enemy and to enable him to secure the Crop upon the Ground. —

20th

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

Governor and President &c Select Committee

Fort St George

From Capt Edmonds the person who has created Disturbances on the Palnaud returns into the Carnatic near, informs the Officer Commanding in Palnaud of the Instructions respecting the annuall rights that the Nabobs Killadar may be directed to remove the decoys

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 11th Instant and to inform you that the person who intended to create disturbances in the Palnaud

on

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Provisions, that the Paymaster may be enabled to keep the new Grain!—

20th

on his arrival at Cunnum finding the people there in some confusion by reason of the fall of the Fort of Kundwanam & that he had little reason to expect assistance being again with the few followers into the Guntur Circar and as yet remain together— I have done myself the honor to inform the Officer commanding in the Palmaid with your intentions respecting the Ammil— Mr Gardiner the Paymaster of this Garrison informs me he has been honored with your instructions to receive Grain &c provision from the Renter of this Country for the use of the Troops & that some part of it is ready to be brought in from the Country & requested I will appoint proper place in which it may be kept— at present such places only appear fit for the purpose & which have always been used as such, are full of the old decayed provision belonging to the Stabol— I have spoke to his Hillidar requesting he would Remove it, in order to make Room, which he refuses to do unless he receives orders for it from the Stabol— Having no other place proper for it and being assured by Mr Gardiner that the new Grain is liable to great damage from the Weather &c. I flatter myself you will be pleased to honor me with your instructions need to act respecting it as soon as possible—

I have the honor to be with great Respect.—

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t

Humble Servant

(Signed) Wm. Edmonds Capt.

To

Ongole

16th March 1783—

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20th

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President & Govr &c &c Select Committee

Fort St George

From Genl Stuart
desires fully answering
the Letter from the
Committee of the
15th March, till his
return to the Presidy
of opinion that
the best diversion
that can be made to
draw Tippoo from
the other Coast will
be proceeding against
Cuddalore, & the total
annihilation of the
French Force on the
Coast; does not give
entire Credit to the
report of the French
having evacuated
Cuddalore, recommends
that Col Lang be
ordered to send a
Detachment to take
Possession of Chittambrum & Palamcotah,
& to engage the Warriour-pollam Polygars
to our Interests,
hopes that Genl
Matthews will be
furnished with
the best Intelligence.

My Lord &c

I had the honor to receive when on the last Ground, your Letter of the 15th Instant. — Running as I do on the 21st and during the interval needful for supplies from the Presidency, to attend my Duty on the Committee, it seems the less necessary now to enter at length on the Subject of that Letter. One thing is clear, that at the time when it must be supposed I could receive it there was an absolute impossibility to move this Army in any active direction, or for any other immediate purpose than as at present. Your Lordship is assured in all probability have then received one or other of my Letters from Vellore, or from near Arcot, to inform you that there were no means, to my knowledge, or within my reach, to subsist this Army half a day, without taking back what at such labor & expence we had just in Store at Vellore. There might perhaps be Grain nearly ripe, or nothing in the Valley towards Ambour. But does your Lordship &c think it would have been proper for me to have waited with this Army, or with any part of it, until the Paddy was ripe & beat out into Rice; or in the situation to have sate down before Ambour, which with the other Hill Forts are on no disposition at present to give up of a sudden; as your Lordship

1215

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Tippoo seems to think might be the case, And attempts have not been wanting to try their disposition in this way. —

To the Main object of your Letter of the 15th I shall say a few Words more — Your Lordship &c wish a Diversion I am to do it in more than one place, to take off, as much as possible of the Force of Tippoo's Army operating against Brigadier General Mathews — Now as to the part of that Diversion which may fall to my share with this Army in the present State of the Carnatic, and of our Resources and expectations and future lasting prospects of benefit to the Honble Company and to the State of Britain, I am clear in opinion that on all those points of view, the best diversion, after supplying ourselves as fully as possible here, will be to proceed to Cuddalore, and if the French have Abandoned it as your Lordship's Intelligence bears, by remaining towards Gingee with the view of retiring towards Tippoos Country if they are pushed, I shall in that case, if I cannot come up with them, proceed to destroy every possible Means of their Country Men, by Sea or Land, finding future shelter on this Coast, beginning first with Cuddalore and next with Pondicherry, and thus the French, as a Nation, will cease to have any consequence in India! — To prevent this I should suppose that Tippoo, or the French having influence with him would make

their

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20th their utmost exertions, And in that way might keep back a greater proportion of his Force, than by my going with this Army in the risque of a Starving, or sending a Detachment of any consequence to engage ourselves in the back parts of the Carnatic, where the taking of all his Frontier places, and retaking all our old Hill forts would not at this important crises avail us in reality so much, as the destroying all French shelter, or means of Trade and selling, even tho the French Troops were mean while to take themselves off by land. — As to this piece of intelligence however, I do not give it my entire credit for I think it very unlikely myself. I have heard on the contrary that they either are now at Cuddalore or will soon go there. —

It is reported to me from all parts that Colonel Lang has already moved to the Westward But I do not know precisely his particular object or plans — It would have been very fortunate if he could have sent 100 Sepoys to take possession of Chellumbrum, and the same number to Palamcottah, It being reported that those places were to be abandoned. But if that cannot now be done from the Garrison, I should advise to send some of Tondemans people to take possession, or to engage the Warriar pollam Man by this mark of confidence, untill I can get to the Southward. — By a

covering

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20th Securing these two places we should in great measure be able to prevent all supplies of Rice and provisions to the French by Sea and Land, and also keep our Communication clear with the Tanjore Country.—

I trust in all events that B.G. Mathews will be furnished with real good Intelligence of the Enemy movements & Strength His own good sense and Military knowledge will direct him either in Offensive or defensive Operations according to the State of things.

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c.a
Your most obedient and
most humble Servant
(Signed) Sam.l Stuart

Camp at Vellout
18th March 1783.—
8 at night

Received the following Letters from General Stuart with Colonel Kellys and Ensign Wilkens's Report as mentioned therein

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

From Genl Stuart advising of the Detach.t having joined him from Conjeveram, — enclosing the Report delivered to him by the Commanding Office of it & by the Engineers, views Conjeveram in the Light of an Entrepot for Rice towards Vyapandel, — recomds that the great Renter be supported

My Lord &c.a

Lieutenant Colonel Kelly joined us this Morning, and I send you the report he made to me; tomorrow or next Day he will make another with some additions, but wishing your Lordship &c.a to know the state of the Pagoda

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by a Detachment from Tripassore, will afford him from the Army every assistance in his power — proposes to attend his Duty in Committee on the 27th should any be summ'd that Day — requests that any Men of the 5th Battn that may be at Madras, may be ordered to join the Army! —

20th Pagoda, & of the Cultivation as soon as possible. I enclose also the Engineers report, In my humble opinion this heavy work of Sortifying the Pagoda is not now to be set about, & especially if it be true that Arnee is dismantled, for if this be not the case, I should have used the great Pagoda of Conjeveram as an Entrepot for rice towards Vyapaudel, & then proceeded to take Arnee, either if Sir Edward Hughes had been late in coming, or if any unfortunate event had happened affecting our Fleet; and this is still the point of view I see Conjeveram in; but I should think it may be proper to send a party of Sepoys there from Tripassore, and Pollegars from those serving at Madras to protect your Renter or Overseer, and if any assistance can be given by this Army from the next ground, while we are in the neighbourhood, it shall be given it may be necessary however when you support the Detachment from Tripasore, & give them in proper time all the assistance of our pioneers & Convoys with rice to enable them to live independent for two Months or until the Corps is saved. This corps is not Considerable by other information, but this post & the mud Fort of Muffelwauk in communication with Arcotte will be consequently useful, and therefore I should recommend the occupying those posts from Tripassore, and with 200 of our Pollegars under

Your

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20th your Route as soon as you please — The people employed by the Enemy in that way, shall be sent to the Presidency Prisons tomorrow or next day — The Army Demolition still remains with me Proclimation as I done tomorrow or next day I shall have the most certain intelligence — We march tomorrow, and I will do all I can to save a day by making two marches in one, but I look chiefly to high and healthy ground for our people and good forrage for five days to the battle — The Army Agent at Madras, & every Department know my Intentions, & I hope and believe that in the detail there will be no delay — I expect to be on the Fort the 21st and to be ready to attend my duty in Committee the 22d if any is Summoned for that day —

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c.
Your most Obdt & most
Humble Servant
[Signed] Jamr Stuart

Camp Vellout 19th
March 1783 1/2 past 2
P.M.

Major General Stuart Commander in Chief
Sir

Agreeably to your Orders I marched from Pollior Camp at 6 o'clock in the morning of the 16th and reached Conjeveram at 9 without interruption, or perceiving an Enemy on the March. This suggested the Idea of endeavouring to surprize some of the Enemy

in

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20.th in the Village, for which purpose I detached Captains Mac Allister & Rollestion with their Corps in front, who surroundering the Village fell in with a few of the Enemys Horse gallopeing off by the Arnee road, killed & Wounded several of them & took five Horses. The heavy Sands of the Pallar saved the remainder of the Party, who in all did not exceed thirty. I am informed they were Posted there as Guards to protect the Village & the Cultivation, which for a considerable extent arround it is in as good order as I ever saw it. The Coco & other fruit Trees quite fresh and surrounded will attended to. And the Town in general, though very thinly Inhabited, yet not in that ruined state which the other Villages in the Road to Vellore are. The Pagoda Walls of both great & Little Conjeveram are all whole & intire, and the Gates in very good order, as the Engineers Report will more particularly describe. The Bramins & other Village People expressed themselves happy to be once more under the English protection, although they confessed they had no fault to find with Hyder's or Tippoo's Government. Agreeably to your instructions Sir I saved the Village from Plunder & fire, gave Cowl to all the Inhabitants, & have brought several families with me, who desired permission to go to Madras —

On searching the Town for Grain & Cattle, we could not find any Quantity of

the

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20th the former in one place that seemed proper to rob the poor Inhabitants of, nor any Cattle fit for the Victualler except what I found had been dedicated to the different Pagodas, which I carefully collected & returned to the Braamins. On the whole Sir, I believe there might have been about a thousand poor Buffaloes & Bullocks which had been employed in tilling the ground, & perhaps an hundred Cows & Calves, which I returned to the several claimants, on the evidence of the principal men of the Place, who testified them to be the property of such Persons. This lenity Sir, will I am confident meet Your approbation, and will probably have a good effect on the minds of the Inhabitants in case you should think proper to make use of Conjeveram as a Post on any future Service. —

In our searching for Grain, we found three poor Men in Irons, in the corner of an old House, who on ordering to be released, informed me of several Persons who were secreted in the Village — some of whom were found, whose names ranks or employments are inserted in the inclosed paper, & the Men are now Prisoners with the Detachment. —

After thus settling matters as well as I could to the seeming satisfaction of the Inhabitants of Conjeveram / who informed me they would acquaint their Head Men at Madras of the same / I left the Town in the afternoon & encamped near the Village

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20th of Covery, three miles up the Perumbacum road.
as soon as we were clear of the Suburbs, some
of the Enemys Horse shewed themselves at the
different Avenues, but did not follow us, nor seem
to have any desire of distressing the Inhabitants.
The 17th the Detachment encamped at Perumbacum,
the 18th at Cockalore, and this morning Joined
the Army, without seeing an Enemy on the
whole Road, untill we came within a few miles
of the grand Camp — where our Rear Guard
discovered about Fifty Horse, one of whom being
considerably advanced & within a short gallop
of the Road, Captain Mc Allester ordered
a Trooper who was well mounted to endeavor to
bring him in. The Man, whether from
necessity or intention does not appear stood his
ground untill the Trooper, of course, brought
them & his Horse in unhurt. It is intelligence
is that he left Arnee five days ago, at which
time the Enemy were employed in the distruction
of Arnee, in the Western face of which they had Sprung
two large Bastions, one the 12th and the other about
noon the 15th — That when he left Arnee the
French Camp was about four Cos South of that
Place — that there had been no Saluting in their
Camp, but there had been a number of mines
imployed in the destruction of the last Bastion
and several Batterdeaus on the West face, which
has left that ditch almost Dry. That Tippoos
whole force left in the vicinity of Arnee may be
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20th about 600 Horse, he thinks, & 400 5 Rajahs of the Chittledrog Rajahs the whole Commanded by a Buxy a Bramin, whose name is Lalla; but six weeks on this side the Ghauts — He further says that he is a Marratta Rajah proof his name Parsa Ram, one of a Detachment of 6000 who were ordered Six Months ago by the Poonah Government to be assembled at Darwar, about an hundred Miles to the Northward of Seringapatam, that they were three Months in collecting their force from different Zemindars; when they Marched to Harponhelly on the banks of the Tungbadra, under the Command of Appa row — Kistna row & Govendrow, three great Bramins who had been sent from Seringapatam to raise the said 600 Horse by permission from Poonah — That they staid near a Month at this place to recover & refresh their poor & jaded Cattle, which had been driven like sheep from various distant parts of the Country, & then proceeded by Chittledrog — Chulwangul & the Pass of Caddapah — Pudum; crossed the Palar near Arcot & joined Tippoo Sahebs Camp about 15 days before our Army arrived at Vandewash last.

One of the Wounded Horse Men, taken at Conjeveram happening to belong to the above mentioned Party, has been seperately examined & corroborates the matter of Parsa Rams intelligence as far as he is capable of answering —

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20th The Man who was taken this Morning wishes to have permission to look for his three Brothers, who took Service with us about two Years ago & who he has never heard of since — their names are Tooka Ram, Sielandhir & Bharamow —

Major General Sir J. Stuart

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Pagodas of Conjeveram appear to be in every respect as the Army left them in Sept.r 1780.

As you have been pleased to order that I report to you the Work necessary to be done to render the Great Pagoda a Post defensible with two hundred Sepoys; and in what time I think that Work may be executed with one hundred Workmen — I am of opinion that the Great Gate should have a Ditch and Ditch in front of it, with a Traverse — that the smaller Gates (as well as the large one) of which there are five should be well built up with Stone — and have good Retrenchments made behind them, in which small guards should constantly be kept — and that the many mud Walls between the first and second Walls of the Pagoda, be so cleared away, that the people at the different posts may have an easy communication with each other — to effect this it will take one hundred Pioniers

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20th at least Seventeen days.—

The Wall being near thirty feet in height, nothing can be done as to making a platform for musketry to fire over it, — it would therefore, if time permitted, be well to make Flanches in front of the smaller Gates, by, which a cross fire along the outer face of the wall will be obtained, and the Gateways might be stopt up all but room for a small Wicket in each. The additional work, independant of Smiths & Carpenters, will take the same people near nine days more to complete. The Pagoda being so Fortified, might I should presume be defencible against every thing except Cannon.—

It would be proper, if possible to have in the upper part of the Great Gate way, a Store of Provision and Water, to which in case of necessity the Garrison might retire — and in this situation I know not how an enemy could get at them but by blowing it up.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t &

Camp Vellore
19th March 1783.

Very Hble Servant

(Signed) Jno Wilkens

Serv.t Engr.

To the Right Honble Jno Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c.a Select Committee

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My Lord &c

From Genl Stuart the Army encamp near Mount, will send immediately the Carriage to the Presidency for Supplies. enclosing Reports from Col: Jordon Major Macleay Capt Abbot Lieut Engr Pickens & the Deputy Commissary of the State &c of little Sort &c of the Stores & Grain found there.

The Army took up their ground here, Short 3 miles of the place I first intended, but finding in passing forrage for five days near to the Mount I halted for our supplies from the Presidency, and the Carriage will proceed tomorrow or next day for that purpose as the Agent has been informed; I have brought every thing of rice for the use of the Army from Pannamalee to Camp, and Sam very happy to find that more has been sent there since yesterday. I beg every exertion may be made to expedite it & increase our Carriage.

I do myself the honor to enclose from No 1 to One & every report that was made by any orders relative to the Situation of Arcott Small Fort &c. So soon as I have given certain & Necessary orders concerning our supplies, I shall proceed to attend my duty in Committee and Hope to be in the Fort before tomorrow forenoon.

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most Obed & most Hble Servant

Signed Jas Stuart

Camp 3 Miles N N W of the Mount 20th March 1783. 4 P.M.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you the Reports of the Commanding Officers of the different Departments attached to my Command — It will from

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20th from them appear what little hopes there is of ours being able to procure any thing like a sufficient supply of either Rice or Paddy, even for one Days Consumption for the Army under your Command. —

I have not yet by any Transaction been able to discover, where either Grain, Paddy or any Military Stores are concealed, & from the face of both the Fort & Pettah, I am apt to believe they have been left rather short of these Articles:

I shall wait the Honor of your further Orders. I am with much regard Sir

Your most Obed.t & Very Humble Servant

(Signed) A Gordon

Camp Glacis of Arcot 12th March 1783.

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

Sir

The Damages done to the Fort of Arcot by the Enemys Mines, are as follows, The S.E. angle Round Town on the N.t side one Breach ——— of 30 feet wide

Curtain N.ward of Stone Breach 20 ——

Round Town — N.ward one D.o 25 ——

East Gate way Side — one D.o 40 ——

D.o — E.side — one D.o — 20 ——

D.o — N.o side one D.o — 20 —

Between the Gate way & N.E. angle the Parapets

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20 th Parapets thrown down —

The Round Tower East of the Redoubt
on the North face — one Breache — 30 feet wide

Round Tower Nward of the Redoubt
1 adjacent Curtain & Breaches in one 170
feet 355

Most of the Parapets on the North Front
destroyed the Rampart below about 15 or 16 f.

The Sum of all the Breaches being
355 feet in extent, to be cleared away — besides
what on further examination may appear
necessary to be removed, and tho' we might meet
with no impediments but what at present occur. —
is still in my humble opinion — a Task not to be
undertaken in so short a space as four days by any
number of Men — The Breaches are in general accessible
by the Shallowness of the Ditch and are most of them
practicable — The Pettah Wall is totally
demolished —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) John Wickens
Sen.r Engr

Camp on the
glacis of Arcot
12th March 1783.
7 o Clock

Sir

Agreable to your Orders, I sent
two Officers to examine the Mines, — there are
none loaded, or Finished, some nearly finished,

but

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20th inst most of them only a hole cut into the Stone Work

Sam Sir

Your most obedient Hble Sr

Arcot 12th March 1783.

(Signed) D Mackay
Major of Artly

A Return of Ordnance & Stores found in Arcot March 12th 1783.

Iron Guns unserviceable 18 Pdrs			4	"
9	Do		1	"
6	Drs		1	"
12½	Drs		2	"
3	Do		1	"
Unserviceable Tumbrils			4	"
60 Carriages of different sorts fit for nothing but firewood			23	"
Gun Powder		℔	50	
Pigs of Lead			3	
Cotton Rope 3½ Inch Circumference	Neat Coil	"	½	
Small Coir	bundles	"	10	
Mamoties			15	"

(Signed) Jos Moorhouse
Comy of Stores to the Army

Paddy found in the Fort of Arcot March 12th 1783 and sent into Camp 173 Bags

J Wopkins Lt
D.Y Mister & Keeper

At

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At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble Ge Lord Macartney &c.
President
Anthonye Sadlier Esqr
Alexander Davidson Esqr
Major General Stuart absent on Service
John Holland Esqr absent at Bengal

Minute of last Committee read & approved

Read General Stuarts Letters of the 15th and 15th Instant as entered in the proceedings the 17th and 17th Instant —

Thursday
20th March 1783.

Minute of the Committee on the Letters from Genl Stuart dated 15th — 17th & 18th March.

The Committee having maturely considered the contents of the said Letters are of opinion that they are written in a stile of asperity, and disrespect highly unbecoming in any one to make use of towards the Government under whose Authority he acts — that in not ordering the Sum of 12000 Pagodas to be paid to the Bullock people agreeably to the Orders of the Select Committee contained in their Letter of the General Stuart disobeyed the said Orders, and that his declaration on the Conclusion of his Letter of the 15th Instant, that as long as he should be in the Command the Gentleman appointed by us never should be employed as Judge advocate General, nor any Deputy from him suffered to act until he has an appointment, or approbation, from the proper authority

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authority," is an open, and direct avowal of disobedience to the authority of the Select Committee, and a proceeding which if ever looked might lead to the most dangerous consequences by holding out an incouragement to others to forget their legal subordination to the civil power —

The Committee however being unwilling (while at ease possibly be avoided) to depart from that line of moderation which they have hitherto invariably observed, only resolve at present that a General Order be immediately made out containing the 54 paragraph of the Company's General Letter to this Presidency dated the 4th July 1777, and a Copy of the Agreement therein mentioned and that the said General Order be immediately dispatched to General Stuart with the following Letter —

To Genl Stuart
highly censuring his Conduct in not complying with Order for the Payment of 200 Pags to the Bullock Hawkins & of his disavowal of their Authority for the appointment of the Judge advocate & recommending him of his Subordination to the Civil Power, warning him of the Consequences of his Disobedience to their Orders & enclosing a General Orders with Directions that it be immediately issued in Camp —

Major General Stuart

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 14th and 15th Instant.

As by the express Orders of the Court of Directors we are inhibited from allowing you a Seat or Voice in our Councils except only in cases of Military Arrangements or Political Negociations with any of the Country Powers, you cannot be made acquainted with our Resources, by our admitting you of Council or Consultation in Money or Revenue

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matters, and you must therefore be satisfied with
Our Report of them thro the Channel of our
President who is ready to give you every
Communication that may be satisfactory to
you. You have already had such
a Communication both of our Resources
and our Embarrassments as to induce you to
assure us that, if necessary, a Supply of
Rice alone would be sufficient for the Army,
which is a striking Confirmation of our
Opinion of its Spirit and good Disposition
as the Resources of this Government are
under our Direction without any Participation
on your Part, so is our Disposal of them.
And you are too well acquainted with your Duty
not to know that strict and immediate Obedience
must be paid by you to our Orders. We are
therefore surprized that you could hesitate in
complying with our Directions relative to the
Payment of 12000 Pagodas to the Bullock Masstries
as our Words were too precise to admit any Doubt
or Latitude for guessing at our real meaning.
that Sum was ordered to be paid to them
notwithstanding the Suspicions entertained
by our President that some of those Masstries
might be nominal Owners of the Bullocks
and in fact only Servants of Persons who could
wait for payment with less inconvenience.
Such Servants might be considered as Men

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of Straw as far as relate to a Claim upon the Company in their own Right. But the Money was long and really due either to them or to those for whom they acted. —

The Maistries were no Doubt justly clamorous either for the whole of the Demand, if real Owners of the Cattle, or for their proportion as their Servants, if the Property was in others. They are a Set of People who, like the privates of an Army, have little Credit and few Resources, and their Clamors require attention. Our President in mentioning his Suspicions of Men of Straw testified his Wish that the falsehood of appearances should be discovered, and that every abuse should be detected and corrected. Your Information and assistance in what relates to the Army must, from your Station, be essential, and will be highly grateful to us. We wish always to know your Opinions upon the method of supplying the Army; but it is upon the Grounds alone of such Opinions that we can form our Deliberations. Your observations therefore at length upon this Subject will be highly welcome to us. We have no Predilection for any particular mode of supply; and are apprehensive that all are liable to abuses. We are glad that you are inclined by gratitude to the East India Company to establish Checks or Controuls against such abuses in the Army; which indeed we think

would

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would be very properly cooperating with our Efforts,
and executing our Intentions for the Public Service:
We shall be ever ready to give you a just tribute
of Praise & thanks for such & any other Exertions,
as we always have to other Military Commanders
for their respective Merits. We justly observed
in relation to General Mathews, that to have
atchieved great things with a Handful of Men
almost unprovided with Tents Bullocks or
Cattle shews what an Active and resolute
Spirit can accomplish and will crown him with
immortal honor. We had already declared our
opinion in a Public letter in relation to
Colonel Humberston that he Marched and
subsisted the Kings and Company Troops
under his Command into the heart of the
Enemys Country without any supply of
Money Provisions Cattle or Ammunition
from the Crown or from the Company since
his Arrival on the Coast, and that whatever
might be his future Progress or Success, to have
penetrated so far towards the Capital of the Enemys
Dominions must do great Credit to the Colonels
Abilities and Perseverance. The Credit we
acknowledge and praise in those Commanders
partly arose from their attention to the supply
of their Troops with little or no assistance
from Government. We have repeatedly
to Sir Eyre Coote and to the Presidency of Bengal

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and to the Court of Directors, our Opinion that, under that General, and by the Troops which he commanded, and you now command, the Superiority of the British Arms was most honorably maintained. Our Praise, if it has any value, derives it from being founded on strict fact. We shall not lower its Value to those whom we have given it to by premature or indiscriminate Encomiums. The Declaration of a suspicion on your Part that praising a General whose Success we had communicated to pointed ata Contrast with other Generals or Operations, shall not draw any Compliments to the Latter at this time from us, from whom under such Circumstances they might appear to proceed with some Reluctance. We shall embrace every proper Opportunity of doing Justice to that Merit of which we have Conviction; but we shall either declare or suppress our Censure or our Doubts as may appear to us most expedient for the Public Service. If we find ourselves forced to the Declaration of any Sentiments of disapprobation we shall endeavour that no mistake can be committed as to the Objects of it. That Justice we mean to others is due also to ourselves in declaring that the Period in which Troops, from the remains of which you mention that Sir Eyre Coote had the merit of forming his Army were broken and despirited,

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was considerably before the present Commission of Government, that if those unhappy Effects were chiefly owing as you say to weak and wrong measures of Council, such measures were consequently not ours, but those of our Predecessors. We shall endeavour to be as little weak or wrong as possible in our Councils, and that Determination has forced us to take notice of the Disobedience to our Orders avowed by you in your Letter of the 14th Instant and we are in like manner obliged to observe the Declaration you make in your Letter of the very next Days Date that while you are in the Command, the Gentleman appointed by us never shall be employed as Judge Advocate General or any Deputy from him suffers to act until he shall have an appointment or approbation from the proper Authority which is a Disavowal of our Authority by which he already is appointed. It would be utterly weak and wrong in us, and equally injurious to our Employers whom we represent, and whose Authority we exercise, if we were to overlook a Disregard of it thus repeatedly and openly avowed. We think it right to remind you of the Obligation you have signed on entering into the Service of the Company, and of your Submission to the Power

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Power we possess, and may be obliged to
exert over you. We direct you therefore
to publish the Enclosed General Order,
that no Person in the Service may be
so far led astray by the Examples of your
Disobedience, as to forget their Legal &
Subordination to the Civil Powers.

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servts

/Signed/ Macartney
&c Select Committee

Fort St. George
March 20th 1783.

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t
Colonel Jones.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c
President & Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Col Jones — submg some points in which he conceives his authority to have been encroached upon by the Board of Masulipatam, & requesting to be favored with the opinion of the Committee thereon.

My Lord & Gentlemen

My intention in this letter is not to complain, as it's impossible to be upon better terms than I am with the Gentlemen that compose the board I have the Honor to serve, but as a Military man, unaccustomed to the service in India, beg leave to submit to Your decision in consequence of the powers invested in me — by your having done me the Honor of appointing me to the command of the Northern Circars — the following points

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My Lord & Gentlemen I hope may depend upon the service of the Company not being in the least impeded by applying for information & shall chearfully submit, if I have mistaken your intentions.

I cannot help looking upon every Soldier in the Northern Circars as immediately under my Command, & a part of their defense in the Arrangement of Course not one of them ought to be removed, unless the service requires it without it becoming throwing me as commanding the whole, & when extraordinary occasions make it necessary for the Board to go out of this line of Service. Any Opinion is that I ought to be acquainted with it immediately. I was a good deal surprized the other day to hear, that Lieut Towns with fifty Sepoys had marched very near the Fort. When I have the Honor of commanding without having had the least notice of it, but how much more so was I when the Sepoys four or five days after, brought me a public Letter for that Gentleman under my cover directed as follows & ordered to be forwarded to him. To Lieut Stephen Towns Commanding a detachment at Poised Service I am informed that he has been sent against Appa Row a Zemindar within ten Cos of this who in consequence of Lieut Towns approach

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approach towards Nairsid, has collected a considerable armed Force there and left than some thousands, & I hear part of which he has called in from the Soubahs Country. Surely, My Lord, & Gentlemen I am unworthy of the Trust You have honored me with if a Scheme of this sort is allowed to be put in execution, without even mention of it being made to me. had I only commanded the detachment at Ellore I should have expected some attention - when there is, or may be a great chance of having an active part in it -

I am to understand by the little experience I have had that the collecting of the Revenues is an answer to every objection a Military man can make - I can say, that some irregularities must arise in getting of them in, but they should not be a shield to cover every unmilitary proceeding - & I cannot help looking upon the Subsidies as a part of the Troops under my command, as they find in Monthly Returns, & are officially called a detachment - I must beg My Lord, & Gentlemen, to know, Whether you have made any alteration in my appointment as to the Northern Circars - for I immagine, when the Enemy is not near, or that our Fleet is on the Coast - it ceases - & that the Words you have been pleased to insert in the Board of

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Masulipatam instructions Vizt We
desire you will consult with Colonel Jones
on every occasion, & determine on no
Military measure without his Advice
& concurrence — I must beg to know — how
I am to act — & what construction these words bear —
I am ordered by the General to be particularly
attentive to the defence of Masulipatam, but
upon enquiring find — I have nothing to do with
the principal department that constitutes the
defence, viz, the Engineers — How can I, or any
other Officer, who may chance to command, be
answerable for the defence of a place — when he
is seldom or ever consulted on what is doing, or
to be done with respect to the Works, or prepara
-tions making for the defence of the Garrison;
& when the Engineer is taught to believe, that
he is totally independent, & unconnected with the
Commanding Officer — I think I ought to
be consulted by the Engineer in every point, &
that all proposals for new Works, or Repairs
should come thro me to the Board, as the prop
channel of subordination. as a proof Major
Maule took the Command of Masulipatam
in consequence of this Board on that Corps —
I naturally conclude they ought to be I
commanded when Senior — Should that I
Garrison be attacked — I believe my character
must be much concerned in the infamy — or the

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honor attending the defence, therefore it is not When the Enemy is at the Gates I wish to be consulted, but upon every occasion in order to be prepared at all times.

There must have been some mistake as to the number of Men, demanded by the Ganjam district, as by their Returns they are near compleat. I mention this because I suppose it has had its effect upon your Lordship, & the Gentlemen in ordering the Grenadiers from Vizagapatam not to join my Detachment according to Major Lysaghts & my application—

Your Lordship & the Gentlemen are well acquainted with the consequences of my detachment being made respectable as far as possible— I must beg you will be pleased to order Captain Lanes two Companies of Grenadiers to join me at Ellore—

I must take the liberty to acquaint You, that the detachment under my Command is in perfect good Order— & ready & willing for any service you may be pleased to Order them upon—

I cannot conclude Gentlemen— without acquainting You— that Seven received an order for detaching part of the troops under my command at Ellore without being consulted— it was Obeyed as far as lay in my power instantly—

I have

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the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen with
great respect

Your most Obedient &
very Humble Servant

/Signed/ Thos. Jones
Lt Col. Comg

Ellore 10th March
1783.—

The Committee having maturely &
considered the foregoing Letter it is resolved
that the following answer be written to Colonel
Jones and that Copies of both be sent to the
Chief & Council of Masulipatam—

To Lieut. Colonel Jones
Commanding the Troops
in the Circars.

To Col Jones expressing
their Sentiments of the
Committee on the points
submitted for their
Consideration.—

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your
Letter of the 10th Instant, and altho' We cannot
but regret that any difference of opinion should
have arisen between your and the Gentlemen
at Masulipatam, the candid reference you
have made to us upon the subject affords us
great satisfaction, and justifies that esteem
for your Character which led to the importance
least reposed on you. Our answer will
be dictated by the same candor, and by an
encreased desire to accommodate ourselves to
your wishes as far as We possibly can
consistently

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consistently with due attention to the established rules, and system of the Companys Service —

Our late Instructions to the Chief Chief and Council of Masulipatam were framed under the prospect of an approaching Invasion of the Circars, and the part of them which you have quoted was particularly adopted to that Expedition — but as even in the event of that Invasion actually taking place it was not our meaning that the authority of our Chief and Council should cease, or be otherwise affected than it necessarily was by our Injunction to them to adopt no Military measure without your advice, and Concurrence, so on the other hand now that all immediate danger has past it is still our meaning that you shall be consulted in every measure that in any respect concerns the general defence, or safety, of the Circars, and that the Chief and Council shall not relax in any attention to you that can be shewn without Inconvenience to the public Service — This general principle We shall briefly apply to the points you have referred to our decision — and first it is obvious that the sending all Orders indiscriminately through you when you are absent from Masulipatam, would in many cases be attended with delays & prejudicial to the service. Whenever Orders are sent direct from the Board of Masulipatam

to

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to officers on Detachment such Orders as
occasion will be communicated to you by the
respective Officers to whom they are addressed
as points of duty necessary for you to be
acquainted with. — With regard to the
particular Instance you mention of orders
being sent to Lieutenant Towns we are not
yet sufficiently acquainted with the
circumstances to form an Entire Judgement —
If Lieutenant Towns was stationed in a post,
or Village near Ellour merely to protect the
Revenue with a few Sibbendy Sepoys which
are seldom if ever employed but for that
purpose it is a matter that relates to the
detail of Revenue Business in the district, and is quite
distinct from his being Ordered against Esparore, in
which case you should doubtless not only have been
made acquainted with the intended Service but your
assistance and support required in the execution. —
With respect to the Engineer in
Masulipatam or in any other Fortress, he is by
the invariable System of the service entrusted with
the exclusive charge of the fortifications / being
supposed to be fully competent thereto / and makes
his reports, and recommendations immediately to
the Civil Government, and to the Chief Engineer,
who on his part makes his reports, and recommends
his plans for the safety, strength, and benefit,
of the fortifications of Fort St. George immediately

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to us altho' the defence of the place when attacked will be vested in the Senior military Officer nevertheless We readily allow that the Engineer should at your desire make you acquainted with all his plans for the benefit or Improvement of the fortifications & give you full, and complete Information on every point connected with them.

With respect to the two Companies of Grenadiers which You wish should join you from the Vizagapatam district as it is not probable that you will have occasion for them so suddenly, or immediately as not to afford time for their march from thence We have consented to their being detained in that District for the present upon a representation from the Chief & Council of the ill consequences that would attend their removal at this Juncture.

As to the Order which you mention having received for detaching part of the force under your Command without a perusal of the Order itself, or a knowledge of its particular object, or extent, We can only refer to the general principle above stated which will convey to you the spirit of our sentiments and Intentions on the subject. —

A copy of this Letter will also be sent to the chief & Council of Masulipatam, and from our knowledge of both them, and your disposition and public Zeal, We trust

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it will prevent the possibility of any doubt or misunderstanding arising in future to obstruct or weaken your exertions for the general Welfare of the Service respectively committed to your charge.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.t Servt.

Fort St George
20th March 1793.

/Signed/ Macartney
via
Select Committee

Read the following Letter

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Lieut.t Comm.g the Tanjore Subsidy Battalions - requesting that no Capt.n be in future appd to comd the whole Corps, but that they may be permitted seperately to command their respective Batt.n

Lamenting as we sincerely do the death of Captain Bishop - We hope we will be found justifiable in addressing upon an occasion so interesting to our future prospect - From Eleven to thirteen Years Service in this Country, The whole we hope not unprofitably sent for our Employers, & the Commands that we have been entrusted with in the Course of this War, in the Grand Army & in the Tanjore Country, impresses with us Idea that our application will not be unfavourably received - You have been pleased in your General Orders

your

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issued to the Army, to appoint us to our present
Commands in as full and as ample a Manner, as
any Officers Whatever are appointed to the Command
of Corps, and you have been pleased to Confirm our
Priveledges by Letters in the Government of Sir Thomas
Rumbold. — we now flatter ourselves The Honble
Board will be pleased to suffer us to injoy our
Appointments without the interference of a Captain
over the Whole, for if we may venture to express
our opinion of the right & priveledges we enjoy
from the nature of our Appointments & from
the orders of the Select Committee — and differing
perhaps from What a future Captain may
suppose to be his — he may perpetually &
involve himself & us in disputes & difficulties
highly prejudicial to the Service — We have
been long thought to believe, that Government
at the recommendation of Sir Eyre Coote gave
us our Commands as a mark of their Approbation
of our past Services, intending a Reward, & that
distinction should accrue from them — We are
very sorry to say, that if a Captain is appointed
their intention will not be fulfilled — And
what will render the Circumstances more
unpleasing is that we have resigned Staff
Appointments in the Army equal if not &
superior to what our present Advantages are. —

We express the fullest Confidence
in the Justice of the Right Honble the President

and

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and Select Committee towards us — And that even if they should deem it necessary to reform the Sebundy Battalions into more Regular Corps — that they will please to leave them under our direction until we rise ++ in the Service entitles us to the Rank of Captains which Event we hope from the number of years we have served may not be far off.

In return for such indulgence will if possible redouble our attention to deserve the protection of Government and to convince the World that it is not ill bestowed will be our greatest Happiness & greatest ambition +

We have the Honor to remain with the greatest Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t & Most Humble Servants

Tho.s Knox Lt.t & 3 Mr.s
J.o Oram Lt. & 2 Mr.s
J.o Little Lt. & 1 Mr.
E.n White Lt. & 4 Mr.s

(Signed)

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Ordered to be for consideration, and the Secretary to refer to the General Orders issued some time since relative to the Tanjore Sebundy Corps.

Read the following Letter from the Agent

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Agent stating the large Sum due to him, & requesting a further Advance of 200 Pags. by Bills on Bengal.

I have received the Order which your Lordship &c. have been pleased to pass for Bills upon Bengal for 12000 Pagodas, but if your Lordship &c. will be pleased to recall to Your remembrance that I have received neither Money or Bills since the Month of November last — that I have twice this Year equiped the Army with every thing wanted from my Office on my own Credit — and that I am now upwards of 50,000 Pagodas in Arrear, I trust that You will think it just and necessary to Order a Sum more adequate to the Demands already upon me and the exertions to be made in consequence of the Return of the Army. —

My confidence in the success of your Lordships Government and of protection from your Lordship and the Committee has induced me to pledge my private Credit in support of my Office, as far if not further than any other Company's Servant, and I hope that my exertions will induce your Lordship &c. to continue to me that support which alone can carry me through the difficulties in which my Zeal have involved me or enable me to conduct my Department of the public

Service

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Service with any tollerable Success

The disbursements of my Office are all made in ready Money - the expence of feeding Bullocks, Cooley Hire and Servants Wages are paid for from Month to Month and from Day to Day - Yet to answer this immediate expence which with purchase of Casks, Gunney Bags and other things I wanted in my Office amounts to about 10,000 Pagodas p Month, if Your Lordships &c. are pleased, when I am upwards of five Months in Arrear, to Order only the Sum of 12000 Pagodas which is little more than the Expenditure of one Month, and that too in Bills upon Bengal, to be paid perhaps at a distant period of four Months and which cannot be brought into circulation in less than Six Months more, so that the Date of my advance and of the payment to me will include a space of about sixteen Months, how is it possible that my Credit can continue under such circumstances or without an adequate support from Government that I can continue to conduct my Office? -

I hope that your Lordship &c. will be pleased therefore to reconsider my Letter of the 3d Instant and order that the Sum of 10,000 Pagodas be paid to me in ready Money (without which it will

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will be impossible for me to supply the (
immediate wants of the Army) and that I shall
receive Bills upon Bengal for 20,000 Pagodas
in addition to the 120,000 already Ordered.

Your Lordship &c will be
pleased to recollect that according to the System
of the Service my Office should be always paid
in advance and after the payment of the above
Sums that still a considerable arrear will be
due to me.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t &
Most faithful Sv.t

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20th March 1783.

(Signed) William Ross
Agent.

Bills to be granted to the Agent for 8000 Pag.s

Agreed that a further advance of 8000 Pagodas
be made to the Agent by Bills on Bengal

Mr Wm Hawkins appointed Paym.r at Poonamalle in the room of Mr Jewel Call deceased

The Right Honble the President
informs the Committee that Mr Jewel
Call the Paymaster at Poonamalle died
there the 17th Instant — Agreed
that Mr William Hawkins be
appointed

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appointed paymaster at Poonamalla in
his Room

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20th Dispatched the following Letter to Captain Smith —

To Captain George Smith
Commanding at
Pulicat

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to furnish you with the accompanying Copy of a Petition against you from the Renter of Pulicat and to desire you will return a particular answer to it as the Select Committee are determined to mark their displeasure at the Interference and Grievances complained of if it shall appear that they are well founded —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
(signed) John Sumner Huddleston
Secretary —

Fort St. George
20th March 1783

Re. Captain Smith enclosing a Petition from the Renter of Pulicat, which he is to answer

Dispatched to Mr. Aurial to be laid before the Governor General and Council a continuation of the Proceedings of the Select Committee from the 19th to the 24th December last. —

25th Received the Letter from Doctor Davis as entered in M. B. Representing the impropriety of Mr. Lords conduct, and the irregularity of his charges as Surgeon of the Garrison of Trinquebore —

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Recvd the following Letters

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

My Lord & Sirs

From Captain Smith exculpating himself from the Charges exhibited against him by the Renter

I had the Honor to receive this Morning thro' Mr. Secretary Hudleston by your directions a Copy of a letter from the Renter of Palicat to the Governor, and I am extremely sorry to find therein accusations against me which are scandalously false, and I give you my Word & Honour My Lord & Sirs that there is not one word of truth exhibited against me, excepting the guard of Sepoys which I acknowledge having sent in consequence of a letter sent by Mr. Ross the Agent, to the Paymaster of this Garrison; who desired my Assistance to put the order in execution. The enclosed is a copy of Mr. Ross's letter I positively deny My Lord & Sirs that I ever told the Renter I had received Orders from the Governor or any one else to take any Grain from the Merchants, it was impossible I could utter a falshood of the kind, for I had received no letter myself on the Subject at my desire the Paymaster accompanied me to the House of the Renter & communicated to him the contents of Mr. Ross's letter, and also told him if he would assist him in the Collection of the Pagoda

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part of the Quantity therein mentioned, for the use of the Garrison, that I would furnish the rest, to which he consented & the Merchants acquiesced, but when they enquired of Mr. Firth who was to pay them for it, & was told that Government would settle with them they declined giving any without ready Money The Renter told me the next day that if the Governors Orders was put in execution the Merchants would bring no more grain to this Market, and in Order that there maybe no stop to their importings I told the Renter to inform the Merchants that I had some grain here belonging to a Gentlemen & that I would Issue the Quantity wanted out of it. which I did & received the thanks of him as well as the Merchants. & I never heard a word about it since. As I conceive myself Injured My Lord & Sirs by these Notorious falshoods, & being sensible of the Injustice done me by the Renter in not adhering to more than one word of truth in his accusation against me, I hope you will do me the Justice to give me an opportunity of acquiting myself before the Renters face, by ordering him & me both to appear before you to be examined, when I flatter myself I shall be able to prove to your Satisfaction that he the Renter of Paliacat is like every other of his Cast, Viz. made up of deceit & lies

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I have the Honor to be most respectfully

My Lord &c &c

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) George Smith

Paliacat
25th March 1783.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Captain Lippage, stating the Quantity of Rice and Money left him by Genl. Stuart - means to repair the Tanks -

Since the departure of the Army from hence we have been perfectly quiet, none of the Enemy are returned to their former encampments. I can only hear of 200 horse at Gorryattam, collecting the Produce of the Crop - Seid Saib is at Arnie and the French near to Gingee - General Stuart left with me 158,570 Sears of Rice, and 80,308 sent from Arcot, which makes 178,878 - at the present consumption it will serve the Garrison exactly 5 Months, and I had sufficient on the arrival of the Army to last to the 5th of April - There is a very fine Crop of Paddy on the Ground, but I am much afraid one half of it will be lost for want of Water - I likewise received 5 Bags of Salt, 69 Thirds of Arrack and 19,000 Pagodas 6000 of which was to clear the Officers accounts to August last - For all probability the Country round us will be soon free from the Enemy, the first and great object about Vellore is to get the Tanks made up,

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25. up, which Mess Saib cut in November 1780 — The principal one is Chittenberg — General Stuart gave me orders to have it done as soon as possible and as soon as the Crop is cut and I can spare the Sepoys I will set about it, — it will take between 6. and 3000 Rupees, besides there are others which I — partly made up last year, that are equally necessary — The large Tank of Chitterberry is filled from the River, which swells in June and July, so that it will be necessary to have it finished by that time — Several inhabetants are returned and if the Tanks are again Compleated Vellore would soon flourish, and in a few months those vast Tracts of Paddy fields which have been waste these three years would soon be cultivated — I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most

humble Servant

(signed) John Cuppage

Vellore
18 March 1783

28. Dispatched the following Letter to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam with Copy of Colonel Jones's Letter of the 10th March and the Select Committees Reply thereto, as resolved on yesterday.

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

Gentlemen /

I am directed by the Right Honble

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To Masulipatam, enclosing copy of a letter from Col: Jones and the answer to it —

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The President and Select Committee to transmit you the enclosed Copies of a Letter from Colonel Jones and of the Answer they have returned to it, and to which they desire your strict attention.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obed.t Serv.t
(signed) John. Hudleston
Secry

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25th March 1783

23d — Received the following Letter from the Paymaster with the Field Surgeons Report on Mr. Lords' Accounts. —

To John Hudleston Esq.t
Secretary —

From Mr. Webb, enclosing Report of a Committee of Surgeons on Mr. Lords Acct.t — and letter from Capt.n Younge. —

Sir!

Conformable to the Orders of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee I laid before the Surgeons of the Army the Letter from Mr. Davis with the Accounts you transmitted to me which accompanied it, and requested their Opinion thereon which I now have the Honor of forwarding to you. —

I am
sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
(signed) T. Welch Paymaster

Camp
22d March 1783 —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Accounts delivered in by Mr. Lord be returned to him, and that he be paid 125

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23. 125 Pagodas ℔ Month for the time he acted as Surgeon of the Garrison of Sriperasore —

Bullocks arrive from the Northward. —

Received from the Deputy Commissary a Return of 827 Bullocks arrived from the Northward. as entered in M. B.) —

Received the following Letter from Colonel Elphinstone —

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney
&c: &c: &c: —

My Lord,

From Col. Elphinstone Pay wanted for the 73d. Regt —

I beg leave to inform you, that Pay will be wanted for the 5th. Battalion of His Majesty's 73d. Regiment on the 24th. of Next Month —

I have the Honor to be
Your Lordship's
Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) John Elphenston
Lt. Colo. Commandg. the
5th. Battr. 73d. Regt.

Fort St. George
23d. March 1783 —

At a Select Committee Summoned on Military Affairs Present —

Sunday the 23d. March 1783

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. Presid. & Gov.
Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Major Gen. James Stuart
Alexander Davidson Esqr. —

John Holland Esqr. absent in Bengal.

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved. —

The President lays before the Committee the

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The following Accounts which he desires may be Entered on the Records for the Information of our Employers —

Fort St. George March 22d. 1783

Account of Receipts of the Assigned Revenue from 2d. December 1782 to this Day, including by a general Recapitulation all Sums heretofore stated in the different Accounts before Delivered, and what since this day is known to be received —

The President lays before the Committee account of Receipts & Disbursements of the Assigned Revenue

of Pulicat District

Received as p Statement dated Decr. 23 1782 -		1000 " — "	
Ditto as p - Do. - - - - Febry 14 1783 - -		1100 " —	2100 " — "

of Palnaud District

Received as p Statement dated 23 Decr. 1782 - - - -		13876 " "	
Ditto as p Ditto - - - - 14th Febry 1783 - - - -		2000 " — "	
Ditto since on the 1st & 10th March 1783 - - -		4000 " — "	19876 " — "

of Nellore District

Received as p Statement Dated 23d. Decr. 1782 -		222689 " — "	
Ditto as p Ditto - - - - - 14th Febry 1783 -		32430 " — "	
Ditto since by Mr. Cram in Febry Mo.	22000 "		
by Ditto - - in March - -	10000 " —		
by Committee here in Febry - -	1165 " —		
by Ditto - - in March -	4015 " —		
Mo Ps.	37180 —		
D 10 p % -	40898 " —	"	296017 " — "

of Ongole District

Received as p Statement Dated 23d. Decr. 1782 - - - -		10743 " — "	
Ditto as p Ditto - - - 14 Febry 1783 - -		251	
Ditto Since - - March 7th - - -	P 10450 —		
ditto 18 - - - - -	506 — "	10956 " — "	21955 " — "

of Trichinopoly District

Received as p Statement dated 23d. Decr. 1782 - -		105837 " — "	
ditto as p ditto - - - - 14th Febry 1783 - - -		17894 " — "	123731 " — "

of Tinnevelly Country

Received as p former Statements - - - - -

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Account of Payments made from the Assigned Revenue from December 2.d 1781 to this Day, including by a general Recapitulation all Sums, heretofore stated in the different Accounts before delivered, and what since to this Day is Known to be paid.

To His Highness the Nabob on Account of His Sixth Part –

Paid as p.t Statement dated 23 Dec.t 1782 –		P. 109968 " – "	
Ditto as p.t Ditto – – – –	14.th Febry.y 1783 – – –	15000 " – "	
Ditto since – – – – – – –	3 March	P. 5000 –	
	7 – D.o – – –	5000 – –	
	10.th – D.o – – –	5000 – –	15000 " – "
Ditto in Rice 3000 Bags in Jan.y Febry.y & March 1783		7534 " – "	147500 " – "

To Charges General

Paid as p.t Statement dated 23.d Decem.r 1782 –		978 " – "	
Ditto as p.t Ditto – – –	14.th Febry.y 1783 –	430 " – "	
Ditto since in March Office Servants P.		59 " – "	
	Persian Servants	387 – –	446 " – " 1854 " – "

To Account Presents

Paid as p.t Statement dated 23.d Dec.r 1782 – – – – – – –		1317 " – "
Total of Payments Pag.a		150671 " – "

(Signed) J.C. Bartholmæ
Accountant

Amount of Extra Funds provided since the present War which Commenced July 1780 to 31.st January 1783 –

Amount of extra Funds provided

Drafts upon England in October 1780 – – – –	515,450 " 9 " 76	
Ditto in Consequence of the Advertizement published in Mr Smiths Government in January 1781	107349 " 14 " 35	
Ditto of Swallow in Consequence of the Advertizem.t of the 28.th December 1781 – – – – – – – –	185570 " 22 " 48	
Ditto of Grosvenor as p.t D.o – – – – – – – –	82811 " 8 " 26	
Ditto of Chapman of the 6.th April – – – –	259393 " 14 " 59	
Ditto of Rodney – – – – – d.o – – – – – – –	241296 " 31 " 53	
Register now open – – – – – – – – – – – – –	77916 " 4 " –	1469787 " 33 " 57
Carried Over – – –		1469787 " 33 " 57

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Brought Over		1469787. 33. 67.
Treasure received from Bengal Consigned to the Governor & Council	1504547. 7. 67.	
Ditto ..... Consigned to Bombay which was stopt here by Mr. Smith for the use of this Government	8934. 6. 71	
Ditto — Consigned to General Coote	589006. 26. 10	
Drafts on that Settlement	991079. 23. 60	
Remitted Hither by way of Manulpatam	228. 750. — —	
Ditto by Bills on Messrs. Pelling & de Fries	250066. 32. 48	
Estimate Amount of Provisions received from thence	878158. 28. 5	
Ditto of Military Stores	142918. 10. 74	4448841. 31. 15
Bombay Presidency for Provisions received from & a Bill drawn on that Settlement	.....	15840. 0. 28
Borrowed upon Bond		654345. — —
S Pagodas		6588820 35. 38

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1st February 1783 —
Errors Excepted
(Signed) Tho.s Cockburn
Dep.y Accountant

General Stuart lays before the Committee a Paper of Intelligence as entered in Miscellany Book stating that the Fort of Arnee was entire and weakly garrisoned — That Seid Sahib Camp consisted of about 4000 Cavalry - and the Front Camp of about 1500 Europeans, four Battalions of Sepoys and twenty Guns - which were supplied with Provisions from Arnee —

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Read Town Major Report (as entered in M. B.)
of 827 Bullocks arrived this morning from Ongole —
314 large the rest of the proper sort for Carriage —
the whole in good order but a few have sore Backs,
and all except 7 provided with Saddles —

Bullocks arrive from Ongole —

Read the following Letter from Captain Scoulers —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I am given to understand, that you are much displeased, at my having put Nineapah Riddee & his Brother Moorgapah Riddee in Confinement; Supposing I did it in Opposition to your Authority —

From Capt.n Scoulers exculpating himself for keeping two men in Confinement, with Intelligence of the Enemy, and motions of the Army —

I am exceedingly concerned My Lord & Gentlemen, that you should suppose me so bad a Soldier, and to have so proper Sence of Subordination, for I declare upon my Honor that my reason for Confining them, was only for the purpose of sending them to you, to answer for the false Representations they had made to you, concerning my Conduct, (by which they had contrived to raise your Displeasure against me) and not supposing that their confinement could be construed into Disrespect to you my Lord & Gentlemen — so far was I from intending the least Disrespect by that Action, that I thought it my Duty to send them to you, to receive Correction for

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for their improper Conduct; and at the Time it was done, I daily expected your Answer to a State of Facts, which I had done myself the Honor to lay before you, in which these Brothers Conduct must surely have appeared to you very faulty & deserveing of Punishment — no Answer arriveing they were Released — all these latter Circumstances concerning their Confinement &c: I did myself the Honor to explain in a Letter to the Right Honble the President, and flatter Myself, that if you will do me the Honor to read over these Letters dispassionably, you will then; rather Applaud, than Disapprove of my Conduct throughout the whole of these Transactions. —

It seems to be the general Opinion that Tippoo Saib left the Carnatick with his Army about ten Days ago, many from those Parts assert it as a Fact & I have wrote Captain Lysenhaus (his Lordships Aid de Camp) repeatedly on the Subject — Permakoil is destroyed — this I believe you may depend on — Arcot is likewise destroyd; of this last Circumstance, near fifty People can authenticate the Truth of the Fact — several Men who I have sent to pick up certain Intelligence of these Matters, are not yet returned, but the moment they arrive, I shall do myself the Honor of acquainting you with every thing that occurs worthy of your notice —

Our Army arrived at Calpet from Vellore the 11th. they were still Encamped there on the 13th at Night — I forwarded to you last Night a Letter

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Letter of great Consequence, from the Commander in Chief - if it arrives safe, all these matters will be related to you more fully. By the last Accounts from the Southward, Col.o Lang was Encamped near Tanjore, and intended to proceed shortly, to reduce Chillambrum then to march to Cuddalore, near which Place our Army under General Stuart was to meet him, & jointly act against the French - I learn these Circumstance from Several of Col. Langs Hircarrahs; & trouble you with them, fearing, you might possibly not have heard them before -

General Stuart has directed me to have the two Iron Eighteen Pounders, with half their Shot, ready, on the outside of the Fort; intending to carry them away with him — I am told he has left four of his Eighteen Pounders in Vellore. —

He returns with the Army by the Pollelore Road, & proposes to Encamp on Coholore Plain the 16.th or 17.th Instant. —

I have the honor to remain -

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very Obedient

& Most Humble Servant

(signed) Robt. Scouler

Tripasore
15.th March 1783 —

P.S. I have this moment received a Letter from Col.o Dugald Campbell Dated the 14.th at Night. East of Carvey Paunk Lake; who mentions, that on the 12.th & 13.th he was in the Ruins of Arcot —

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Read Petition from the Inhabitants of the Trepassore District (as entered in M B.) stating in substance that on the retaking of Trepassore, Genl. Coote directed the Inhabitants to cultivate the Country — that having collected a few Cattle & secreted them in the Woods, to prevent their falling into the Enemy's hands — Capt. Scoular sent out Sepoys & seized them for his own use — that he took Possession of the Paddy fields and employed the Cattle in cultivating them — and that when the Inhabitants complained of these Proceedings he put two of them in Confinement — That his Dubash extorted 40 Pags. from them and 25 Pags. monthly for the Bazar ——

Minute thereon — The Inhabitants of Trepassore have made reiterated Complaints against the Conduct of Captain Scoular, part of which appear even from his own Letters to be well founded, for he has acknowledged the having exacted a Stipend of Tax from the Bazar (which of itself is a Breach of the express orders of the Company) and his having put in Confinement the persons who having made a Complaint here against him were the Bearers of a Letter to him from the Select Committee on the subject of that Complaint ——

The Committee having considered the above circumstances together with the Letter from Captain Scoular now before them in which he presumes

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presumes to arraign their Judgment, and the decision they had passed on the former Complaints are of opinion that the Public Service requires that he should be relieved from the Command of Tripassore, and it is resolved that He be relieved accordingly.

Capt.n Scouler relieved from the Command of Tripassore

The President proposes that Captain Barthe=lamew Vigors be sent with his Battalion (the 27th) to relieve Captain Scouler and the 26th Battalion and that the latter be ordered to return to the Presidency —

Capt.n Vigors with the 27th Battalion to Garrison Tripassore —

Agreed to Accordingly. —

General Stuart dissents to the Resolution for the immediate Removal of Captain Scouler, not by way of supporting him in unjustifiable conduct, or to prevent redress to the Inhabitants, but because it is done without giving that Officer a Court of Enquiry or other Regular Military mode to justify himself, and his removal however gently Worded is not only an Imputation on his Character but on his Conduct —

General Stuart dissents to the removal of Capt.n Scoulers —

Read Letter from the Quarter Master General to the Secretary advising that there are only 7 days Slaughter Cattle remaining in Camp — The General also acquaints the Committee that 2500 Bullocks will be required to move with the Army — Agreed that Copy of the above Letter be sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue and that they be desired to issue orders to the several Amildars to send with all expedition as many Slaughter Cattle as they can possibly procure — that

From Quarter Master General con.d the Slaughter Cattle with the Army —

Minute thereon

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Letters also be written to the Commanding Officers at Nellore, Pulliecat and Tripassore to give the Amuldars every assistance in their power for that purpose. —

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General —

John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary of the Select Committee
of Fort St. George —

Sir,

From Adjt. General advising of the death of Captn. Marshall, and promotions in Consequence. —

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to Report the Death of Captain David Marshall of Infantry, and to Acquaint you that Lieut. Robert Croker is the Senior Lieut. for Promotion, and Ensign George Barclay the Senior Ensign — he requests you will lay the same before the Right Honble. The President and Select Committee. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt. General

Head Quarters
Fort St. George 23d.
March 1783 —

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Promotion recommended in the foregoing Letter do take place accordingly.

General Stuart delivers in the following Minute

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In Committee 23d March 1783.—

Gen.l Stuart Minute on the General Orders of the 25th March— on Cash paid to the Bullocks Masters with a letter from Mr. Welch, and Concerning the appointment of Mr. Hudleston to be Judge Advocate General —

On the 21st Instant at 2 in the Morning about an hour before leaving Camp, I had the honor of receiving a Letter from the Committee dated the 20th Inst.t inclosing an attested Copy by Mr. Secretary Hudleston dated the 19th, of a Paper which I remember perfectly well to have signed in England Seven years ago in Common with every Officer in the Company's Service; this Paper was published in the General Orders of that day (25th Inst.t) to the Army in the field because it was the good Pleasure of the Committee, so to have it, however unnecessary I may think such a measure of to put me in mind of my duty, or as needed in that sure for any one man in the Army I have the honor to Command,— (In the present temper & disposition, it seems indeed fortunate for me, that the only instances which the Committee can lay hold of as a reason for their supposed personal discipline on their part, are such as when their Superiords see my Letters of the 14th, and 15th. instant and their Letter of the 20th, I have every Reason to think that the decision will not be to my Prejudice, and I now appeal to it.

Meanwhile as ever the imputation of Disobedience of the Orders of Government seems to my present feelings very disagreeable, I beg leave to state the Instances —

The first Instance where the Committee say that strict & immediate Obedience was to be paid by me,

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in oregard to the Note for 12000 Pagodas directed from the Secretary to the Paymaster for the use of the bullock Mastries; this note might indeed have as well gone at once to him without my Cover, the Committees orders being here paramount; unless perhaps it was sent with some personal or in the letter to me which Covered it, the Committee say expresly that the Clamorous Bullock Mastries were to be paid from the money stoped by Mr. Jackson for rice, and lodged with Mr. Welch the paymaster; I gave orders for that very money in two payments, amounting together, not to 12000, but to 86681 as will appear by Mr. Welchs letter to me now delivered to the Committee for record along with this minute. — I also returne the Note to Mr. Welch. If therefore there has been a delay untile now in fullfilling the Orders of the Committee, or that their intentions, however differently expresed, were oreally to give the bullock Mastries more than the value stop'd, this delay untill farther explana=tion instead of being called disobedience of orders, might, and I trust, will in Candour be construed as proceeding from a well founded Supposition that the Committee did not Know the exact amount of rice Stopages in the paymasters hands. —

So much for that first Instance of Disobedience; and as to the Second and last mentioned or employed in

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in the Letter of the 20th. I really don't know how it can be in any sense unfavorably Construed, I mean my Opinion and Resolution Concerning the Committees Appoint= =ment of Mr. Secretary Hudleston to be the judge & Advocate General to this Army, as at present Constituted; because in fact, the Orders of the Committee in that respect have been published to the Army. — but nevertheless thinking as I really do, that this Government has not legally the right or power to make such an appointment so as to be efficient; and that it can only be a nominal title without the Sanction of Sir Eyre Coote the Commander in Chief of His Majestys forces. I therefore did myself the honor to acquaint the Committee by Letter on the 15th. Inst. of what I now repeat, in my place here; "that Mr. Secretary Hudleston, or his Deputy will not (indeed my cannot) be employed by my orders in that Capacity without such a Sanction, not from any disrespect or disobedience to the Company's Government, not from anything Personal to that Gen= =tleman (Mr. Secretary Hudleston) but because I am clear that neither he nor any man can by Law exercise the Office without the Sanction of the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces; and that the Proceedings and Sentences of every Court martial where the person thus appointed, or any Deputy from him were to Sit as judge Advocate, would be illegal; (The other parts of the Committees letter of the 20th. need not here be touched upon; (However as to my General observation

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and Answer in regard to the Power of the Committee over me in my possible situation or point of view, I can only say that I know very well what their legal powers and the Company's Instructions are, by which I trust they will be solely guided in their Conduct towards me; but of one thing I can assure the Committee and I shall conclude this Minute with it, that no threat of what they may or will do, neither any act on their part will induce me to do what I think highly disrespectfull to His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote, and Country to his Orders as my immediate Superior in the Command of his Majesty's troops; and much less will I be accessary or give my consent to an illegal appointment, for such I consider that of Mr. Secretary Huddleston, were he to act from the Sole Authority of this Select Committee, or of the Company's Government, in this, or in anyone of their Presidencies. —

(Signed) Jam.s Stuart

To Major General James Stuart
Commander in Chief &c

Sir/

The amount of the Cash sent to me by Mr. Jackson a day or two before the Army moved from Conditoure which he had collected on account of Rice was Eight Thousand Six hundred and

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and Sixty eight Pagodas, four thousand of which I advanced to the Bullock Mastries conformable to your Orders Communicated to me through Mr. Kenworthy's, and the overmainder being four thousand Six hundred and Sixty eight Pagodas I have this day given them in Consequence of your directions to me last night. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Servant
(signed) Welch
Paym.r

Camp near
Covrepauk
24.th March 1783 —

Minute thereon — Ordered to lie for consideration —

General Stuart delivers in the following Minute

Minute in Committee 23d. March

Minute of Gen.l Stuart, desiring that his Minute of the 29 Jan.y may be transmitted to Bengal. —

I perceive on reading the Consultations during my Absence on Service that the Governor General & Council of Bengal desire an explana=tion on an expression in a letter from the Right Honble President to that Board, where he supposes a possibility of counteraction of Councils here to his plans. —

I perceive also that the Select Committee on the 5.th March, (when I was absent) in expla=nation of the Words used by the President, state reasons for it. And refer to the Presidents Minute of the 18.th of January. They are there indeed used and pointedly too to me = But the Committee, in my humble opinion, should in the same letter, especially

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especially as the imputation interests — one of their own Members absent on Service, I say I had every reason to expect, that my Answer to that Minute of the Presidents which I wrote the 29.th January, & presented to the S.t Committee the 5.th of February last, would have also been Referred to by them. And as it was not, I do now in my own Name appeal to it, and desire that my Minute on this occasion be transmitted to the Governor General and Council of Bengal for my justification against the imputations Contained in the Right Honble Presidents Minute of the 18.th January 1783.

(S.d) J. S.

Minute thereon

The Secretary being asked by General Stuart whether his Minute presented in Committee the 5.th February has been sent to the Governor General and Council, answers that neither that Minute nor the Right Honble Presidents Minute of the 18.th January have yet been sent to Bengal by him or from his Office to the best of his Knowledge, and Recollection, no resolution having Passed for sending either of those Minutes seperately from the rest of the Proceedings which will all be sent as soon as they can possibly be prepared with the very inadequate number of effective Assistants at

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at present serving in the Military department

General Stuart delivers in the following

Minute —

I see by the Consultations sent to me that the Agent in his letter of the 8th of March, States as delivered for the use of the Army from the 6th of January to the 6th of March.

General Stuarts Minute on Bullocks sent to the Army - enclosing a Muster of them —

Draught Bullocks	225
Carriage Do.	1449
Slaughter Cattle	1113

I believe there is a mistake especially in the Carriage Bullocks, for by the ovepoits made to me that Number 1449 has not been inspected, mustered, & received at the Army. —

In the Muster taken of new Bullocks by the Commissary on the Island here, & now presented to the Committee, they will see that there are indeed 675 Carriage Bullocks Provided, & Mustered, but no drivers to them, and they are not yet arrived in Camp, or ovreported to me from thence —

The Minute mentioned in the foregoing Minute is lodged in the office and states 765 Bullocks received on the Island the 23d. Instant —

General Stuart lays before the Committee

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Committee the following Letters

Major Genl. Sam.l Stuart -

Commander in Chief &c &c -

Sir/

In obedience to your orders, I have the

From Lt. Wilkens. with report on the Hill Fort at Vellore, - & enclosing a rough Plan of Ditto, with a few observations thereon —

honor to acquaint you that upon visiting the large Hill Fort of Vellore, I found Ensign Dyer the Asistant-Engineer left them by Sir Eyre Coote, had thoroughly repaired with Stone, and Chunam, the two Breaches made by the Enemy in the late Seige — one in the Curtain of the East front - the other in the S. East Round Town - That in the Curtain finished with Parapet, Banket, & Embrasures complete for four Guns — The northward one has a parapet 14 feet thick, and fronts the valley where the enemy erected their second Battery - the other three flanking the S. E. Round-tower — The intended Ditch in its front — and the access to it. That in the Round Town with a Barbet parapet and a Brass 18 Pounder from Vellore mounted in it. — Near the Southermost Town on a favorable bend in the Curtain a Battery is made for one Gun, well situated for commanding the ground when the enemy had begun a third Battery and from whence this part would easily have been breached a ridge of the Hill obscuring it from all the fire of the Fort. — The Gateway has been improved, and a new Gate put up. — The Ditch intended to cover the East

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East face has several yards of it excavated near the S.E. Tower,- but want of workmen has some time since put a total stop to this, as well as the intention of furnishing the Forts, with a stock of Fascines, Gabions &c —

A rough Sketch of the Fort, and Ground near Arcot accompanys this. but as it is done without the assistance of any Plan, and time not permiting the use of instruments I must beg it may be considered merely as such - The Breaches are marked on it as described in my report of the 12th Instant —— The Enemy seem to have expected an attack and had taken much pains to prepare themselves for it — The Esplinade to the South, East and North east is cleared of the buildings to the distance of 6 to 800 Yards - The ditch on the south face has been deepend, and the Glacis on this side raised - Imagine to cover this part of the Fort, in case an approach should be made along the Southernost bank of the large Tank in its front, — but either from want of time, or Knowledge, this additional earth has been heaped on the Cent of the Glacis - and in its present state serves to cover a Man intirely, all along at the foot of this, and a considerable part of the East front

Camp at Summil
20th March 1783 —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t & very Humble Servant

(Signed) Jn.o Wickins
Jen.r Eng.r

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Major Genl James Stuart

Sir/

From Depy. Agent with account of Arrack remaining in Camp —

Conformable to your Orders I now inclose you an Account of Arrack remaining the 3d. Inst. in the Morning, also an Account of the daily consumption untill the 20th — The Number of men receiving Drams daily is from 2100 to 2200 as will appear by the Indents from Officers of Companies &c. now in my Possession — I beg leave to observe that there is allways a considerable defeciency from serving out, from Leakage, and from the Casks being continually exposed to the Sun —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
(signed) I. Kenworthey
Dy. Ag.t

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The Account of Arrack mentioned in the foregoing Letter states 11½ Thirds of Pagures now remaining in Camp —

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23d Dispatched Letters to Vellore, Pulicat, and Tripassore, desiring they will give the Renters every assistance in procuring Slaughter Cattle for the use of the Army; as ordered in Miscellany Book No 1.

24th The Proceedings from the 25th to 27th December sent to Bengal.

Received Letter from Colonel Laing with return of the Troops under his Command, advising of the death of Captain Bishop, Ensigns Innis and Macneach, and recommending Captains Stonehouse & Dacres to be Invalided on account of their being rendered by ill health unfit for Duty.

Read Letter from Mr Gahagan setting forth his distressed situation, and requesting his arrears of Pay may be discharged; entered in Miscellany Book No 1.

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Received the following Letter from Mr William Rose with a return of the Bullocks sent to Camp on the 23d March, many of which were rejected

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor of

Fort St George

&c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to send your Lordship a Letter I have just received from Mr. Kennoathey with a return of the Bullocks sent to Camp on the 23d Instant from which your Lordship will see that many Bullocks are rejected and returned.

I beg leave to remind your Lordship that all these Bullocks were mustered by the Deputy Commissary in the presence of the Camp Maistrys who had it in their option to reject any one they thought unfit for service and who received charge of all such Bullocks as they approved on the Island, I therefore beg leave to give it as my opinion that the Maistrys who were present and received charge of the Bullocks should be made to furnish an equal number of good and serviceable Bullocks to that which is lost or returned. — I have

Sent Mr Rose with return of the Bullocks sent to Camp, many of which were rejected and returned, with his observations thereon.

Sure

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24th Sure every one sent to Camp was fit for service and such as appeared otherwise to Mr. Kenworthy must have been exchanged on the Road, a practice which nothing but a proper example of the offenders will prevent.—

I have the Honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordship's most Obt.

& most humble Servant

Fort St. George
24th March 1783.—

Signed William Ross
Agent

P.S. Accompanying I have the honor to send your Lordship Mr Jackson's Return and a Letter I have just received from the Paymaster at Pringleput.—

Muster of Draught and Carriage Bullocks and Carts taken on the Island 23d March 1783

		Present	Dead	Left for Service
Present for Muster	Carts	10	—	10
Ditto	Draught Bullocks	40	—	40
Ditto	Carriage Ditto	701	30	671
	Total	751	30	711

N:B. To the above 711 Bullocks, Saddles, Head Ropes, and Ropes, are Compleat, but no Drivers to the Carriage Bullocks.

Signed W. Jackson
Commissary

Of

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To William Ross Esqr. Agent

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Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 13th. Instant with 3 Hogsheads of Arrack said to contain 216 Gallons when measured here only turned out 192 so that there appears a Wastage of 24 Gallons, In respect to the Indents for Arrack, in future, they shall be sent as requested

I beg leave to refer you to my Letters of the 18th. Ultimo and 8th. with a return of Rice in Store for the use of the Garrison, and expressing how much I was in want of Rice to avoid touching on any part of the Army Store, which I have been obliged to do to the amount of four Bullocks load, which serves the Garrison and Sick of the Army left here to the 31st. Instant

I am Sir, Your most obedient Servant

Chinglepet
22d March 1783.—

Signed Theod.s Lavie
Paymaster

Dispatched the following Letter to Vellore,

Captain

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Captain Cuppage

Commanding at Vellore

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hble the President and Select Committee to inform you that Rajavachery who was some time since appointed by their authority to the Management of certain Districts of the Arcot Province in which that of Vellore is included now proceeds to take charge of the same, and the Select Committee desire that you will give him & those appointed by him every support and assistance in your power in the execution of his Trust inclosed is a List of the Districts under the charge of Rajavachery.

Ragaram Pundit also appointed as Renter of another District of the Arcot Province proceeds in the execution of his Duty, & may have occasion also for your assistance I therefore am directed to desire you will afford him your support in the same manner.

I have the Honor to be &c &c &c

Signed J. Hudleston
Secretary

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To Captain Cuppage advising of Rajavachery's proceeding to take charge of certain Districts in the Arcot Province, & desiring he will give every support & assistance, as also Ragaram Pundy.

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At a Select Committee Summoned on
Military Affairs Present.

Monday
24 March 1783.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
KB President, Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Major
General Stuart.

Alexander Davidson Esqr. John
Holland Esqr. Absent.

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved

The President informs the Committee
that Colonel Nixon and Captain Mallam arrived
here yesterday Evening in a Danish Indiaman from
Tranquebar and that he learnt from them the
Intelligence contained in the following Letter which
to save time he wrote to the Governor General and
Council.

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

Gentlemen

To Bengal,
with an Account
of the French Force
in Cuddalore, given
by Colonel Nixon &
Captain Mallam.

This moment the Danish
Indiaman, Frederick Nagor is arrived here from
Tranquebar

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Tranquebar with Colonel Nixon & Captain Gallaway, who bring an account, that they were detained in the road of Cuddalore for the space of three days by the French, who had three seven line of Battle Ships, five Frigates and Ten Transports or More Ships; and that Monsieur De Bussy was landed there with two or Thousand two hundred European Troops, and one Thousand Coffories — The French Fleet was early this morning from Cuddalore, in order as was understood to return to Trincomalee; and it was imagined that it was some accounts of Admiral Sir Edward Hughes having been seen, coming round Point de Galle, that had precipitated the departure of the Enemy, but I am truly concerned to find, by the letter, of which I have the honor to enclose you a Copy, that our Fleet is not likely to appear in those Seas, as soon as was expected. —

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your Most obedient and
Most Humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney

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Read Letters and various Intelligence received last night by the Danish Ship of which the following are extracted as the most material the rest

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Read & ordered in the Office.

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Papers of Intelligence regarding the French & Dutch; - Gunboats operations.

Tranquebar, 25th Feby 1783.

Yesterday arrived here the Nayade Brigate from Europe, had been at the Cape, left Mauritius in August, Columbo a month ago & Trincomallee 6 Days past - Brought Letters. The Apollo is arrived at Point de Galle with three French Transports from the Cape - & Fleet is arrived at Jaffna that brings intelligence that Monsieur Bussy left Mauritius the 15th December, with 5 Men of War & having been joined by one from Europe & 2 Frigates & 30 Transports; & so he must be soon here - This agrees with the news of several people here. The Nayade had 100 Soldiers on board She carries 24 Guns & 2 Eighteen pounders. Hobilers Two Officers of the Pondicherry Regiment came on shore here. - Bussy is an old inform[illegible] active Man, & carries nothing but his former reputation - Every thing now depends on Sir Edward Hughes's arrival before their junction - We have got one Ship from Bengal loaded with Rice.

P.S. To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

&c

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My Lord,

I take this opportunity of sending your Lordship the accompanying Letters which came lately to my hands, yesterday arrived off this Place & sailed immediately for Cuddalore, the Coventry Frigate, she came last from Trincomallee and brings Accounts that Mr Bussy arrived there the 10th Instant with 6 Ships of the Line, a Frigate and 35 Transports, it is also reported here by the French that they have 3,000 European Troops on Board & 1,000 Caffries and that they will be on this Coast in two or three Days: a Danish Ship will sail for Madras in two or three Days, by which I shall do myself the honor of writing again, If I can learn any Intelligence worthy of your Lordships Notice. I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships

Most obedient

humble Servant

Signed/ C. D. McIntosh

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

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My Lord,

My last letter to your Lordship was dated the 4th Instant, since then Captain Mallam passed this in his way to Tranquebar, where he now is waiting for a conveyance to Madras.

On the 10th Instant I forwarded two letters from your Lordship to Mr Sullivan & Colonel Laing that arrived at Tranquebar by a boat the night before.

Yesterday Colonel Fullarton arrived here from Tranquebar & proceeded immediately en route to join Colonel Laing's Camp, which is expected to march against Caroor. he informed me, that the Mr Michael is said to be still at Cuddalore & that Monsieur Suffrein with his Fleet are now at Trincomalee, where the Apollo Frigate & three Dutch Transports are arrived.

By a letter just now received dated Camp Trichinopoly & plain the 16th Instant The heavy Guns were then brought out from the Fort, & it was supposed they were going against Dindigul.

Enclosed your Lordship will receive translate of three letters received, dated the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th & 11th Instant. The latter received this Morning.

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I have the honor to be,
Your Lordships
Most Obedient Servant
[Signed] Basil Cochrane

Negapatam
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D. To the Right Honble Lord Macartney No. 13.
President &c. Select Committee Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the honor to forward a
Letter from the Resident of Tanjore to the Committee.
The Party of Sepoys which accom-
panied Captain Van Sauer from hence on the
22d ult. embarked with him at Pamnee on the 7th
instant for Monar the want of wind obliged them
to anchor about 20 Miles to the Eastward of Pamnee
Such small rowing boats as could be collected were
immediately sent to Captain Van Sauer, and I
am informed by Lieutenant Allen that the party
was to proceed the 8th at Night Lieutenant Allen
has a Detachment of 100 Sepoys ready to embark upon
the first intelligence of Captain Van Sauers Success.
Colonel Martins has represented
in the strongest terms the necessity of protecting the
Communication with Monar by armed Vessels of
some force. I have sent Letters to Negapatam to send
the Admiral with this information, but I fear his
return to this Coast will be too late for us to derive
any

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any timely support on this Service. If your Lordship. Jr. can send one or two Sloops of ten or twelve guns, they would command the Delphin for the Dutch Creizers, tho' numerous, are but shoddy Armed.

I have the honor to be with great Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your faithfull & most obedient humble Servant

signed/ John Sullivan

Trichinopoly
13th March 1783.

P. S. I have just received Intelligence that Tippoo Sail with a division of the French Fleet was at Changama the 8th inst. and to go thro' the Pass the same Day. I will immediately dispatch this intelligence to General Matthews by Peons & to Tellicherry & to Angengo.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

The Honble the President of Bombay informs me it is probable that Sir Edward Hughes will sail from thence in all this Month with what Ships may be ready without waiting for the whole of the Fleet. General Matthews is still at Bidenore and Mangulore invested by a Detachment under the Conduct of Captain Jardes. It is reported that

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that the family of the Rajah of the Conjeveram Country, holds a Correspondence with the Killedars, who it is supposed will surrender as soon as our Batteries are opened. Outhach Naigue has taken Madurey and is now Master of the Conjeveram Country. He writes that the young Rajah of Mysore is in possession of Seringapatam and refuses to admit Tippoos people.—

I have the honor to be with the most perfect Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Injingo

26th February 1783.

Signed J. Hutchinson

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

Yesterday forenoon arrived at Tranquebar the Country Frigate from Trincomalee that after landing an officer there, she proceeded to Cuddalore. That the Officer brings intelligence of Mr. Bussy having arrived at Trincomallee the 9th Instant with 40 Sail, 6 of which of the Line, one Frigate 28 Transports. The rest small Ships with Provisions Merchandize — some Cutters or small armed Sloops. That it is reported Mr. Bussy has 4900 Europeans and 1000

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1,000 Coffries to Land - that he has got 4 Millions of Spanish Dollars, and have discovered at Tinconialler a place built in the time of the Portuguese in which was buried 3 Lacks of Rupees, so old, that nobody knows them - that Mr Bufay was to pass this as to day or to morrow - intends landing his Troops at Cuddalore, and immediately block up Madras by Sea.

I have a letter just now from Mr Sullivan dated the 12th Instant, mentioning that Colonel Lang and the Army marched the 11th and hopes the Siege of Carroor will soon be undertaken. He desired me to dispose of half of the Corear Share of the grain which will enable me to collect the Revenues the faster now since it is said Mr Bufay is arrived.

I have the honor to be

Your Ladships

most obedient and

very humble Servant

/Signed/ Basil Cochrane

Negapatam
14th March 1783.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB.
President & Governor &c. &c.
My Lord,

Accompanying this your
Ladship will receive a duplicate of my letter of
yesterday which I dispatched by an express battaman

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at 4 Oclock pm. I have now the honor to enclose a Copy of Mr. Hutchinson's Letter of the 20th February to your Lordship and Select Committee which I have taken from a Copy that Mr. Hippesley sent me.--

Last night I received several Letters from Tranquebar yesterday fore noon and others just now dated last night from which I collect that yesterday forenoon arrived at Tranquebar the Coventry Frigate from Trincomalee that after landing an officer there, she proceeded to Cuddalore landing an officer there, she proceeded to Cuddalore that the officer brings Intelligence of Mr. Bussy having arrived at Trincomalee the 9th Instant with 10 Sail - 6 of which of the Line, one Frigate, 28 Transports - The rest small ships with Provisions - Merchandize some Cutters or small armed Sloops - That it is reported Mr. Bussy has 4900 Europeans and 1000 Coffaries to land - that he has got 4 Millions of Spanish Dollars and have discovered at Trincomalee a place built in the time of the Portugues, in which was buried 3 Lacks of Rupees, so old, that nobody knows them - That Mr. Bussy was to pass this as to day or tomorrow - intends landing his Troops at Cuddalore and immediately block up Madras by Sea - That Tippoo Sahib is still in the Carnatic but had purposed departing the 23d Instant - That his

Detachment

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Detachment with all his Europeans and 500 French likewise about 2000 sepoys marched the 4th Instant towards Pedenore. —

I have wrote to Tranquebar to know if any other person than the Officer landed from the Coventry, or if any person went on board and to hear the same story from the Crew — For now since Tippoo Saib puts no confidence in what the French says or writes from Cuddalore — She Governor there may have sent the Coventry from Cuddalore to give out the above intelligence in order that it may be communicated to Tippoo sahib thro the vackeel and other news there — on the 13th Instant there arrived a Ship to the Northward which must have arrived at Cuddalore that Evening — and she may have come to Tranquebar the next day. —

Enclosed I have the honor to send your Lordships further news from the same quarter — which I shall for the future marke No 1.

I have a Letter just now from Mr Sullivan dated the 12th Instant mentioning that Colonel Laing and the Army marched the 11th and hopes the siege of Cannoor will soon be undertaken — He has desired me to dispose of half of the Circar share of the grain which will enable me to collect the revenues the faster now since it is said Mr Bussy is arrived. — I have the honor to be.

Your

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Your Lordship's

Most obedient and
very humble Servant
/ Signed / Basil Cochrane

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

The Governor acquaints me
that Sir Edward Hughes is determined to carry all his
Ships round with him so that it will be the 25th of
March before he can be able to depart from
Bombay. All the Forts to the Northward of
Mirjie from the Districts of Goa to Mangulore
are in our Possession; - and by the last accounts
that Place must shortly Surrender, as three
considerable Breaches had been made in the walls.

I have the honor to be with perfect
respect. - My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble
Servant
/ Signed / S. Hutchinson

Injengo
4th March 1783. -

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H Purport of the intelligence Paper from Tranquebar dated 20th February 1783:-

By the three Gentlemen Monsieur de Bussy sent before as Vackeels to Nizam. Hyder and Marattahs, he recalled one by name Monsieur Cossigny who was sent to the Marattahs by finding some fault on him Sent him to the Cape and Monsieur Godar was sent in his room to the Marattahs.— Monsieur Varnatto received a letter dated 10th November 1782. from Monsieur de Bussy advising him that as he do not think it honor for the French to join only with Hyder to fight against the English, he will come with all his fleet on the parts of Cattack. Balasore &c. in January 1783 & desiring Monsieur Varnatto to desire Ebrahim Caun Boulah, Mudaffer Jung Mondoze Boulah, Petrosabadar and the Sirdar of Cattack to get ready 10,000 Horse & 15,000 Foot, with which he Monsieur de Bussy will join & at first subdue all the Countries under Ganjam, Nizagar patam &c. and afterwards come to Carnatic where in conjunction with Hyder he will take expedition against Madras.— Monsieur Varnatto accordingly wrote letters to the above purport to the

brothers

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brothers of two Frenchmen who departed this life & the said brothers are in the Service of the Marattahs with great influence, and also to the three letters & this was heard by Hyder's Vackeel at Nizams & he wrote it to Tippoo who was greatly displeased with the French Genral, & spoke to him that what is talked of the French that they are deceivers is confirmed, and that as the French are so ungratefull as to take the above measure when they were so much protected and supported by him in every respect they will suffer for it, the French General spoke in defence as much as he was able and wrote it to Cuddalore from whence Monsieur Lorry was sent to Tippoo on the 7th February to reconcile his mind about it. — Monsieur Suffrein who arrived at Cuddalore on the 6th February heard the above news and sent two Gentlemen to Tippoo on the same purpose on his part as also as the French do not receive the settled allowance for them to request Tippoo to continue the same. — As Monsieur de Bussy has ordered Monsieur Suffrein's Fleet to lie on the Coasts of Guzarat &c in order to be of service in carrying on his scheme of raising Troops, on those parts into Execution,

&c

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Le Monsieur de Bussy by the hopes that his
Schemes will be carried on there unt further
advice to Monsieur Suffrein in a Frigate, which
was taken by the English near Nigapatam.
as soon as Monsieur Suffrain heard of it came to
Cuddalore and resolved to go to Trincomalie. the
the entrine he received a letter on the 14th February
1782. from Monsieur de Bussy informing him
that the English fleet sailed very strongly in
September 1782. therefore as it is dangerous to sail
with small fleet, desired Mons.r Suffrein to
come with his fleet to him that his fleet may
be strengthened by it and in consequence Mons.r
Suffrein's fleet sailed from Cuddalore & are taking
water into the Ships at Porto Novo, as soon
as it is done he will go to Trincomalie and
from thence to Monsieur de Bussy. — Monsieur
de Larsh and Emrasy received letters mentioning
the above news. — Hyder tried all in his power
to prevent the Marattahs from concluding Peace
with the English, but by finding it was impossible
he sent one Appajee Row to Guttee & the parts
about its to enlist Horses into his Service which
he accordingly did and brought some horses, as soon

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as Tippoo took the command of his fathers Army upon himself, which Horses it was falsely reported came to him from the Marrattahs. The Marrattahs wrote to Hyder that as they concluded peace with the English they hope he will likewise in any ways conclude peace with them and sent Madarow their Vackeel to convince to him personally about it. — One Sircarain Baboo Dewan to the Marratta- -ully who was Hyders great friend Acted always against the English by the pretence they protected Ragoba, is now deprived of his Post by some act- -ion and imprisoned in a Hill Fort Nanah Pedness brother the sole Diwan now & he is friend to the English and by his means the English Concluded Peace with them and it is said there were four or five articles in Argument, which was wrote to Calcutta, & it is thought that those Articles will likewise be settled. The above news was heard from Appajee and wrote to this place. — On the 8th of February Tippoo arrived in two Cosses distance from Vandewash in order to raise Batteries against it, but in the interim the English Army arrived at Wooter- -Mallee, Tippoo and the French were preparing to fight with them on the 11th February, — The Dance

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entred to send from Trangambar present to Tippoo for
his accession to the power of his father — Monsieur
Suffrein's fleet was seen sailing through Trangambar
Road to Trincomallee on the 16th February — The
reasons of his going to Trincomallee, one is that he was
advised by Monsieur de Bussy, as aforesaid of the stir
that he received advice of the English fleets sailing
from Bombay on the 12th February as well as
of another fleet belonging to the English sailing
from England, with either of which as his fleet are
greatly worn out it is impossible now to engage —
therefore he intends to secure his fleet in Trincomallee
Docks and to repair them there before he begins the
Engagement with the English, Thus Monsieur
Suffrein wrote to Monsieur de Lauk — Monsieur
Suffrein in order to conceal his intention of going to
Monsieur de Bussy (as aforesaid) to Tippoo, kept
two more of War near about Madras and two Frigates
by Cuddalore, but now upon hearing the news of the
English fleet it is said he recalled them to him — The
French Army and part of Tippoo's Troops were
encamping six four or five Miles distance to Wandi-
-wash, the English arriving near them & there hap-
-pened a Battle and Tippoo also came with all his

Forces

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forces for to assist the French, but by the English's fighting Briskly upon them they were dispersed & Tippoo as well as the French are now encamped near Tiruvattore about 20 Miles from Wandewash. The Dutch Gentlemen here desired Hyders Vackeel to write to Tippoo that three of the Dutch Ships with a Man of War of the French arrived on the 2d. Feby at Galle and the Europe news will be particularly known by them of which he will inform him soon.

I will enquire the above news by Fly and inform you of it. The English distroyed Carangooly Fort and they will likewise destroy Wandewash.

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Abstract of the French

	Soldiers
What they landed at first in Porto Novo	2900
	2900

Abstract of the French Soldiers in Mauritious.

Soldiers left in Mauritious when Monsieur Suffrein sailed from thence for these parts with 2900 Soldiers	260
Soldiers brought by Monsieur de Bussy	1200
Ditto brought in July 1782 to Mauritious in two Ships which when they were coming from France meeting the English Fleet for Engagement with them dispersed in April 1782.	500
D° arrived from Cape in October 1782.	500
In all	2460

Abstract of the French Troops in Cape

Of the 4000 Soldiers sent from France in April 1782. 800 died in Battle they had with the English Fleet and the remainder arrived in Cape	3200
In all	3200

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Soldiers at Cuddalore.

What they supplied to Monsieur Suffrein's fleet	700
Deserted & Deceased	100
In the French Army with Tippoo now	1400
	2900

Soldiers

Soldiers sent from Maritious to France	650
Malay	
Supplied Monsieur Suffrein from Maritious in May 1782. by his loosing 2000 Men in Engagements had with the English Fleet	500
Soldiers now remaining in Maritious	1310
Inall	2460

Monsieur de Bussy brought with him to	1200
Maritious	
Sent from Cape to Maritious in December	500
Died in their Hospital at Cape according to the account arrived from thence	843
	2543
Soldiers now remaining at Cape	657
Inall	3200

Abstract

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Abstract of the French Fleet

	Men of War
Brought with Monsieur Suffrein	12
Sent by Monsieur de Bussy to Monsieur de Suffrein to those parts	2.
Two Martiniers now with Monsieur de Bussy	2.
Now in Cape	2
In all	18

Lost in Trincomallee's Action	1
Left in Cuddalore Road	1
Two Martiniers now with Monsieur de Bussy	2
Now sailed with Monsieur Suffrein	10
Now in Cape	2.
Of the 12 Men of War with Mons[r] Suffrein 2 are not with him now & which two are supposed to be near about Madras	2
In all	18

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Abstract of Hyders Troops, from the time he came to Carnatic, to the time of his Death.

	Horses	Sepoys	Elephants	Camels	Bullock Bows	Bullock Bows	Guns
On the Day he came to Carnatic he brought with him	37000	30000	340.	2700	18000.	18000.	140.
What he brought Sentisted since his arrival in Carnatic	12500	7000	400.	1000	8000.	2500	+
Total	55500	37000	440.	3700	21000	20500.	140.

	Horses	Sepoys	Elephants	Camels	Bullock Bows	Bullock Bows	Guns
What were killed in Battle &c as well as what dispersed and lost in different ways	25400	15000.	240.	1700.	7000.	9500.	42.
What are now remaining agreable to the account taken by Sepoys after his father's Death	30100	22000.	200.	2000.	14000.	11000.	98.
Total	55500.	37000.	440.	3700.	21000	20500.	140.

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George Pitt Marchant

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Copy of a Letter from Captain Donald Campbell to Mr Swing.

Dated Tellicherry 14th February 1783.

Untill now that I shall assure giving you an account of my adventures for the last time I wrote this but shall confine myself to a more agreable subject, the successes of General Mathews after the surrender of Onore, Condapore &c. the General very wisely and spiritedly resolved to attempt the taking of Nagar / Bidenore / he found considerable resistance at a work adjoining the bottom of the Gatts and defended by seven or eight thousand men, which he carried at last by Bayonets having fortunately got in upon their flanks - The enemy fell here in prodigious numbers and were quite panic struck -

The General then with his usual presence of mind and that determined resolution which distinguishes his character pursued the advantage & carried the summit of the Gatts within 12 Miles of Nagar - I have neither time nor breath to describe their strength but shall only say he pursued miracles - The Jemidar or Governor of the whole / Bidenore District then ordered my arms to be taken off and myself to be brought to him - at this interview I ventured the attempt, and had the good

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good fortune to prevail upon him to propose the following terms to the General.— That the Jemidar should be continued in his station and authority, upon condition of his delivering up all the country and forts under his charge to the English Company, and acting as the Company's servant and friend— In consequence of which General Matthews was conducted by me next morning into the Fort of Nagur; and since that time Coullydey an impregnable fort commanding a pass, and many other forts have surrendered to the order of the Jemidar: I set off with the Generals dispatches for Madras and Bengal the 1st. or 2d. Instant, and on the road to Candapore was seized with violent pains in my backe loins, & was eased with vomitting of blood getting a little better bowels and & vomitting of blood getting a little better. I embarked in an open boat for Anjengo, when I had a second attacke, which induced me to take & refuge on board a Company's Ship lying off & Mangulore and to forward on the express boat with the letters— I since came here in a country Ship, and being almost well tho still exceedingly weake; I mean to take the first opportunity of a Ship going either to Anjengo or Madras— I wish you would write me a few lines to Palamcotah telling me how all friends both at home and in India are. I remain &c.

Signed/ Donald Campbell

P. S.

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P.S. Dont send any of my Europe letters to Palamcotah, only write yourself because I may go another route - The Killidar of Mangulore wants some trifling terms for himself & then will surrender the fort to us.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing Intelligence be sent to the Governor General and Council.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

President's Minute on the arrival of the Armament under Mr Bussy, our situation in consequence - the Demand of General Mathews that Tippoo should be prevented from attacking him the Negociation with the Marattahs & the Nizam &c.

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The President informs the Committee that notwithstanding the meeting of yesterday, he thought it his duty to request their attendance thus soon again on account of the intelligence received last night of the arrival of the armament under Monsieur De Bussy on this Coast, and of the continuance of his Majesty's Squadron at Bombay. The junction of the Naval Forces of the enemy, the absence of the naval force intended to oppose them, the interruption of supplies from Bengal, the scantiness of the resources of the Presidency, the attempts to counteract the fixation of the Nabob's assignment which furnishes

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a considerable part of them, the Demands of General Mathews that Tippoo should be prevented from attacking him with such a force as he might not be able to resist, the advantage, the necessity of preventing, if possible, such an attack, by causing a diversion in different parts of Tippoo's extensive territories, the proximity of Colonel Lang's Army to Tippoo's Southern Dominions, the situation and disposition of Colonel Jones's force to the northward all these circumstances will be, and as far as could have been foreseen, have already no doubt been objects of the consideration of every member of the Committee.

The difficulties of the present scene, and of resolving on the fittest measures encrease upon the Committee by the uncertainty of a Marattah peace and of the intention of the Court of Poonah consequent upon the death of Hyder whether leading to assistance or resistance to General Mathews, the utter ignorance in which the Presidency is held by the Superintending Power of Bengal either as to the present state of their negociations with that power or with the Nizam in relation to the Guntoor Circar forming a part of this Presidency, or with any other powers however necessary to be known by this Committee, there existing silence in

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in relation to their sentiments (long since demanded and by which by act of Parliament they are required to give) upon the terms of a proposal to accommodation either with Hyder or his successor or upon the treaty proffered by the Rajah of Mysore; as well as indeed upon almost every important subject upon which letters have been written to them by this Committee. It remains only for this Committee to make the most of the scanty resources and few lights of which they are possessed.

General Stuart delivers in the following Minute

Committee March 26th 1783

General Stuarts Minute on the same Subject.

I have attended to the Right Honble President's Enumeration of as (I believe) fifteen Articles of Political business, which he thinks call for the immediate Attention of the Committee since the News of Monsieur de Bussy's arrival.

Upon the whole of these articles (which might perhaps have been comprehended under fewer heads), I humbly differ from the President, and am of opinion, That the difficulties of the present season and of a revolution on the fittest measures, Do not for the last news, operate upon the Committee, but on the contrary

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contrary that they are greatly lessened, if not entirely done away. And in particular I take this occasion to express my firm confidence and belief, that Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes will be able to give the most satisfactory reasons for his Conduct in remaining till now on the other side of India, and that those reasons will greatly outweigh the short interruption of our intercourse, or of supplies, by Sea from Bengal, or elsewhere.

I have the same confidence in the Wisdom and prudence of the Governor General & Council of Bengal, that if they have been silent on certain points alluded to in the President's Minute, they have had reason to justify their Conduct in any appeal to the authority competent to decide.

(Signed) James Stuart

The foregoing Minutes Ordered to lie for consideration until the next Meeting.

The President informs the Committee that the Military Storekeeper having represented to him that there is a great want of Europe Stores in the Stores his Lordship has permitted him to purchase some of Mr. Thompson which will cost about

The Military Storekeeper permitted to purchase Europe Stores

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about 2000 Pagodas.

General Stuart lays before the Committee General Return of Camp Equipage Draught and Carriage Bullocks &c.a

Ordered that it be sent to the Auditor.—

General Stuart lays before the Committee the following Letter with his recommendation that the request contained therein be complied

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Lieutenants Gomond, Clerke, Bellenany, McKaras, Hill, & Stone, — requesting Rank of the Cadets appd in the Country in 1777.

We should not at this moment of Public Business presume to intrude upon you with a representation of a private Grievance, were it not on a Subject of such Material consequence to our future Prospects in the Service, that we should be greatly inattentive to our own Interests, and wanting in the Duty we owe to our Brother Officers of the same List, most of whom are absent on Service, or Prisoners with the Enemy, did we neglect for a moment, to lay our present Situation before you confident that we shall be heard with Candour and Attention, & indulged with

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with the most impartial justice.—

Under this Idea, we beg leave

to represent to you in the most respectfull manner,

the case of the Cadets appointed by the Honorable

Court of Directors in the Year 1777.—

We arrived at Madras in

June 1778, and found that no less than 45 Cadets who

had been appointed in the Country in the Course of

the very same year from John Culpepper to David

Wemyss inclusive, had been promoted to Officers the

15th April preceding. Were placed before us on the

Army List.—

Under this successive Supercession we

have laboured ever since that period.—

We shall not trespass upon your patience

in adducing arguments to Establish the peculiar Hardships

of our Situation, but beg leave, with all submission,

to refer you to the Letter from the Honorable Court

of Directors to your Honorable Board dated in June 1779,

in which their opinion is so Explicitly and decidedly

given, the matter so thoroughly investigated, and

the Reasons for reinstating us in our proper stations on

the List of the Army, so clearly & forcibly urged,

that we most firmly trust, and hope, you will be

pleased

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Pleased to direct the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors expressed in their Letter before cited, to be put in Execution, so far as to place the Cadets appointed by the Court of Directors in the Year 1777 upon the Army List, before the List of Cadets appointed in the Country in the same year, and Promoted on the 15 April 1778.—

Of the 45 Cadets mentioned in the above Letter, 31 are now upon the List of the Army.

We have the Honor to inclose a correct List of the above 31 Cadets, as also a List of those appointed by the Honorable Court of Directors in Year 1777, now remaining in the List of the Army.—

We Humbly conceive and Hope that the Orders of Reduct we have pointed out, will meet your approbation, as the Numbers in each List are nearly equal, and being all officers of the same Rank, (Lieutenants) it will not, we presume, make any alteration in the General Line of Promotion, or in the present appointment to Corps.—

We, Have the honor to be,

With the Greatest Respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most obed.t & dev.d Hble Servts

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Signed { R Gowond
Robt Clerke
Jas McKerras
J Hoyle
Jos Hyde
Edwd Pulman
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