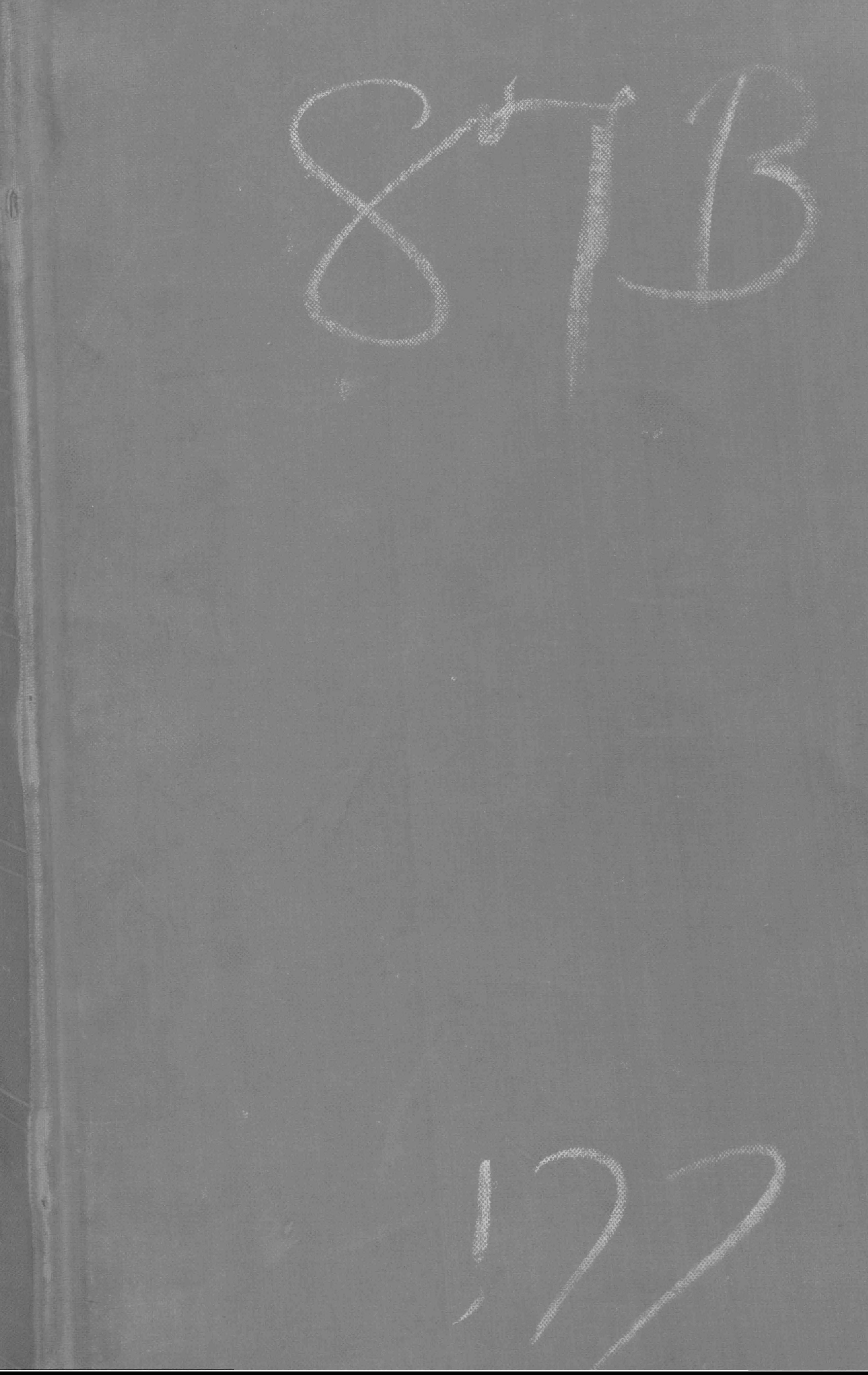

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Minute thereon.

Ordered to lie for consideration and the General Letter to Europe by the Kingstone to be referred to for whatever said upon the subject of the appointment of those Officers over whome a of rank is claimed in the above Letter.

Read the following Letter from Major Mackenzie.

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

...e Major ...kenzie, on his ...refused an ...nce for passage ...

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I am favored with a Letter from your Secretary acknowledging the receipt of mine of the 8th Current by which I applied to your honorable Board for a Passage to England in consequence of my orders from the Command in Chief to proceed upon the recruiting Service by the first opportunity; he says that he is directed to inform me that you will give the necessary orders for my being received on Board one of the Honble Company's Ships that may be dispatched for Europe, But that you cannot consent to Charge the Company with

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with the Expence as it is the Company's positive Order
not to advance money to Officers going home.—
I must presume My Lord &c. that
such an Order will admit of explanation, and that
it can allude only to Officers going home upon their
own private Business at a time it might be prej-
=dicial to the Service to dispense with them. The—
Honble Company paid for my Passage when I came
in a line of duty to this Country consequently when
I am ordered home upon a Most necessary & Essential
Service I cannot help thinking as a plain Soldier
that I have an unquestionable right to be sent
home upon the same footing.— The necessity of
Service is plain & obvious, and that great exertions
were Now to keep his Majestys 73d Regiment
being wholly annihilated has induced the General
when upon that Duty Officers without a Ma-
can render a little Service to the State; and there
that would stay any Passage or that of any Of-
going upon the Service must be drawn within a
exclusive. line in a very short space of time, so that it
It is saving money to the Honble Company &
make of the good of the Service and to avoid any Expence
Expence to the Honble Company I beg leave to remark
as

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an offer of my Services to take Charge of any
Dispatches The Governor and Council of this Presidency
may have for his Majesty, his Ministers or the
Honble the Court of Directors and that without
any fee or reward except my Passage with the
proper accommodations for a Gentleman nor can
there be a doubt but that I shall acquit myself
of the Charge with as much propriety and honor
as any Man they can appoint. I only suggest
these Ideas to your Lordship &c. and submit the
propriety of them to the better Judgement of your
honorable Board, and only further request that if
in the event you should not think it proper to
grant me a Passage upon the only terms upon
which I can undertake the Service, that you will
be pleased to record this letter, that his Majesty may
some day see that the Officers who have charge of
his 73d Regiment for the time have not neglected
a part so essential for the good of the Service and
that they ought not to incur any displeasure
for what they could not help, for his Majesty or
the Honble Company cannot suppose that Officers
who are already ruined in the most distressing
Service that ever his Majesty's Troops were employed
in,

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ive, will Mortgage their Commissions the only Resource now remaining to procure a Passage in the Public Service.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your obedient humble Servt
George Mackenzie
Major 1st Batt. 73d Regt

St. Thome
16th March 1783.

Ordered to lie for consideration.

Lieutenant John Munro having made application for the amount of some pay Notes 80 Pd Due to Lieutenant Donald Mc Donald a prisoner with the Enemy to whom he has at different times remitted small sums Agreed that they be discharged

Received the following Letter from Mr Swain.

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

From Mr Swain advising of his arrival at Pallamcottah & of his reception from the Polygar of Travancore & of the arrival of Col. Jackson from General Matthews Army enable to give any Intelligence in the Travancore Affairs.—

Pallamcottah 5th March 1783.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship of my arrival at this place yesterday night. The Chiefs

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Ships were near three weeks getting to Anjengo, where they landed us on the 23d. Inst. & proceeded the next day to Bombay. Here I had the pleasure to learn General Matthews success, and the intended attack of Mangulore. I sincerely congratulate your Lordship on these Events, for the solid & advantages that the Company expect to derive from the experience & activity of that Officer.

The Rajah of Travancore was immediately advised of my commission by Mr. Hutchinson, & on the 23d. at night, I sent off for Trivandarum escorted by an Officer & a company of Sepoys which had been detached by the Rajah for that purpose. We reached Trivandarum the next morning, & the afternoon was appointed for my waiting on the Rajah, to deliver the Letters and Present, which I had the honor to be charged with.

I will not trouble your Lordship with a detail of the ceremony with which I was received, & the honors that were paid me by the Rajah. It will suffice to say, that they were such, as bespoke his great respect for the quarter from which I came, & his attachment to the Company. As I expressed a wish to prosecute my journey as soon as possible, the Rajah permitted me to depart the 26th at night, promising to send an answer to your Lordships Letter to Pallamcottah. We were accompanied by the same escort, through the Rajah's dominions,

and

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and our Army were treated with marks of Distinction.

Colonel Jackson returned from the Rajah the Day we left Anjengo. He had been deputed by General Mathews to solicit the assistance of a body of troops, to join a Detachment from his army, in order to make a Diversion in the Combattoor country. The Colonel writes the Rajah's determination at Anjengo.

It is impossible for me to afford your Lordship any insight into the Affairs of this country but I hope to do it in a few days. The Rentors are in great state at some distance from Palamcotta, I accompanied me to Mr Lightt's garden where I have taken up my abode for a few days. I have summoned a meeting of the principal Officers of Revenue this morning: which the Rentor and Proctor will attend. There never was a better appearance of a harvest than between the Gate of Travancore & Palamcottah, and the Officers stationed in the different Pullaches, inform me that the crops has suffered no molestation on that side from the Polygars; I get from the conversations in this place, I have the gratification to gather, that the crops are valuing at a low estimation, & that large allowances have been demanded for the depredations of the

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the Polygars. I trust however that the Renter will be brought to a right sense of his own interest by the firm but moderate conduct I mean to adopt, and that I shall soon have the satisfaction of communicating to your Lordship agreeable tidings from this quarter.

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

Your Lordship's

Most faithful & Devoted

Servant

/signed/ Eyles Irwin —

Received the following Letters from Resident of Tanjore.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St George

My Lord,

A letter addressed to your Lordship has been forwarded to me from Tanjore — It is of too much length to be immediately conveyed to your Lordship in Cypher but as the subject is of importance, I have extracted the principal points and for fear of discovery I employed your Lordship's private Cypher to Communicate them — the writer is a

Captain

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Captain at Jafnapatam he offers to receive 600 Sepoys into the place joined with 500 Europeans, some Sepoys and Natives. He proposes with this Corps and 200 of the Sepoys to attempt Columbo by a Coup de Main leaving 640 of our people in Jafnapatam. His terms are to be received into our Service & continued in the Command of their Corps - to pay the same appointments with our troops and after the War that such as shall desire it, may be sent to Europe - he desires if we accept that an Officer who can speak Germans may be sent with 4000 Pagodas and that the Sepoys may follow in 6 Days - he has given Directions where to land and what the Officer shall say - I have communicated this to Col. Laing, who has also a letter, and I have offered to raise the money, & to subscribe to the conditions if he will spare Men.

Should Colonel Laing decide in favor of it measure your Lordship's judgement will determine whether it may not be prudent to send a reinforcement of Europeans and the Malay Prince from Madras to keep the foreigners in Check and either to proceed with them towards greater objects or to return with them and join this Army. I have the Honor to be, with great Respect, My Lord, Your Lordship's faithful

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Faithful and Most Obedient humble Servant

/Signed/ John Sullivan

Trichinopoly (Dup.)
16th February 1783.

To the Right Honorable George Lord Macartney
K.B. President & Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord,

The arrival of the French fleet at Cuddalore where Monsieur de Suffrein Anchored the 7th instant necessarily puts to a distance every hope from the proposal communicated to your Lordship in my letter of yesterday.

Some time before I left Tanjore I dispatched an Agent to Tippo's camp to convey intelligence from thence the men he may send to your Lordship and to the Army will carry a Slip of paper round and with my name from this channel I have intelligence that Tippoo has detached a Jemedar called Mujair ally Cawn with a considerable force the avowed object was to harrass this Country & Tanjore, but when the party arrived at Chergama, it was declared their destination was to Mysore. I have sent this intelligence to Anjengo to be forwarded to General Matthews, and I have communicated it to Colonel Lang.

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I am concerned to inform your Lordship that the Eagle armed snow from Bombay has been captured by Monsieur de Suffrein, it is reported that the Coventry Frigate has suffered the same fate but of this your Lordship will be better informed from the Northward.

I have the Honor to be with great respect.

My Lord,

Your Lordships

faithful and most

obedient Servant

/Signed/ John Sullivan

Tritchinopoly

12th. February 1783.

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Read Letter from Mr. Willm. Ross to the President, on the subject of his Letter of Yesterday, and of Mr. Jackson the Commissary to the Army having murdered the Bullocks received from Nellore as entered in Miscellany Book N.

Dispatched the following Letter to the Chiefs of the Northern Settlements & Garrisons of Ongole and Nellore

Sir

About an hour ago four Ships appeared in Sight to the Southward of this Road, Two of them Sum Line of Battle Ships, they have not answered the Medras Signals, and have fired at a small Vessel coming into the Road. The Medras is under way, and, we have no doubt will escape.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most

Obed. Servant.

the Northern Settlements
ing of four of the Enemy's
ips making their
rance to the South-
Road.

Port St. George

25th 1783.

in the Morning

To Mr. Daniel

Russel

Stone

Ongole

Nellore

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal with the Intelligence therein mentioned

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Received the 24th

Serviceable Carriage Bullocks without Mark.....

Signed.... John Kennaway
Depy Agt

N.B. The Carriage Bullocks are complete with Saddles and Ropes but many Drivers are wanting and my People are employed in collecting

This therefore is the only addition the als Stock since our Return - it will be found in the Quarter Master General's Statement at the period, but I cannot too often Repeat and call the attention of the Select Committee, to observe, that Quarter Master Generals Returns the wrong ascertain the exact numbers of Draught and Carriage Cattle and Drivers and therefore a Controul ow the expence is not, meant to give any Claim or Right to incur the Charge or Contracts for Monthly for these cattle, because if the Bullocks properly managed in the way of Agency the wages Superintending People and to the Drivers ought the only expence charged to the Company.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
Servant
James Stuart

Fort St. George
Tuesday morning
March 25th 1783.

(Signed)

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Muster of Carriage Bullocks, taken on the Island 25th. March 1783.

Present Carriage Bullocks ..... 689.

Dismissed unfit for Service ... 56.

Fit for Service ..... 643. with Saddles &c.

Head Ropes and Long Ropes, but no Drivers.

(Signed) ... Willm. Jackson
Comm.y

Dispatched the following Letter to
Mr. Sulivan at Tanjore and Mr. Cockrane at
Negapatam.

To Mr. John Sulivan at Tanjore.
& To Mr. Cockrane at Negapatam.

Sirs

This moment the Danish Ship Frederick, Nagore is arrived here from Tranquebar with Colonel Nixon and Captain Hallam who bring an account that they were detained in the road off Cuddalore for the space of three Days by the French who had then 7 Line of battle Ships 5 Frigates, and 10 Transports or Store Ships, and that Mr. De Bussy was landed there with two thousand two hundred European Troops and one thousand Coffres. The French fleet was to have got under way early this morning from Cuddalore in Order it was understood to Return to Trincomallee. I am sorry to inform you that Sir Edward Hughes was not expected to leave Bombay before the 20th. Instant. I am &c.

(Signed) ... Macartney

Mess.rs Sulivan & Cockrane advising of the arrival of Mr. Bussy with an account of the French Force at Cuddalore — Sir Edward Hughes not to leave Bombay before the 20th. March.

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25. Fort St. George March 25th 1783

NB. The same Letter except the Paragraph about Sir Edward Hughes's not returning was sent to Anjengo and Bombay.

To John Sullivan Esq.
& To Mr. Cochrane—

Sir

About an hour ago four Ships appeared in sight to the Southward of this Road, two of them seem Line of battle Ships— They have not answered the Medeas signals, and have fired a small Gun coming into the Road. The Medea under way and we have no doubt will escape—

I am—

Sir

Your most Obedient &

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St. George
25th March 1783
½ past 9 A. M.

P. S. The French Ships are gone to the Southw

Pray forward the intelligence to Anjengo & Bombay

NB. The same letter was sent to Mr. Hutchinson at Anjengo desiring it to be forwarded to Bombay— It was also sent to Bombay from hence—

Dispatches Letter to Mr. —
Duplicate with the Proceedings from the 22d to 30
December to be laid before the Supreme Council—

Recd

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om Mr. Buchanan
eans to remain at
njore

Received Letter from Mr. Buchannan, is disappointed in getting a passage to Europe, and begs leave to continued at Tanjore some time longer, / as entered in Miscellany Book /

om Lieut. Wheler
Clothing the Corps
Light Infantry

Received Letter from Lieut. Wheler on his being ordered to give up the paying and Cloathing of the Corps of Light Infantry to the Southward / as entered in Miscellany Book /

n Captain Smith
ed assist the Renter
Providing Slaughter
tle

Received Letter from Captain George Smith, will use every exertion in his power to assist the Renter of Pulicat in procuring Slaughter Cattle for the use of the Army / as entered / in Miscellany Book /

om Mrs. Legelaar
d Topander desiring
o to Batavia

Received Letter from Mrs. Legelaar and Topander requesting Permission to go on their Parole to Batavia by way of Ceylon / as entered in Miscellany Book /

Received the following Letter from Captain Scouler.

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

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96. Fort St. George March 1783.

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Capt. Scoular, Arnee not yet destroyed every preparation made the French leave it, an encampment at Maranungo Lem

This day I have had People of Mine come with Intelligence from Arnee & Depos Arnee is not yet destroyed, but every thing was prepa- ring for that purpose and the Guns taken off the Works, when a Letter from Lippoo Saib, put a Stop to their Proceedings and the Guns were again replac on the Walls and the Stores in like manner put in places — The Force in that Garrison is only ab five hundred Peons with forty Golindauz — My Sp learnt there, that a Difference had happened betw Lieu Saib and the French Commander, in Consequen of which they had seperated — They found Lieu encamped near Moonamungalum on the 19th Ins thing was making ready for a March, they were that this Detachment were going to Deposit & join the French Troops — They accompanied their March And saw them from one Encampment Their force is two Battalions of French, each a five hundred strong but very Sickly — Three Ba Battalions of Lepoys, with two Rofsalas, and th Howard Bowe, the Lepoys all very Sickly Lieu wishes to persuade them to go with him to join Lippoo, but they seem determined not to go far from Cuddalore, expecting shortly a very large Reinforcemen to arrive there — In the mean time they hear great that our Army will be with them before these rei arrive — The Horse are constantly saddled during

Nigh

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26th Night — I have done myself the honor to address the Right Honble President and Select Committee several times in Relation to some disagreeable Complaints but without Success having yet received no Answer to any of my Representations —

I have the honor to remain
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very obedt
humble Servant
(Signed) Robt. Scouler

Singapore —
26th March 1783 —

27. Received the following Letter from Mr Grant.

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

My Lord

On the 23d of February this high. recd the Nizam with his Remonah and the principal Omrahs of the Court were conducted into the City of Nirmul by the Nabob Eathtisham Jung who had advanced to meet them, & were still there on the 5th of this Month examining the curiosities of the place, or as usual engaged in other pursuits of pleasure. The two Armies continue in the Neighbourhood of Chittial but that under Crimes has taken post in the rear of the Nizams — In the mean time Meeshee ul Moolk being apparently invested with plenary powers not only finally

Mr Grant — The Nizam with all his Retinue conducted by the City of Nirmul by Eathtisham Jung, in order to conclude a Peace.

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27. finally to conclude the great work of Peace, but to remove all cause of future differences proceed with that caution and deliberation suitable to the Occasion and his own particular Character. Certain preliminary under the guarante of the Poonah and Nagpore Vackeels I apprehend must have been agreed on before the young Nabob made his first Submissions to His Highness. the former Minister had 15,000 Merhatta Horse under his Orders at the distance of 40 Miles from Neirmul to the latter was actually joined in the Nizams camp by five thousand of Moodajies troops the Day before the first interview between his Highness & his Feudatory. One of the Nizams Begums had abu-nied Cahtisham Jun's Mother into the fort to full assurance of protection, to the Marattas, if were disposed to enforce a Peace might have construed the presence of His Highness' son at Poonah as a further pledge for the strict performance of agreement on the part of the stronger of the two contending parties - In regard to any security Cahtisham Jung may have had in the secret sup of the Minister Musheer at Moolk, the reality it can only be proved by future events - In the mea time Appearances are strongly in favor of the Mi-ters disinterestedness or rather a partial regard for the assumed rights dignity of his Master. The of Neirmul at the commencement of the late War ou

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on Account of former balances to the current peshcush, 35 Lacks of Rupees, for which an obligation in writing was accepted last Year payable in four yearly payments, By the Actual State of his finances now laid before his Highness, it does not appear that he can discharge one half of his Arrears should he be deprived of his Assigned territories, whereas he Offers to give Security for the whole within the time of his first Agreement on condition of being continued on his former footing, & I am inclined to believe that such may be the result of the Negociation now carrying on under the Auspices of Muskeer ul Moolk: Nay additional honors are already talked of for the Young Nabob, & his Brother Jacob Mirze who was kept as a State prisoner in the fort of Golconda, has within these few Days been liberated. At the same time I cannot conceive in what manner the Troops assembled at Neirmul can be satisfied or the Chout claimed by the Merhattahs liquidated, but by some act of Violence internally, or the prospect of immediate foreign Service with the most tempting allurements of Success & plunder — According to the latter Idea an expedition to the Southward towards Adoni is confidently talked of. The Distracted State of the Mysore dominions, the riches they are supposed to contain, the experience and Military abilities of Delawar Jung who will probably continue in a very high Command, are circumstances of which the Minister avails himself

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to give an air of probability to a project, of more extensive
contemplation, at least calculated to prevent the
present clamours, In truth the season is too already
so far advanced & his Highness's motions are so
so slow, that before he could commence any operation
to the South of the Kistna, the overflowing of that
River at the same time that it would cut off his
retreat would avert him of the approach of the Rains
in the Balagaut Country where his Troops for the
preceding Months will no longer keep the field.

Besides, it is utterly impossible that he can un-
-out the concurrence of the Mahrattas, I may say
their assistance, undertake any distant foreign
expedition with confident Safety or Success. Of any
confirmation of the Death of Hoodajee Bhosla, of
which great went in addition to the many which
within these few Months have occurred in the
which will undoubtedly be followed by an entire
many Revolutions in policies, I serve necessary to
the Nizam & his Ministers from their actual
embarrassment.

I have the honor to be with the
greatest Respect,

My Lord

Your Lordships
faithful and
Obedient Servt
Sgnd
Sat Govr

Masulipatam
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From Col Adams requesting Battas

Received Letter from Colonel Adams desiring to have Battas allowed him as Commandant of St Thome / as entered in Miscellany Book

From Capt Campbell will assist the Renter in procuring Slaughter Cattle

Received Letter from Captain Donald Campbell, - will assist the Renter of Pallore in procuring Slaughter Cattle for the use of the Army / as entered in Miscellany Book /

Received the following Letter from Captain Scouler -

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Capt Scouler providing Slaughter Cattle, and shortly after removed from the Command of Tripasore

I am just honored with your Directions to give the Sumildar of Tripasore, every assistance in my Power, to collect Cattle & send them to the Army with the utmost expedition. I immediately sent for him and read your Letter to him. he told me that he had not yet got any Orders from Fort St. George I desired him to inform me how I could most effectually assist him, in Complying with your Orders - he assured me there was no Cattle in the Tripasore District, and that if the whole Cattle belonging to the Neighbouring Pollams were collected, they would hardly amount to fifty head. At my desire he writes Mr. Desouza on these matters - all the Cattle I could collect, I gave in Charge to the last

Detachment

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I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect,

My Lord

Your Lordships faithful and Obedient Servt

Sgnd

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Masulipatam
March 21st 1783

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From Col. Adams requesting Batta

Received Letter from Colonel Adams desiring to have Batta allowed him as Commandant of St. Thomé as entered in Miscellany Book.

From Capt. Campbell will assist the Renter in procuring Slaughter Cattle

Received Letter from Captain Donald Campbell, will Assist the Renter of Pollore in procuring Slaughter Cattle for the use of the Army as entered in Miscellany Book

Received the following Letter from Captain Scanlen

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Capt. Scanlen providing Slaughter Cattle, and being removed from the Command of Tripasore.

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Detached

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Detachment, which came here with Price Sept.
Seventy two Cows and Bullocks. The only parts where
Cattle can now be collected in any Numbers are the
Districts of Calakottah, Settecauvin, Vaylapore and
Poliacat, which Place this Animal as yet
she has nothing to do with. There is Cattle likewise
in Chillaw Pollam, about forty Miles from Tripasore
I wou'd dispatch a Detachment to that Pollam
immediately, but that I understand this Packet
waites on General Stuart, when the Army Rest
last from Vellore; and therefore suppose Cowl
had been given them. If you are pleased to hon
me with your Commands respecting these Cow
they shall be obeyed with exactness & Prom

My Friends write me from
that the 27th Battalion of Sepoys, Captain Wyn
in General Orders to relieve me & Battalion
All I wish you to do, is to let Mr Wooly inform
you concerning the wretched State Tripasore
in on my Arrival & the paultry Direction I rec
from Sir Eyre Coote concerning the Cultivation
the Lands, and likewise how far I have succeed
my endeavours, Compare them with the Compl
exhibited against me & I think you will then b
convinced how groundless they have been not to
Malicious. My present Removal cannot be cal
relieving me, tis rather Joining me, for every Rup
I could Command is now on the Ground in Cultivat

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27. of Price. When the Command of Tripassore was proffer'd
to me, I Refused to accept of it, but the next day found
myself in General Orders to proceed there with my Battalion.
I little thought how very Dear a Command it would
prove to me, in the end. All mankind at the time I
marched, looked upon me a sort of Sacrifice, and now the
Danger's over, we are not permitted to enjoy the advanta-
-ges, arising from safety. As these Remarks are made
only to exemplify my particular Situation, I flatter
myself the Right Honble President & Honble
Select Committee will not look upon them as flying
in the face of Authority, being with great Truth &
Humility -

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very Obedt
& most humble Servt
Robt Scott

Tripassore
26. March 1783.

(Signed)

Received Letters from Mr Cockrane of
the 18. 19. & 21. March / as entered in Mr Bn / with a
variety of Different and Volumenous intelligence
regarding the French &c.a

Received the following Extract
of a Letter from General Mathews -

Extract of a Letter from General Mathews Dated
Bidanore 9th February.

from Genl Mathews
to Colony advanced within
6 Miles of Bidanore
and Intact on the defensive

Joined

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Since my last a considerable Body of the Enemy has advanced to within thirty miles of this place, the Mahrattahs of Savanore has joined them and it is said that Hyders youngest Son will be with them in two or three Days, the number of Horse that I must of necessity protect has broke my Foot so that I am obliged to act on the Defensive, I shall maintain this place because it is the Key to the Countries on the Coast, it now Rests with your Lordship to act with vigour in the Carnatic and after driving the Enemy out to follow them —

At a Select Committee

Present

The Right Hon.ble Geo. Lord Macartney

President

Anthony Sadlier Esq.r Major General

and Alexander Davidson Esq.r

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following Letter from the Governor and Council

To the Right Hon.ble Geo. Lord Macartney

President & C.a Select Committee at Fort St. George

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From Bengal — enclosing Extract of a Minute delivered in by Sir Eyre Coote, relative to the Office of Grain Keeper with the Coast Army & requesting that the Arrangements therein recommended may be adopted —

Port St. George 28th March — 1783 —

My Lord and Gentlemen

Sir Eyre Coote has laid before us a Letter addressed to him by Captain Kearsey — Representing the Difficulties which have arisen in his Department of Grain Keeper at the Army from your Appointment of Mr. Jackson to be Comptroller of the Grain Accounts and Collector of all Monies due for the Rice delivered out.

As it appears by the enclosed Extract of Sir Eyre Coote's Minutes on this Subject that the Military Operations in the Carnatic had been greatly assisted and the Movements of the Army facilitated by the Arrangements and Attention of Captain Kearsey and as we doubt not that in points which so materially affect this most desireable Object you wish to adopt the Opinion and Recommendation of the Commander in Chief which this Experience enables him to give We transmit this Paper to you and beg leave to add our Desire that you Order the Arrangement proposed by the General to be immediately carried into Execution

We have the Honor to be,
My Lord and Gentlemen
your most Obedient —
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

(Signed)

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Extract of a Minute from Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote K.B. 25th February 1783

I have the Honor to lay before the Board a Letter, which I have received from Captain Hearsey, Military Grain Keeper to the Army on the Carnatic, in which Office, in consequence of the repeated Desire of the Select Committee, that I would either Recommend or Appoint some Person to that Charge, and upon the Resignation of Mr. Erskine, who held it from them, I nominated Captain Hearsey, as your Board will be more particularly informed by the accompanying Copy of Mr. Erskine's Letter to me, and Extract of my Letter to the Select Committee of the 22d of May written in Consequence.

The Daily Reports, made me by Captain Hearsey, upon his first taking Charge of this Department, convinced me, that the great Loss which had constantly occurred therein proceeded from the most unpardonable Neglect and Mismanagement, and having Assured me, that if he was permitted to issue from the Money, that came into his hands on account of Rice, a little Cash to the Bullock Drivers, Mastemen, and others employed in that Department, to keep them from Starving, being Seven Months in Arrears, he could put an almost Stop to those enormous Deficiencies, which had for so long a time happened therein, and that he could introduce

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introduce a Degree of Order and Regularity, and exact-
from the Servants a more faithful Discharge of their
respective Duties than has hitherto been known, whilst
it would tend to ensure the Safety of an Article on which
not only the Existence of the Army but the Success
of its every Operation so entirely depends, I gave my
Ready Assent to his making such Payments as he
judged might enable him to effect those most Salutary
and desireable purposes, and directed him to account
with the proper Offices for all such Disbursements,
as well as for what Surplus sums might remain
in his hands of the Money received for the Issues of this
Day.

The good Consequences to the
movements of the Army and to the Real Interests of
the Company by Captain Bearsey's able Execution of these
Arrangements, were experienced in a Degree, exceeding
my Expectations, Our marches were performed with greater
facility and expedition, whilst our Losses in Bullocks &
Grain were considerably lessened.

As it appears by Captain Bearsey's
Letter, that his conduct has met with General Stuart's
approbation, as well as my own, and that his Ability
or Integrity in Discharge of his Trust, has in no
respect been questioned, on the contrary his Accounts
been esteemed clear and Approved, I cannot but regret
that it should have been thought necessary to
make any Change in his Situation, the more so as
being of a Nature tending to an entire Subversion of
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every beneficial effect the Service had derived from the former Arrangements

It is foreign to my Wish at any time to betray even the Appearance of a desire to interfere with Rules laid down for the internal Oeconomy of Departments, which may be considered more civil than Military - but the matter at present in question, being of a kind, that involves the whole executive Services of the Army under my Command, consequently my own Credit, I hope I shall not be deemed unreasonable, or as Acting out of Character, by expressing my Wish that it be recommended from this Board to the Government of Fort St. George to place Captain Hearsey, in the same degree of Trust and Authority, in the Office of Grain Keeper as when first appointed -

A true Extrat

(Signed) C. Hay

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Minute thereon

Ordered to lie for consideration but the Committee cannot help expressing their Surprize at the desire intimated in the latter part of it which they esteem an Interference in the Management and Oe of a Branch of the public Service immediately exclusively under this Presidency -

Read the following Letter from Chief and Council of Masulipatam with the enclosure therein mentioned, as lodged in the Office. -

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Fort St. George 28th March 1783.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Colonel Jones having transmitted us Copy of a letter from him to your Lordship &c. under date the 10th. Instant, we are sorry to perceive, that notwithstanding we have made it our particular Study to satisfy him on every Occasion, by consenting to every measure which he recommended as far as we could consistently with our Duty, and by taking no step which any way related to Military matters until we had first obtained his Opinion, he conceives we have been deficient in point of public attention to him - were we to transmit our correspondence at large with Colonel Jones to your Lordship &c. we have not a doubt you would be satisfied, of our having done every thing in our power, that the Public Service might be conducted with as much harmony as possible, but as this would be encroaching too far on your time, we shall only enclose such Extracts from our Correspondence with him, as relate to those instances wherein he seems by his Letter abovementioned to consider himself aggrieved -

The accompanying Extracts numbered from 1. to 13. contain our correspondence with Colonel Jones relating to the Vizagapatam Grenadiers, with such Extracts

from Masulipatam enclosing Extracts of their Correspondence with Lt. Colonel Jones, stating their Conduct towards him in different instances are of Opinion that it is unnecessary to call Lt Colonel Jones relative to the Standing Order to apply to collect Evidences as to the Seizure of a Zemindar

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Extracts from our Correspondence with the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam on the same Subject as are necessary to explain that with Colonel Jones; by which your Lordship &c.a will perceive that not one Step was taken by us Respecting those Companies, as long as we conceived ourselves at liberty to Act, in which Colonel Jones was not consulted but the Orders we received from you / Extract N.o 1 / did not in our Opinion admit of our withdrawing any Troops from the Vizagapatam District, without further necessity than there appeared to be at the time, and the Extract from your Orders transmitted us by the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam N.o 2 confirmed us in this Opinion, nor can we help expressing our Surprize that Colonel Jones should have dwelt so much on this particular in his Letter to your Lordship &c.a after we had Reason to suppose he was perfectly satisfied that the Grenadiers should remain at Vizagapatam / vid. Extract N.o 3 /

Numbers 14 & 15 contain what passed between Colonel Jones and us on the Subject of the Engineer, and we are equally Surprized he should have mentioned this matter after we had as far as depended upon ourselves acquiesced entirely in what he required

The only measure in which we did not immediately comply with what Colonel Jones

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Jones recommended was when he desired that Bullocks and Provisions sufficient for his Detachment for four Days might be kept continually in Readiness. the correspondence Relative to which is contained in the Accompanying Extracts from N. 16. to N. 19. by which your Lordship &c.a will perceive, that we were utterly averse to subjecting the Company to the Expence of this additional number of Bullocks, if we could possibly have avoided it without becoming Responsible Ourselves for any Delay which might have happened in the marching of the Detachment should the Enemy's Fleet again have made their appearance on this part of the Coast — We conceive it is in our power to Refuse our consent to any measure by which the Company may be subjected to additional expence; for which Reason when we complied with Colonel Jones's Requests Respecting the Bullocks, we intended nevertheless to strike them off as soon as we should hear of the arrival of Sir Edward Hughes's Fleet

The Letter which we wrote Colonel Jones on an Application from the Resident of Raggapore for Sepoys to assist him in the Collection of the Revenue and to prevent the Crop from being plundered in the Country under his Management is enclosed N. 20 in which we explained the motives for our Request — Colonel Jones has informed your Lordship &c.a that he was not consulted on this Occasion, and we therefore suppose that he thinks

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we should have asked his Opinion respecting the propriety of complying with Mr. Guy's Request, but previous to this, we must have explained to him what sums each of the 17 petty Tributaries in those Countries owed to the Company, what Grain the Sepoys were to protect, where it lay, also what Customs are collected in the Districts under Mr. Guy's management We must have received information from Mr. Guy respecting many of these particulars before we could have communicated them to Colonel Jones, and before the matter could possibly have been discussed in that manner, we have Reason to apprehend the greater part of the Crop would have been carried into the Coun[illegible] Country, nor have we any doubt your Lordship will be of Opinion that we performed our Duty fully in informed Colonel Jones that the Sepoys were to employed in the Collection of Revenue and in taking c of the Crop - We applied for the Invalid Sepoys, becau the purpose of taking care of the Fort and Quarters when Colonel Jones was absent with all the Troops formerly stationed there, and we do not suppose he can consid the force under his Command as being diminished by their absence; and by their being at Raggapore, they at hand to Return to Ellore if it should again be neces for Colonel Jones's Detachment to take the field. The the Sepoys we applied for being sent into the Raggapore Country

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Country on Actual Service, the case would have been widely different, and Colonel Jones would no doubt have been consulted Respecting the best mode of attaining the end proposed. The same Reasons may in part be given for not having consulted him on the Subject of Sending Lieut. Towns to Nooze.

We had the Honor of acquainting your Lordship and Council in your Revenue Department under date the 11th Instant with our motives for sending Lieut. Towns with a small Detachment of the Tibbendy Corps to Oppanow, and had no Idea that Colonel Jones would have expected to be consulted on such an occasion, as this Corps was expressly Raised for the purpose of facilitating the Collection of the Revenue, which its name implies, and no Order has ever been sent from this Board to the Officer Commanding the Corps thro' any other Channel. Colonel Jones, by mentioning that Lieut. Towns was sent against Oppanow seems to imagine he was sent to Reduce him by force of Arms, in which case we certainly would have desired his Opinion, but he must at the same time have conceived the few Sepoys at present stationed at Nooze very inadequate to such an undertaking if he was convinced that Oppanows Strength was so great as he had represented to your Lordship &c. however in this Respect Colonel Jones must have been very much misinformed — a Letter having been sent to Lieut. Towns under Cover to Colonel Jones.

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Jones was nothing more than is practiced every day in Similar cases, by sending the Letter to Ellore it went so far on its way to Nooze, and there being no Intercourse between Ellore and Nooze, the Secretary enclosed Lieut Jones's Letter under Cover, to Colo Jones with a Note requesting he would forward it, which he was not Official and was only meant to prevent Delay The Direction on the back of the Letter was in the usual forem_ter for bidding making any Remark on what has said Respecting the Collection of the Revenue an answer to every objection a Military Man make) as we suppose Colonel Jones is not yet informed that there is no part of India where the Revenue is collected without making use of Sepoys or Peons for that purpose.

In Repeat to what he wrote there being some mistake regarding the Number of Sepoys required from Vizagapatam to complete the Ganjam District to the Number Desired by your Lordship &c. we are perfectly uninformed, as Colonel Jones does not include the Sepoys in the 4th Battn nor the Detachment of the 102. Regiment in the Monthly Returns to us, as your Lordship &c. will perceive by the Returns we had the honor to forward a few days ago.

We cannot suppose your Lordship &c. meant to abridge our authority when you appointed

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Colonel Jones's to Command the Troops in the Northern Circars - nor do we suppose you meant by these words of your letter under date the 27th January "We desire you will "consult with Colonel Jones on every Occasion and "Determine on no Military measures without his advice "and concurrence" which seem to have made so strong an impression on him, that his advice and concurrence were necessary in any other matters than such as might relate to the general plan of Defence throughout the Circars, more particularly as you have been pleased to inform us in the same Letter that you leave us a Discretional Latitude to act upon our own Judgement whenever We shall be of Opinion the publick Service would be injured by our waiting for Orders from you - It never has been customary for the Chief and Council of this Settlement to take the Opinion of the Commandant of the District on any measure which Relates to the Collection of the Revenue, nor do we suppose you intended we should wait for his concurrence every time we have Occasion to send out a Guard of Sepoys to assist a Zemindars Renter, Tanadar, or Soucar in their Collections or to protect their Grain from being plundered, or when Sepoys are required to quell Disturbances in the Country or for escorting Money & Stores and on other similar Occasions -

We have the honor to be very Respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen -

Your most Obed.t & humble Servant

(Signed) .. { J. Daniell
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos. Barnard
Alex.r Pringle -

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No 1 Extract of a Letter from Colonel Jones Dated
4th February

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee having empowered you to Require of the Board of Vizagapatam such part of their Military force as you may judge necessary. I shall for the present only Recommend that the two Grenadier Companies of the 1st Carnac Battalion and fifty of the Lascars that are Trained to the Artillery at Chicacole, may be ordered to join my Detachment wherever it may happen to be with all Expedition.

No 2. Extract to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam
Dated 7th February

The Select Committee have likewise been pleased to Order a Body of Troops of His Majesty's and the Company's Europeans to be with the rest of the Sepoy Corps and the two Companies to be encamped near to Masulipatam, Colonel Jones desires, we would apply to you for the two Grenadier Companies of the 1st Carnac Battalion that they may be Ordered to join his Detachment wherever it may happen to be with all expedition and we therefore beg you will be pleased to Order those two Companies of the 1st Battalion to proceed to join Colonel Jones's Detachment as soon as possible.

No 3 Extract to Colonel Jones Dated 9th February 1783

We have written to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam for the two Grenadier Companies

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of the 1st Circar Battalion and have informed both the Boards at Vizagapatam and Ganjam of the extent of your late Appointment and desired they would accordingly direct Returns to be sent you regularly by the Officers Commanding Corps in those Districts.

No 4 Extract to Lieut. Colonel Jones dated 18th Feb.y 83

Enclosed you will receive Copy of Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam in answer to our Letter desiring they would Order the Grenadier Companies of the 1st Circar Battalion to join your Detachment. The Board at Vizagapatam having informed us that it will require 500 Sepoys to be sent from the 1st Battalion in Order to complete the number in the Ganjam District to 1200 Men agreeable to the Orders of the Select Committee and that by sending the Grenadiers hither, the payment of upwards of two Lacks of Rupees due to the Company at the end of this month may probably be impeded we postponed Repeating our Application for the Grenadier Companies until we could be made acquainted with your sentiments whether it would not be proper to permit those two companies to remain at Vizagapatam at least till the end of this month as the French Fleet is known now to be to the Southward and money is so much wanted for the public Service besides there will be but little time left by this Delay as the Month will be nearly expired before our Letter reaches Vizagapatam.

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No. 5 Extract from Lieutenant Colonel Jones'

Received 10th February 1783.

It is unnecessary Gentlemen for me to give an Opinion as to the two Companies of Grenadiers leaving Vizagapatam, I have ever been used to obey any Orders I Received from My Superiors, and as the Honble the Select Committee has been very explicit upon that head and considers you with the power to act as you shall think proper, I shall wait their arrival, when it shall seem fit in your Idea for them to march being an entire stranger as to the Politics of the Districts of Vizagapatam.

No. 6. Extract to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam.

Dated 21st February 1783.

We have been honored with the Receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant and Commented your Reasons for wishing to detain the Grenadier Companies of the 1st Circar Battalion to Colonel Jones who has declined giving any Opinion Respecting the proposal of what you have urged being as he says unacquainted with the Politics of the Vizagapatam District and has only informed us he will wait their arrival when it may be 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

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Grenadiers to join them but lest you should be of opinion that sending them out of the Districts immediately would impede the payment of the Kist which 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 them till the end of the month should you think it necessary and we then desire you will Order them then to join him without further loss of time—

No. 7 Extract to Lieut. Colonel Jones. Dated 22d Feby 83.

The Chief and Council of Vizagapatam having acquainted us with their Reasons for wishing to detain the two Grenadier Companies of the 1st Circar Batn in that District and because the Right Honble the President and Select Committee Directed us to consult with you upon Military Matters we transmitted you a Copy of the Letter from the Board at Vizagapatam on this occasion and as you have left it entirely to us whether those two Companies should be Ordered to join your Detachment or not we will immediately write to Vizagapatam desiring the Chief and Council of that Settlement will detain the Grenadiers till the end of this month / the Receipt of two Lacks of Rupees being at this time a matter of the utmost moment to the Company and the French Fleet being to the Southward of Madras / and Desire that they may be then Ordered to join you without loss of time—

N. B. Extract from the Hon'ble Select Committee Received 26th February 1783—

As it was not our meaning that you—

should

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should draw any part of the force from the other battalion without necessity, we hope your application to the Chief and Council of Negapatam for the two Grenadier Compa of the 1st Circar Battalion was founded on your conviction of the necessity, or at least of the expediency of the mea

N.9 Letter to the Chief and Council of Negapatam

Dated 2d March 1783.

In our letter of the 21st Instant desired in consequence of Repeated Applications from Colon Jones, that you would Order the Grenadier Companies of the Carcar Battalion to join the Detachment under his Comm the beginning of this Month if you should be of Opinion your Collections would be impeded by sending them so but, the Select Committee having now Directed us not Draw any part of the force from the other Battalions without being convinced of the necessity or at least the of the measure, we desire you will be pleased to detain two Companies till you hear further from us in Conse of the Intended fleet from Bombay—

N.10 Letter to the Colonel Jones — Dated 2d March

Agreable to our letter of the 21st Inst we desired the Chief and Council of Negapatam wou Order the two Grenadier Companies of the 1st Circar Bat to join you the beginning of this Month: but the Right Honble the President and Select Committee having now Directed us not to draw any part of the force fr

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the other Settlements, without being convinced of the necessity or at least the expediency of the measure, and because we are of Opinion that the lateness of the season, the French fleet being to the Southward, and Sir Edward Hughes's fleet shortly expected round from Bombay not to mention the probability that the Collection of the Revenues in the Vizagapatam District would be impeded by withdrawing the Grenadiers Render it unnecessary and inexpedient to draw them from thence at present, we have accordingly desired the Chief and Council of that Settlement to detain them.

N.11. Extract from Colonel Pearse — Received 4th March 83.

I am just favored with your Letter dated the 2d March, and shall with chearfulness acquiesce upon all Occasions not only with the Orders of the Select Committee but yours.

N.12. Extract from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam

Received 6th March 1783.

We can only lament that the Representations We have made to you have not appeared of sufficient Weight to induce you to recall the Requisition you have made of part of our Battalion — We have done our Duty in representing to you the probable Consequences and in doing this We discharge ourselves from all Responsibility.

N.13. Extract from the Honble Select Committee to the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam enclosed in the former.

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"But we have no reason to apprehend that the
Gentlemen at Masulipatam will make use of that power
without Real necessity such as we think may very
probably take place, then Mr Bayley [illegible] in the Field
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(signed) New Scott
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No 14.

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Jones
Received the 19th February 1783.

Gentlemen I believe my honor is as
much concerned in the Defence of Masulipatam, as any of the
persons, if I may not be allowed to say more and have done
taught to think the Chief Engineer and that Department
entirely lies with you, which is contrary to any thing
the like that I have been accustomed to before, I must
beg leave to give my Opinion, that had I been allowed
have gone on with my own line of Duty as Comman
of all the Troops in the Northern Circars, I should have
expected the Chief Engineer would have made his Repo
to me.

No 15 Extract to Colonel Jones
Dated 22d February

The Chief Engineer in these Letters
has always acted under the immediate Directions of the
Committee of Works but we do not by any means suppo
this should have deprived us of your Opinion Respecting
any Works recommended by him and as we wish to have
every

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very attention to whatever you may recommend & Major Maule will be directed to consult with you hereafter respecting any additional Works he may deem necessary for the greater Security and Defence of the Garrison

A true Extract

Jas. Scott Secty

No. 16.

Extract from Colonel Jones

Received 16th February 1783.

As I understand Provisions are not always to be had at a short notice in the Countries through which we may have Occasion to march, I beg leave to recommend that four Days Provisions with the necessary Bullocks for carrying it be kept in Readiness to accompany the Detachment

No 17. Extract to Colonel Jones

Dated 18th February 1783

In consequence of your letter of the 16th Mr Westcott will be desired to keep four days provisions in Readiness at Ellore for the Detachment under your Command lest it should be necessary at any time for you to march at a short notice and you will be pleased in that case to press the number of Bullocks necessary for carrying this provision – we are obliged to adopt this System because the present state of our Treasury will not admit of our incurring so great an additional expence as would be requisite to keep a sufficient Number of Bullocks constantly in Readiness for the above purpose

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N. 18.

Extract from Colonel Jones –

Received 19th February 1783

I submit it to you, whether the Detachment under my Command may Run any Risque of being Delayed, by keeping of Bullocks, should that be the case, I have done my Duty –

N. 19.

Extract to Colonel Jones –

Dated 22d February 1783

The expence to the Company which will necessarily be incurred by purchasing and keeping constantly in pay the number of Bullocks requisite for carrying [illegible] Days provisions for your Detachment induced me on the 18th to propose that in case of any pressing emergency the number necessary should be purchased for that purpose but as you express some doubt whether it will be possible to procure them by this means we must of course subject the Company to this expence rather than run the Risk of any impediment to your marching immediately at any time hereafter if it should become necessary –

N. 20.

Letter to Colonel Jones –

Dated 4th March 1783.

The President of Bagapore having represented to us that he is unable to collect the Revenue due from the Districts under his management to the Company

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Company without the assistance of Sepoys and that a considerable part of the present Corps has been plundered by the Inhabitants & others since these formerly Stationed there were withdrawn we therefore request you will be pleased to Order Serjeant Camm with the Invalid Sepoys now at Ellore to proceed to Raggapore where they will consider themselves in Cantonment & obey such instructions as they may receive from the Resident - If it should be necessary at any time hereafter for the Troops at Ellore to take the field the Invalid Sepoys will be able to return thither from Raggapore in a few Days

True Extract

A. Scott
Secy.

The Committee having in their late Letter to Colonel Jones fully stated their sentiments in the points of difference which had arisen between him, and the Gentlemen at Masulipatam it is unnecessary to Remark on the above Letter further than that it appear to the Committee that every thing done on the part of the Chief and Council has been Regular and agreeable to the established System of the Service -

Resolved thereon -

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam with the enclosures therein mentioned as lodged in the Office.

For

1362 Port St. George 28th March 1783.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Masulipatam inclosing letters from the Paymaster at Ellore and from Colonel Jones with their answers respecting the number of Days Batta to be allowed the Troops previous to their marching out of Garrison

Herewith we have the honor to transmit you Copy of a Letter we have received from Colonel Jones, Respecting the number of Days Batta to be allowed Troops previous to their marching out of Garrison together with a Copy of our Answer and of the Letter which was written by our Paymaster when the Demand for the Days Batta for the Detachment of his Majestys 102d Regiment under Colonel Jones's Command was first made and entreat your Lordship &c. will be pleased to favor us with your Commands as soon as possible.

We have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedt
humble Servants
J. Daniell
J. Hodges
John D. Boileau
Thos Barnard
Alexr Pringle

Masulipatam
18th March 1783

To James Daniell Esqr
Chief at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

Application having been made to Mr Barnard the Paymaster and the Generals Orders sent to him for three Days Batta due the Detachment under my Command when we received first Orders to march from Masulipatam, the reasons given by him for not complying with the Generals Orders by which I am informed that every Detachment are paid is to me the most uncommon I ever heard. Viz. that he cannot pay them but two Days Batta instead of three because I had not put the Orders for their marching three Days before they marched into the Orderly Book, as I had a Discretionary Route in my Packet for some Days before it appeared in Orders, had it been the intention I easily might have confined to this Rule, but allowing the fault to lie with me would it not be cruel that the poor Soldier should suffer for any blunder of mine, whenever I have been upon Service it was diametrically opposite to this Rule the Orders seldom appeared until the evening before we were to march, in Order to accustom the Troops to move upon the shortest Notice.

I am now to solicit Gentlemen that you will be pleased to Order also the three Days Batta due to the Detachment that obeyed your Orders when received in the middle of the night, and to absolutely march in less than two hours to meet the Enemy as

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they thought, as I believe you did also when you sent the Order, my Opinion is that this alacrity in the Troops should be encouraged as much as possible, and I make not the least doubt it will meet with your approbation who must see the utility of it as well as I do, and particularly in our present Situation.

I am now Gentlemen to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 14th Instant and do not understand what is meant by either Ordering Captain Sloys to the Southward, or to detain him as may be most for the good of the Public Service, If you mean the public Service in the Northern Circars, I certainly should think him having your authority for so doing, If you mean the public Service to the Southward, I ought by all means to send him, as I am well convinced he will be employed use wherever he is, I shall keep him here until I receive further Directions, the Nature of the Service here is upon at present which you are unacquainted with) is to protect the Detachment with the Artillery at the Fisheries and take care Stores &c. are in Readiness to upon the shortest warning, You have injoined Secrecy upon all other occasions, I must beg you will determine this point also intirely the Select Committee and the General, Draw the line of Duty between us.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servt

Thos Jones

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NB. I has like to have forgot to tell you Gentlemen that it is by Mr Barnards desire that I make application to you, and I am convinced had it not been contrary to his Orders that he would not have given either you or me this trouble. I am informed the Recott Detachment who marched upon the same Occasion have been paid.

A true Copy

Aw. Scott Secy

Copy of Letter from the Paymaster at Masulipatam to Captain Browne of his Majesty's 102.. Regiment at Ellore.

Sir

I have the favor of your letter of Yesterday, a Demand similar to that you have made was submitted to the Chief and Council not long ago, with a Copy of the General Order you have enclosed to me that they might judge of the Propriety thereof — they — directed me to pay no more Batta, than for the number of Days, not exceeding three, the Troops it Regarded, has been in Orders to March — The Detachment for whose Batta you now apply, were in Orders to march the 17th December and marched the 19th. I can therefore pay no more than the two Days previous to their marching — the Chief and Council must be applied to, if this does not give Satisfaction — it would have been a pleasure to me

if

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if their Decision could have permitted me to comply more fully with your Demand.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt. & Hble Servt.

Thos. Barnard

Paymaster

Masulipatam
March 13th 1783

A true Copy

Thos. Barnard

To Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Jones
Comanding a Detachment of his Majesty's
102d. Regiment and the Honorable Company's Troops
in the Northern Circars

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 16th Instant and at the we would willingly pay with every Request coming from You wherever Power at Liberty to do so, we cannot on the present occ because we understand the General Order of to bear a different Sense from that in which appeared to You, and because we cannot exceed the Orders of our Superiors Respecting the expenditure Public Money at any time, more particularly present when the exigencies of Government Economy so essentially necessary We understand by this General Order that all Troops may be in Order

for

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for marching more than three Days before they proceed yet no more than three Days batta is to be drawn for, previous to the time of their marching out of Garrison, which three Days batta we suppose to be intended as an indemnification to them for the expence they must necessarily have incurred by keeping Bullocks in Readiness for their baggage, from the time they were first put in Orders to march but when Troops have not been three days in marching Orders before they leave the Garrison, it cannot be supposed that they have incurred any additional expence but from the time of the Order being published, however that you may not suppose we wish to deprive the Detachment of his Majesty's 102d Regiment under your Command of any advantages the Customs established in the Company's Service would afford them, we shall refer this as well as every other matter in which a Difference of Opinion may hereafter arise to the Right Honble the Presidt and Select Committee and wait their Orders in consequence

When we informed you under date the 11th Instant that as we were unacquainted with the particular Duty Captain Sloyd was employed on at present, and therefore unable to determine how far his Service might be necessary we begged you would be guided by your own judgement either in detaining him longer or Ordering him to proceed to the Southward as might be most for the good of the Publick Service" we wished

You—

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you would either detain Captain Lloyd longer, or Order him to proceed to the Southward, agreeable to the General Order for that purpose, according as you might think his services would be most beneficial to the Public if exercised here or to the Southward, by the words Publick Service we meant the Publick Service in General, not considered as confined either to the Circars or to the Carnatick

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt humble Servts

(Signed) James Daniell
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thomas Barnard
Alex.r Pringle

A true Copy

Geo.e Scott Lt.

Masulipatam
12th March 1783

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be informed they may allow the Detachment 3. Days Batta before it actually marches

Shew 2 days Batta to be allowed to the Detachment

Read the following Letter and enclosures from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam

Civil Department

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

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From Masulipatam
inclosing Letter to them
from the Governor Genl.
and Council - desiring them
to aid Capt.n Black who is
employed in marching down
some Horses with any
Supplies he may want of
money or Provender -

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My Lord & Gentlemen -

Herewith we have the honor to
transmit you Copy of a Letter which we have receive from
the Governor General and Council of Bengal -

We have the honor to be

very Respectfully -

My Lord and Gentlemen

your most Obed.t hble Servants

(Signed) { S. Daniell
I. Hodges
I. P. Boileau
Thos. Barnard
Alex.r Pringle }

Masulipatam
18th March 1783 -

To James Daniell Esq.r
Chief and Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Having Appointed Captain Samuel
Black to take charge of a Supply of Horses which are to
be Marched to Fort St. George for the Service of the
Army there We request that you will grant him any
Supplies which he may Require of Money or provender
& every other aid which may be in your power to expedite
and facilitate his proceeding We also Request that you will
encourage the horse Dealers to attend about the time
when he may be expected as he is Directed to purchase
such Serviceable horses as he may be able to meet with

on

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on reasonable terms during his March, You will also Order his guards to be relieved at your Station.

Fort William the 23d Jany 1783

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servts
(Signed) Warren Hastings
Edwd Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

A true Copy
Aw Scott
Secy

Minute thereon

The Committee are much [illegible] to find that there are horses for the use of the Army coming from Bengal, but it is proper to remark that the first Official notice of it is by a Letter from [illegible] Governor General and Council to one of our Subord[illegible] Settlements - dated the 23d January and received at [illegible] (it would appear) about the 18th March.

Read the following Letter [illegible] Chief and Council of Masulipatam [illegible] allow the

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

From Masulipatam enclosing an Account of Grain exported from thence to the Presidency during the year 1781 & 1782

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have been duly honored with your Commands of the 10th Ultimo communicated us thro' your Secretary, and in Obedience thereto now transmit

You

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you an Account of Grain exported from hence to Fort St. George from the 1st January to the 31st December 1781. and from the 1st Jany to 31st December 1782 - also an Account of Grain and other Articles of Garrison provisions exported from the 1st January to the 31. December 1781. and from the 1st January to the 31 December 1782.

We have the honor to be - very respectfully
My Lord and Gentlemen
your most Obedt humble Servts
(Signed) J. Daniell
J. Hodges
J. P. Boileau
Thos. Barnard
Alexr Pringle

Masulipatam 20th March 1783

The Account of Grain exported from the Northern Circars to be [illegible] to the Accountant to [illegible] an Abstract for the General and Coun[illegible]

Ordered that all the Accounts received of Grain exported from the Northern Circars be sent to the Accountant with Orders to make an Abstract of the whole to be sent to the Governor General & Council.

General Stuart delivers in the following Letter addressed to him by Major Donald Mackay

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

Sir

From Major Mackay to General Stuart, requesting that the Officers of his Corps may be allowed from 22d Decemr Rice for their Servants at the price paid by the Company

When the Army marched into Cantonments la[illegible]ar, you was pleased to Issue an Order that Rice delivered from the Company's Stores for the followers of the Officers and private should be paid for at

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much more than has been yet issued to the Army—

Messrs Sadleir and Davidson concurring it is resolved accordingly—

General Stuart— An Account of the great arrears due to the Officers Sam'd Opinion they ought to be allowed to have the Rice from the 22d December at 150 Pagodas P Garce and the Civil Servants also for the same Reason—

General Stuart delivers in a Letter addressed to him by Doctor Davis /as entered in/ Miscellany Book/ Respecting that there are several Chests of Medicines belonging to the Bombay establishment under the Charge of the Apothecary here and that there are some at Bombay belonging to this Establishment proposing therefore that his Indents be complied with from the Bombay Medicines—

Doctor Davis requests that his Indents may be complied with from the Medicines now here belonging to the Bombay Presidency—

Agreed that Copy of the Letter from Doctor Davis be sent to the Surgeon General and that he be directed to appropriate the Bombay Medicines to the public Service— The Select Committee at Bombay to be advised thereof in our next Letter to them—

The Surgeon General to be desired to appropriate the Bombay Medicines to the public Service—

The President informs the Committee that Lieutenant Colonel Nixon has delivered to him a Letter from Mr. De Bussy which the President now lays before them and adds that he thinks it due to the politeness of Mr. De Bussy to have it entered upon the Records—

To

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From Mr. Bussy to Colonel Nixon and Capt. Wallace permitting them to return on Board the Danish Vessel notwithstanding the Disrespect which he mentioned had been shewn to the Danish Flag by an English Officer in taking a French Vessel from under the Guns of Tranquebar

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To Lieut. Colonel Nixon & Capt. Wallace

I should be justified Gentlemen in not complying with your Request, after the Conduct observed by the Commander in Chief of your Squadron towards the Lizard, French Cutter, Lying under the Guns of Tranquebar, without any consideration for the respect due to the Flag of His Danish Majesty - whose Protection you now claim, but to convince you that I act solely from those Principles which ought to be adopted by all civilized Nations I grant you free permission to Return on board the Danish Vessel and Mr. De Suffrein will if your Orders for her Departure -

I have the honor to be
With great Truth
Gentlemen

Your most humble Servt.
(Signed) Bussy

Cuddalore
18th March 1783

A true Translation
J. Landon
French Translator

Read the following Letter from Captain Edmonds -

From Capt. Edmonds complaining of the conduct of the Killbear of Tirchoor in

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

My Lord

I do myself the honor to inform your Lordship that three days ago I received information of

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in not arresting the Person of Boopetty Vencatarum Rauze, agreeably to his Desire Orders a Division to be made of the Plunder taken in the Fort of Nundawanum, which he hopes will be approved of & Requesting that the Vencatachelpy Rajah be desired to order the People to pay attention to his Recommendations

of Boopetty Vencat Ram Rauze the person mentioned in the paper of News I had the honor to receive from Your Lordship dated the 5th Instant and supposing he would take the Rents of Kirchoor and that I could rely on the friendship of the Killedar of that place / Lopo Naigue / to secure him I dispatched a Harcarrah with a letter for him to that purpose - soon after the Harcarrah had delivered the letter Boopetty Vencat Ram Rauze came to Kirchoor the Harcarrah knew him and for fear Lopo Naigue might be deceived went and made him acquainted with his arrival Boopetty Vencat Ram Rauze remained in Kirchoor the greatest part of the day and in the Evening retired into the Guntoor Circar unmolested - I enquired of Lopo Naig the Reason for such conduct, in Answer to which he desires what the Harcarrah ajouts as a fact and which from further enquiry I find very true - I do myself the honor to inform your Lordship of the Troops belonging to the Vencatagherry Rajah and there of Jelly Basker Naigue having in conjunction taken from the Enemy the Fort of Nundawanum along with which are 25 of the Enemies Villages, they both applyed to me concerning this, and I desired the Villages might be equally Devided between them but the Vankatagurry being the strongest party want forcibly to seize the whole which has greatly disgusted Basker Naigue, who considers it as a great injustice and looks home for Redress, I have insisted on this Division being made and flatter myself

your

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your Lordship will approve my having done so, and that your Lordship will speak to the Vencatagerry Rajah to Order his People to attend to what I may say on future like Occasion as it will be impossible for me to increase the friendship I have so long been trying at among the Zemmendar of the Carnatic Circard if liable to be thwarted by any actions of theirs

I have the honor to be with the most Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

most Obt. & humble Servt.

Signed Edwd. Edmonds

Ongole
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19 March 1783

Resolved that it be Recommended to Captain Edmonds to endeavor to make a pecuniary Agreement with that whatsoever they take be levied according to the force employed, and that he himself Direct their Operations -

Read the following Memorial from Lieutenant Colonel Nixon -

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney K.B. Governor &c.a &c.a Council of Fort St. George

The Memorial of Lieut. Colonel Cooke Nixon -

Sheweth -

From Lieut. Colonel Nixon stating the reasons upon which his request to be appointed full Colonel -

That your Memorialist in the year 1763. was appointed a Captain in the service of the Honorable united East India Company, from the half pay in his Majesty's thirty sixth regiment of foot -

That

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That during a period of near twenty Years your Memorialist has been employed intermettingly in all the Services which have happened in this Country, and of course been present at many Sieges, as well as Actions, in one of the latter of which he was wounded and taken away a Prisoner to Seringapatam.

That in the Year 1775. Your Memorialist was nominated a Lieutenant Colonel since which he has attained no higher Rank, and considering himself to be a little injured by the local Rank granted to a vast number of his Majesty's Field Officers, considering also that by the unfortunate Captivity of two Colonels in the said Company's Service, a temporary vacancy has occurred, Your Memorialist is led to hope your Lordship &c.a Council, will not think him unreasonable in Requesting he may be appointed to the Rank of full Colonel, a Rank which he presumes to add the length of his Services justly entitle him to, and the Nature of the present Situation of the Company's Affairs from the want of Officers of that Rank in their employ fully authorize him to hope for, and your Memorialist is the more induced to Request this promotion from an earnest Desire to be put upon such a footing with his Majesty's Officers in this Country, as to enable him to serve with honor and Satisfaction to himself.

That your Memorialist thinks it unnecessary here to State his conduct in the Southern Countries

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Countries since Hyders invasion, he has however the satisfaction of knowing and feeling that it met with the approbation not only of the Commander in Chief but also with that of your Board.

Your Memorialist, has the honor to subscribe himself

Your Lordship & Councils,
Most faithful and
Obedient Servant
Eccles Nixon

Fort St. George
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(Signed)

Consideration of the above deferred

Ordered to lie for consideration

Lieut. Gomond &c. to be informed that their Request for Superior Rank to the Gentlemen appointed Cadets in the Country before their Arrival cannot be admitted.

The Committee take into consideration the Letter read at the last meeting from Lieut. Gomond &c. on behalf of the Officers who arrived here Cadets in June 1778 and on Reference to the General Letter to England of the 9th and 13th January 1781. they find unanswerable Reasons given for contenning the Officers who had been appointed in this Country before the arrival of those Gentlemen and were Ordered to be dismissed. The Court of Directors having said nothing in reply it is to be presumed they were satisfied with the Reasons urged for not carrying their Orders into execution and as the Officers were continued the Committee think it would be a hardship to deprive them now of their Rank, and the more so as they had served at the Seige of Pondicherry previous to the Arrival of most of the Gentlemen who now

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Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General.

From Mjr. General

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

Sir

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you in Order to be laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that he Recommends Shaick Gee Commandant of the 1st Carnatic Battalion for the Vacant Palankeen, and that he will give his Reasons to the Committee when the Matter is agitated there.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Mjr. General

From Mjr. General communicating the General's recommendation that Shaick Gee be allowed the Vacant Palanqueen - the Genl. will state his Reasons in person.

Head Quarters
Fort St. George
29th March 1783.

The Vacant Palankeen given to Shaick Gee.

As it appears on Reference to the Records that an Allowance for a Palankeen should extend to 3 Commandants - Resolved that Shaick Gee Commandant be appointed to the Palankeen vacant by the Death of Agreeably to the General's Recommendation.

The

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Statement of Cash received by the Paymaster in Camp from the Superintendant of the Grain Accounts.

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The President Lays before the Committee an Account of Money Received by Mr. Jackson Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts and receives from him by Mr. Welch Paymaster of the Army amounting to Pagodas 16,913. 5. 72. as entered in a Miscellany Book.

The President Lays before the Committee the following Extract of a Letter which his Lordship has Lately received from Mr. Boyd at the Mauricius.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Boyd

Date Isle of Bourbon 15th Dec. 1782.

My Lord

"Since I had the Pleasure of being made Prisoner on the 10th of last April, I have written three Letters to your Lordship, two in April from the Frigate La Fine in the French Squadron, and one in June from the Isle of France, I had a promise that they should be carefully transmitted to your Lordship, and therefore Good have received them.

"On the 31st of last October also I Drew on your Lordship, with advice annexed for 5563. Livres in favor of Mr. Dwey of the Isle of France who has in the most friendly manner supplied me with every thing I wanted, & as in fact I wanted every thing his Assistance was equally necessary & obliging.

"It was agreed that I should mention to your Lordship in one of my Letters from the Squadron

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Boyd from the Isle of Bourbon mentioning his having drawn a Bill upon the President & stating by Mr. De Suffrens desire of the Reasons which had induced him to send his Prisoners to Hyder Ally.

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indispensable Resolution which Mr. Suffren had
then formed, of delivering his Prisoners to Hyder Ali, in
"the event of the Report being verified that the French
"Prisoners were to be sent to Bengal, and because he had
"not any establishment on the Coast to send them to" so he
"stated the grounds of that indispensable measure in a
"letter which I had the honor of receiving from him on the
"16th of April, in Answer to one which I had written desiring
"to remain with the Squadron for the Chance of a Cartel —
"It was however judged proper to send me immediately and
"alone, to these Islands, I was accordingly dispatched thither
"on the Night of the Same Day I received Mr. Suffren's
"letter the 16th of April."

A true Extract

(Signed) Thomas Kingscote
Dy. Secy.

The Bill drawn by Mr. Boyd to be paid by the President of the Secret Service —

In Consideration of the unfortunate
Circumstance of Mr. Boyd's Capture and the loss he has
in Consequence Sustained it is Agreed that the Bill
be paid by the President out of the Secret Service Money

Read the following Letter from the
Resident at Ingeram with a Letter inclosed from Mr.
Perrott (as lodged in the Office) containing a long narrative
of the hardships he has Suffered, and soliciting his Relief

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

My

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From Mr Hamilton
inclosing Letter from
Mr Perrot recommending
his Situation to the
Consideration of the
Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

Enclosed I

transmit a Letter addressed to me

Perrot, who has long been under Detent

I beg leave to recommend Mr.

Perrot's case to your notice, as he seems to have be

a very unfortunate Man and has suffered consider

in his property on Account of his Detention here,

indeed he appears to far reduced in his Circumstan

as to make his present Situation a very hard one, be

allowed no Subsistance — He did hope from the last

letter I had the Honor to receive from your Honble

Board concerning him that you would have taken

his case into your consideration, And now begs lea

again to call your attention towards him — Since h

Residence at this Factory he has demeaned himse

with becoming propriety —

I have the honor to be with great

Respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedi

humble Servant

(Signed) ..... William Hamilton

To William Hamilton Esqr

President of Sangeram

&c

Convinced of the important Benefit

the Honble Board of Fort St George has of late, to be

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their attention to, I preferred suffering patiently my
Detention with all the Evils which attended it, to troubling
them with unseasonable application, but now that,
from what I heard, I may conclude the present
circumstance somewhat favorable to my Representations,
I beg leave to reiterate them, & Request that you will be
so kind as to transmit this Letter to the Honble Board.

Departed from Tranquebar about 12.
Months Ago, Commanding a Danish Vessel, I freighted
here so an English Gentleman to convey Rice & Wheat
to Madras, And when I was here executing my Contract
I espoused myself to be molested by the French, for
existing an English Settlement, Orders were sent to you,
to detain me; which struck with an inconceivable damage.
ment but as the Honble Board were pleased, six weeks
after, to write to you that I was not detained as an
Enemy, and that they hoped even that my Detention
would not be long, I attributed it to some temporary
political necessity to which I submitted and fulfilling
my Engagement, & Madras, had soon, after a good Cargo
of Provisions.

At the arrival of Admiral Hughes
at Madras, the Epocha fixed by the Honble Board, for
taking my Case into consideration, I did not forget to
recall myself to their Attention & I was answered by an
intercepted Letter presumed to be wrote by me, 20th
before, Persuaded that it was much below t
of the Honble Board to resent some inj

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unavoidable in a mystick Letter from a friend to a friend I thought it useless to deny the insignificant Epistle, which I might have easily done, and contenting myself with warning the Honble Board against some other expressions which however savouring of French Heart and inclinations, may also fall from the Pen of a Foreigner who has been educated in France, when he writes to a French Friend, I persisted in trusting to the first assurances from the Honble Board and waited till a favorable Opportunity might enable them to follow their humane intentions towards me.

You know, Sir, how many Losses how many Sorrows I have suffered in the interval. all the Goods which I had provided here for my dear and friends, loaded in a Sloop belonging also to my Owners were lost at Madras on the 15th October, and cornish Detentions exercised on those wrecked Goods made the Sale irreparable, I has Ships for about 1200 Pagodas to pay my Debts at Tranquebar, all is lost indebted to the Danes, to the English, to the French growing old by time, much older by the pains of mind Deprived by a political, it is true, but absolutely unnecessary Detention of the means of repairing my misfortunes, I see myself a long Burthen to the generous Gentlemen who supports myself and expenses here at the Risk of being perhaps never Repaid. Such is now know Sir, such is my present Situation the influence

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influence upon my future one, makes me tremble, and if I look behind I am only to regret not to have been — Destroyed, by the Turks, the Arabs and Hyder's People when I was a Captive in their hands, because they believed me an Englishman —

I was detained in actually serving the English, and I am indeed, had I been taken sword in hand, I could not have possibly suffered more, may it is — probable I should have had an Allowance to live upon — Good God! if the intercepted Letter is the motive of my Detention with all its consequences where is the proportion between the Delict and the Pain —

From your experienced humanity I — hope, Sir, that you will be good enough to Strengthen — my present Letter with your Recommendation —

I am

Sir

With Respect —

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Henry Perrot

Comprapollam —
16th March 1783 —

(Signed) . . . . .

Mr Hamilton to be authorized to make Mr Perrot what ever allowance he may judge Reasonable to his Residence at Tyrnaw —

Agreed that Mr Hamilton be informed that Mr Perrot may if agreeable to him come to Madras upon his Parole and that it was not our wish or Intention that he should Remain at Tyrnaw without —

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without an allowance for his Subsistence that he (Mr. Hamilton) is therefore authorized to make him such for the time he has remained at Tegnore as he may judge reasonable.

Lieut. Dallas's Receipt for 5 Horses received into the Comm.r in Chief's Body Guard.

The President lays before the Committee a Receipt delivered to his Lordship by Lieut. Dallas for Commanding the Cavalry called the Body Guard for 5 Horses belonging to the Estate of the late Captain Sullivan amounting to ₰ 10 Star Pagodas.

To be discharged by Bengal Bills.

Agreed that the Amount be struck by Bills on Bengal at the Bazar exchange and the Receipt sent to the Commissary of the Stores.

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Lieut Walker permitted to proceed to Bengal

26th Dispatched letter to Lt. Walker with permission to proceed to Bengal for the recovery of his health.

29th Dispatched the following letter to all the Subordinate Settlements and Out Garrisons

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

To the Subordinate Settlements and Out Garrisons. Concerning of the Maratta

Gentlemen

We have the pleasure to acquaint You, that we have received from the Supreme Council of the agreable Intelligence that the Treaty with the Mahrattas State finally ratified by both parties was interchanged between Mahadjee Sindia and Mr. Anderson on the 24th Ultimo. — We desire You will cause the above to be published throughout Your District

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed) Macartney & Brs
Select Committee

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The same to Ganjam
Vizagapatam
Ingeram
Madapollam
Mr. A. at Nagapatam
Mr. Sullivan at Tanjore

Received letter from the Nabob dated 27th March as entered in Country Correspondence No 39

from the Nabob
aughtering against the
ment of the President

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24th Inst. Full of invective and abuse against the President

From Mr. Peters, requesting to be employed &c to be paid the balance of his account

Received letter from Mr. Peter Surgeon requesting to be employed and the support of government in obtaining a bond from the Nabob for supplies &c also a balance in his favor at Bombay as entered on Miscellany Book

From Capt. Scaler Commd. Slaughter Cattle

30th Read Letter from Captain Scaler, the Commdg. of Tirupasore assures them that there is no Slaughter Cattle in the District but some are wanting at Cuttalaty &c Caporam &c as entered in Miscellany Book

Received the following Intelligence from the Commander in Chief.

Intelligence respect the French at Cuddalore

Intelligence from Cuddalore of 28th old brought to the Commander in Chief 30th ult. 1783.

The French landed under Mons.r de Bussy and 2000 Effective Europeans, 1000 of the Caste, they are encamped at Mummoopam.

The former French move even on their march before towards Cuddalore.

The body of horse and Infantry left by Tippoo to act with the French of all sorts about 12000

Part of them had lately marched towards Carroor on the report of Colonel Lang's moving to attack them

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27th The French are offering money to raise new Sepoys but not with much success —

There are upwards of 20 Ships of all sizes in Cudda= =lore roads —

The Fort on the top of Carmaccoil hill is entirely destroy= =ed. & the Guns, Stores & provisions removed.

Large numbers of Bullocks and Sheep daily arrive at Cuddalore for the troops & Ships, and the price sold there five days ago at 12 Seers the Rupee —

The person who brought the above intelligence left Cuddalore the 24th at night, and his intelligence in general has turned out to be true he says he was at Perme= =coil himself —

He has accounts from his Relations at Arcot, that place is neither undermined, nor abandoned. —

31st Read the following letter from Bengal with the letter therein mentioned from Captain Popham as entered in Miscellany Book

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c Council at Fort St George

From Bengal. concerning the complaint against Capt Popham & Stores for this Presi= =dency.

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have called upon Captain Popham the Commander of the Arrow and Amelia for the

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31st. his answer to the Charges preferred against him by Majr Parremain for ill treatment towards the Officer and Men of his Majestys Hanoverian Regiment and now enclose a Copy of his reply. —

As Captain Popham has given a positive denial to most of the Facts which were asserted, and we have not the means of investigating this matter further at this place, We beg leave to refer it to You to procure it, if You shall think necessary, when Captain Popham arrives at Madrass; but We must remark that the Tenor of his answer appears to us perfectly conformable to the Character which is given of him by the Major in his representation, and that until the matter is cleared up more to our Satisfaction, We are determined not to employ Captain Popham on any Man under the Order or authority of this Government; and We are of Opinion that the nature of the Complaint against him deserves the same degree of attention for the other Gentlemen

Having thought it expedient to detain the Consignments to Your Presidency which were on board Company Ships both to avoid the Risk of the Enemy and to admit of a larger Supply of Grain being taken upon them, We desire that You will detain an equal Quantity of such Articles as You may require from the next consignments to us. — which may be expected on the

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31st.

We are.

My Lord & Gentlemen.

Your most obedient Servants

Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort William
the 7th. March 1783

/ signed /

Dispatched the following letter to the Surgeon General.

To James Anderson Esqr.

Surgeon General

To the Surgeon Genl.
to detain the Medicines
for Bombay —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send You the enclosed Copy of a letter from Doctor Davis to the Commander in Chief. and to desire You will appropreate the Bombay Me=
=dicines therein mentioned to the service of this Establish=
=ment. causing an account to be taken of the same.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/ signed / John Huddleston
Secretary

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Received

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Recd letter from the Nabob of the 30th Instant / as entered in Country Correspondence No 42 advi=sing of his having received a letter from the Governor General communicating that orders were sent to write to him his Country, and of an Agreement his Honor / Auguste Cowan? had entered into with the Governor General, — and desiring that his Lordship will favour him with Orders to the Several Aumuldars to conduct themselves under his authority and to acknowledge his Govern

From the Nabob desiring that the Amuldars may be ordered to obey him.

Recd the following letter from the Committee of Stores with their Proceedings of the 29th Instant

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

From the Committee of Stores with their Proceedings of the 29th

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith We have the honor to lay before Your Lordship &c &c Our Proceedings of the 29th Instant

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servants
/ signed / Patrick Ross
John Kennedy
B. Scott

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At a Committee of Stores Present

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross

Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy

Bryan Swiney Esquire

The Committee proceed to take into consideration, the Indents from Masulipatam, Chingleput, and Nellour, and Agree they be complied with conformably to the remarks of the Commissary, except the Nellour Indent, which for want of tumbrils, must be referred for future consideration - and this we hope will be attended with no material inconvenience, as on referring to the last Return of Stores from that Garrison, we find there are already there

4 Pdr. Brass field piece 1
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2 do - - do - - 1

with

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31st. With carriages complete, and a proportion of ammunition for each.

The Military Storekeeper acquaints the Committee that there is a want both of Cocoanut and Gingalee Oil for the use of cleaning the Arms in the Arsenal - neither of which can at this time be purchased; being informed that the Garrison Storekeeper has a quantity of these Articles, provided, the Committee beg leave to submit to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, the propriety of a part being appropriated, for the aforementioned uses. —

Patrick Ross
(signed) John Hennidy
B. Scottney

approved

1st. April Read Letter from the Nabob of the 1st. Instant (as entered in Country Correspondence No 43) reflecting on the Presidents not taking advantage of the Death of Hyder Ally by letting the Main and Southern Armies remain inactive and a Review of his

From the Nabob, reflects on the Presidents Conduct in not taking advantage of Hyders death

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1st his Lordships political conduct since that period.

2d. Received paper of intelligence from General Stuart concerning the French at Cuddalore — stating in substance that they have 2000 Europeans landing Tents &c a large Detachment of Tippoos People gone to the Tanjore Country, & Permacoil destroyd

Dispatched the following letter to the Governor General & Council

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

Gentlemen

We have received the Honor of Your letter of the 13th. Instt together with the several pa=pers which accompanied it by the Hands of Mr. Sulivan, who arrived here on the 28th. Ultimo The Indisposition of Mr. Davidson has prevented any Committee from being held for some days, but as he is now much better I shall assemble one as soon as he can possible attend it at which time we shall take under consideration Your letter & with all that attention which is due to you from this Government

I have the honor to be with great respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t and Humble Servt.
(Signed)

To Bengal, the considera=tion of their letter of 28th. Ultimo deferred until the recovery of Mr. Davidson.

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3d Received letter from Captain Scouler (as inter-
-ed in Miscellany Book) advising that he marchs the
1st from Tanjapore with his Battalion after having
been relieved by Captain Vigors ——

Received the following letter from the
Surgeon General

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Surgeon Genl. requesting an order to the Import Warehouse-Keeper for the delivery of the Bombay Medicines

I have received Your orders of the 31st Ultimo enclosing the copy of a letter from Mr Davis to the Commander in Chief on the Subject of Bombay Medicines for no Medicines are with the Apothecary to my knowledge excepting what remains of those I had the Honor to transmit You a list on the 19th Ultimo

There and it is here, Medicines for Bombay with the Import Warehouse keeper, from whom (if you will be pleased to direct the delivery) I may receive them and appropriate as You desire to the use of the Service not only for the reasons urged by Mr Davis, but likewise by lying packed up in a Warehouse many of the Articles will be damaged

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I have the honor to be with due respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and very
humble Servant
(signed) James Anderson
Surgeon Genl

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3d Dispatched letter to the Surgeon General advi=

The Imprest Warehouse=keeper ordered to deliver the Bombay Medicines

The Surgeon Genl. advised thereof

=sing that orders are sent to the Imprest Warehouse Keeper desiring him to deliver to him ~~to him~~ all the Medicines under his Charge belonging to the Presidency of Bombay. also letter to Mr. Savage desiring he will deliver them to the Surgeon General is entered in Miscellany Book

At a Select Committee summoned on

Friday 4th April 1783. Military Affairs present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B. Pres.t Gov.r

Anthony Sadleir Esq.r Major Genl. James Stuart

Alexander Davidson Esq.r indisposed

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Received the following letter from Mr. R. J. Sulivan enclosing dispatches from the Governor General & Council

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c.

of Fort St. George

From Mr. R. J. Sulivan with dispatches from the Governor Genl. & Council

My Lord

Being just arrived, & apprehensive that an intercourse at this hour would be unreasonable I have taken the liberty of sending you, such Dispatches as were entrusted to my care from Bengal. Your Lordship & the Select Committee would have received these Dispatches sooner, had I not on my arrival at Ganjam had come intimation of the Company's

Order

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Orders by the George hound. This made me believe it proper to await fresh Instructions from the Governor Genral & Council of Bengal. I accordingly wrote to Calcutta, & continued at Ganjam, till I received from them, directions to proceed on the Commands Signified to me, are dated the 27th of last month, many days Subsequent to the arrival of the George hound Packet at that place —

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships Most Obedient
& Most humble Servant
(signed) R. J. Sullivan

Choultry Plain
28th March 1783

Read the following letter from the Governor General and Council with the proceedings and papers therein referred to lodged in the Office

Duplicate

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

From Bengal con=
=cerning the Complaints pre=
=ferred by Syed Aram Cawn
on the part of the Nabob
order the Company be write=
=ten to him — desire notice
conditions from the Nabob
in lieu of the Assignment
hereinafter Extract of their
Consults

My Lord Gentlemen

As long ago as the month of July last a memorial was presented to the Governor General by Syed Aram Cawn the Minister of the Nabob Walajah containing several Subjects of complaint on behalf of master

against

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Minutes on the occasion
Copy of the Agreement
with Syed Aslam leave
Mr. R. J. Sullivan to
resume his Station at
the Durbar.

against the conduct of your President Lord Macartney's unwilling to be obliged listen to representations of this Kind or to enter upon so disagreeable an investigation as it required at a time when the Situation of the Enemy, and the circumstances of your affairs threatned the very existence of the Company's Possessions and those of the Nabob in the Carnatic being also in hopes that the dissatisfaction of the Nabob might shortly be - appeased by the disposition which You had expressed to support him in all the forms and ostensible Dignity of his sovereignty & bursting in Your endeavors to reconcile his mind to the necessity of any acts which the distress and urgency of Public affairs might render indispensable We prevailed on Syed Aslam Cawn to wether and his Memorial —

But we were disappointed in our wishes and expectations on this point for in the Month of November last Syed Aslam Cawn in Consequence of orders which he had received for that purpose drew up a second memorial which he presented with the former and solicited our consideration —

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The Governor General communicated these representations to us and they were entered upon our records before the departure of the Lively Packet but in mentioning them to the Honble the Court of Directors we simply referred to the Papers themselves without standing any remarks or any opinion of our own —

Our of the subjects of Complaint however being for our information of our Treaty or agreement with the Nabob concluded on the 2d April 1781 and of a breach of the condition of the Assignment granted by the Nabob in consequence to Lord Macartney on the 2d December 1781 for the collection of the Revenues of the Carnatic appeared to us of such consequence that for the sake of Justice to the Nabob and to relieve the injury which in the Minds of the Country Powers such an infraction had cast upon our national Faith we were forced to enter into an investigation of it, we therefore called upon Syed Assam Cawn to prove the truth of his Allegations on this point and Mr. Sulivan our Resident at the Nabobs Court to attest such Circumstances as came within his Knowledge and remembrance concerning it —

We send You herewith extracts our Proceedings in consequence to which we refer for particulars and in conformity to our resolutions therein contained

we

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we now repeat to You in the form and stile of positive orders the words of the said Resolutions Vizt

We do hereby renounce all the rights and powers granted to Lord Macartney under the Assignment of the Nabob Walaw Jaw dated the 2d. December. 1781 and the delegated powers of this Government and in vertue of the powers & authority generally vested in this Government by the Act of Parliament of the 13th. Year of his present Majesty's reign as well as by the special powers and authority granted to us by the Honble the Court of Directors in their Commands of the 11th. April 1781 we do require You to render back to the Nabob Walla Jah the said Assignment together with the full charge and admi=nistrations of the Revenues and sovereignty of the Carnatic in as full and complete a manner as he did or could exercise the same before the conclusion of his Agreement with this Government on the 2d. April 1781 or as he can exercise the same now

That You do command and compel Your Aumils whom You have appointed to collect the Revenues in the Nabobs Country to deliver over their respective charges of the Revenue to such Aumils as shall be appoin=ted by the Nabob or to retain their trust under his sole authority if he shall chose to confirm them therein &

that

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that You do with draw every power & authority which You have delegated in the Carnatic in virtue of the said Assignment

As the Nabob Walloo Jah in his letters to the Governor General has requested that the Assignment which he made to Lord Macartney of the revenues of the Carnatic may be restored to him offering to bind himself to the condition of advancing to the Company for the Charges of the War five sixths of the Collections with the reservation stipullated by the original Treaty or Agreement concluded with this Government on the 2d April 1771 and one sixth for his own necessary expences And as his Minister Syed Assam Cawn in a memorial dated 25th November last has further engaged on the same condition in the Name of the Nabob to furnish supplies of ready money Grain & cattle to the same amount & quantity as those which have been received from his Country during the Administration of Lord Macartney with an addition of one third of such for the same given time and to give Cawar security for the money and that from the day on which the Enemy shall evacuate the Carnatic the Nabob shall regularly pay by stipulated Thists to the Company 12 Lacks of Pagodas p Annum seven Lacks to be appropriated to the Companys use and the remaining five Lacks to be by them paid to his Creditors

We have accordingly accepted these offers

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offers in lieu of the original stipulation continued in the 18th. Articles of the Treaty or agreement concluded with the Nabob on the 2d. april 1781 and Syed Asam Cawn has in consequence entered into an engagement in behalf of the Nabob for the accomplishment of them of which we trans= =mit You a copy. We desire that You will call upon the Nabob for the due performance of the condetions of this engagement but You will please to consider it as wholly separated from and independant of our foregoing directions and not suspend the execution of these for the performance of any stipulations made by the Nabob as we deem the surrender of the Assignment and the Acts appertaining to it immediately and essentially necessary as a retribution of Justice due to the Nabob in which his subsequent Agreement has no concern —

We have directed our Agent at the Court of the Nabob Wallaw Jah Mr. R. J. Sullivan to return to his station and he will be the Bearer of this Letter

We have the honor to be.
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Eyre Coote
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort William
13th January 1783

/ signed /

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered to lie for consideration

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c. Select Committee

at Fort St George

From Bengal — on passage Money for Kings Officers return'd to Engd with Extract of letter from Court of Directors —

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 4th and 6th Ultimo

We observed what You say on the former concerning the expence of furnishing the Kings Officers who have been Ordered to return to England with suitable accommodations and passages on the Companys Ships, which You think cannot be Charged to the Company, consistent with their Order, to Your Government, of the 25th January 1782 — Paragraph 57. of which You have sent us a Copy Upon referring to those Orders We find them very properly applied to a different Subject as the Persons they mention went home of their own Accord and for their own occasions it was but reasonable that they should have borne their own expences, but the Officers whom We transmitted You a List are Ordered home by the express Command of his Majesty Signified to the Commander in Chief, and upon Duty Under these Circumstances therefore, We conceive they

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they have a right to a free Passage, which ought to be furnish=
=ed by the Company, who certainly have given no Orders
to the contrary. We think the expence of it should be
Reckoned in part of the Sum allowed to Government for
the Services of each Regiment. We cannot say but We
repeat our Request that You will be pleased to Order
Passages for those Officers, with Suitable Accommodations
on board the Companys Ships. If You should think pro=
=per to pay the Captains for them here We are of
Opinion that the Rates prescribed by the Court of Direc=
=tors, in the 100th Paragraph of their General Letter to
us dated the 25th January 1782 of which We enclose
You a Copy are a proper guide for it, otherwise
it must be left for them to Determine it in England

We have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

Warren Hastings

" Eyre Coote

Edward Wheler

John Macpherson

John Stables.

Extract

Fort William

3d March 1783

/ signed /

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Extract of a General letter from the Honble the Court of Directors to the Honble the Governor General & Council dated 25th January 1782

Paras 100

The Commanders of our Ships are for the following Sums by us, for defraying at their respective Tables the Officers of His Majesty's British Troops and the Officers belonging to the 15th Regiment of Hanoverians Viz.t

For the Commanding Officer	£ 185
For the Lieutenant Colonel	104
For a Major	85
For a Captain	75
For all other Commissioned and Staff Officers. With Surgeons Mates	65 each.

A true Extract

(signed) E Hay
Sub Secy

The Secretary directed to search the Records and report to the Committee what the Officers proceeding to England to whom the allowance for a passage granted by this Government was disapproved by the Court of Directors

Minute thereon

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

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From Bengal encl-
ing Letters from Mr.
Anderson advising of the
Maratta Treaty —

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My Lord Gentlemen

We lose not a Moment to convey to you the agreeable Intelligence that the Treaty with the Maratta State finally ratified by both parties was exchanged between Mhadajee Sindia & Mr. Anderson on the 25th ultimo. We enclose Copies of two Letters which we have this Instant received containing the Information & heartily congratulate You upon the Accomplishment of an Event which is likely to be attended with such good Consequences to your Affairs.

We have the honor to be

My Lord Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

Warren Hastings

Eyre Coote

Edward Wheler

John Macpherson

John Stables

Fort William
the 10th March 1783

/ Signed

Dear Sir

Bow Bucksey paid me a Visit this afternoon and informed me that violent Disputes had subsisted for some days between Sindia & Nanna Shee Doo. the Poonah Ca-=binet. regarding the Delivery of the Ratification but that

very

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every thing was at length happily settled, and the Day after to morrow being fixed on as an auspicious Time Sindia intended to pay me a visit as a publick Demonstration of his Friendship, after which it was proposed that we shall proceed to his Tent, and there in the presence of his Ministers terminate the Negociation by interchanging the ratified Copies of the Treaty —

I have been too much accustomed to Disappointments to believe implicitly that all my Difficulties are yet over, & that an End is to be put to my Business on the Day which is now appointed Yet as Bhow Buckshy assures me that he delivered me this Information by the express Order of his Master I have thought it my Duty to communicate it to You as early as possible. In the Mean time as my Letters furnish Sufficient Reasons for my deferring to forward the Orders of the Honble Board to bear to Bengal I flatter myself that You will be pleased to justify my Conduct in this particular for the present. And if I should hereafter find that the Delay is likely to be extended to any Length of Time I shall do myself the Honor of addressing the Board on the Subject —

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect

Dear Sir

Your most faithful &
Obedient humble Servant
D. Anderson

Sinden Camp Guntur
22d. February 1783

/signed/
A true Copy
J.P. Auriol
Secretary

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General &c &c &c

Fort William

Dear Sir

I have the Honor to inform You that the Treaty between the English Government and the Marattah state was this day completely & finally ratified In the Morn=ing Mahajee Sindia attended with all his principal officers did me the Honor to pay to me a long Visit as a publick Demonstration of his Friendship towards the English Govern=ment after which we proceeded to his Tent where in the pre=sence of a very numerous assembly the ratified Treaties were formally interchanged the one under the seal of the Peshewah & the Signature of Nanah Phurnavees being delivered to me, and the other under the seal of the Company & the Signature of the Honble Board to Mahajee Sindia

I have the honor to subscribe

Myself with the utmost Respect

Dear Sir

Your Most faithful &

Obedient humble Servant

D. Anderson

Sindias camp Near Gualear

24th February 1783

/signed/

A true Copy

J. P Auriol

Secretary

The

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Minute thereon The Committee receive with great pleasure the Intelli-
=gence that peace is concluded between the Company and the
Maratta State

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

From Bengal, Direct-
=ing that Genl. Coote
be vested with full Powers

My Lord & Gentlemen

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote having determined to return to Fort St. George to resume the immed-
=iate Command of the Army in the Carnatic, and the present Crises of Affairs requiring that he should be invested with every Power and Authority which he can derive from this Government, both for forming the Army and employing the Services of the Troops with the greatest effect for the Gener-
=al Cause, We think it necessary to repeat the Words of our Rec-
=ommendation of the 11th March last on the Subject of his Military Command: and being warranted also by the Auth-
=ority which We possess from the Honble the Court of Directors as expressed in their General Letter to You dated 11th April 82 We do hereby direct that Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote be allowed an entire and unparticipated Command over all the Forces acting under Your Authority in the Carnatic excepting Your immediate Garrison —

We

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We are with Estem.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

Warren Hastings

Edward Wheler

John Macpherson

John Stables

Fort William

the 10th. March 1783

/ signed /

Minute thereon

Ordered to lie for consideration

General Stuarts opinion to be desired on Capt.n Kennys Compliant of the appt.t of Mr. Jackson

The President moves that General Stuarts opinion be desired with regard to Captain Kenneys Complaint / mentioned in the letter from the Governor General and Council of the 27th. February / of difficulties in his Department from our Appointment of Mr. Jackson to be Comptroller of the Grain Accounts and Collection of Monies due for Rice and how far that Appointment has affected, or can affect the Army Grainkeeper in the execution of his public duty or in any way that concerns the public Interest

Agreed to. and the Committee having been acquainted by General Stuart at the last meeting that in a very short space of time there was a deficiency of 36000 Sicca Rupees in the Rice under the charge of the Army Grainkeeper. and mentioned his determination to order a Court of Enquiry in consequence they wish to know if he has done so, and

General Stuart desired to inform the Committee the result of a Court Enquiry on the army Grain Keeper.

what

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what is the result.

Gen.l Stuart Reply

General Stuart the only complaint I recollect Captain Mercer's having made to me since Mr. Jackons appointment to receive the Stoppages for Rice was on my repeatedly expressing my concern for the deficiency in measurement he gave as a reason that not having money in his hands to pay the Bullock people. he supposed their necessities led them to sell the Rice I certainly did express some surprize at a deficiency and unexpected deficiency upon the last report made to me in Vellour and that I should Endeavor to collect from the different officers for my own satisfaction the rice that had been issued to the Army Grain keeper and that after I was possessed of Facts, and of the Returns, I should order a Court of Enquiry if it was found to apply to Captain Mercer or any Officer concerned in that Department I am not yet possessed of the Statements necessary for this purpose — I have no objection to Mr. Jackons appointment or any man whatever to receive the regular Stoppages for Rice —

The President delivers in the following Minute and papers which are now read

Minute in Committee April 4th. 1783

Presidents Minute in the Power of the Enemy proposes that the General shall march on the 9th.

The President has the honor to observe to the Committee that it is natural to suppose, that the French Troops lately arrived at Cuddalore will endeavour to strengthen

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shing them that Place; that the French who were in the Carnatic before the arrival of Monsieur de Bussy and the Cavalry and Infantry left in it by Tippoo intend forming a Junction; that encouragement will be offered to the Natives to enter into the French Service; and that all the Abilities and Influence of the French General will be exerted to recall Tippoo into the Carnatic, to excite Enemies to the English Nation and to establish the Power of his own. Such indeed is the Conduct to be expected from Monsieur de Bussy or his Successor; and it should be the Aim of Government to foresee the Efforts and prevent the Success of the Enemy. Their Troops indeed may have suffered in the Voyage from the Isle of France; arriving in a new Country they may have required some Rest before they could be ready for actual Service; they may have had occasion for Refreshments and Assistance which could not in any Circumstances be supplied at once and which the absence of Tippoo may have delayed considerably. If they be allowed to continue in the undisturbed Possession of the District which they occupy and in an uninterrupted Communication with others; if time be allowed them which is so necessary for them, the Opportunity of expelling or defeating them may be lost. While the British Army continues encamped in the Neighbourhood of Madras, the Army of France may be acquiring means of visiting it effectually. These Observations appear to the President so obvious and the Consequences to which

they

they lead so necessary, that he thinks it his Duty to lay them before the Committee. The Army now in readiness to march against the Enemy, which has often been declared by Major General Stuart to be equal to any force that might reasonably be expected to oppose it, must be much superior to the force that in the absence of the chief part of Tippoos Army can now oppose it upon a Proposal made in November last for enabling the Circars to resist any Attack from the French after the Arrival of the Reinforcement with Monsieur de Bussy, Genl. Stuart observed that when upon that Event their Plan should be known, the Army under his Command should move boldly if possible, to counteract their Operations The Conditional Motion of the Army after the Enemy, on the supposition of their attacking the Circars many hundred Miles distant from head Quarters, as mentioned by the Commander in Chief warrants the hope of his retreat March towards the Enemy at much less Distances in the Carnatic The means, always well known to the General, of moving the Army not diminished since November last The General declared at the last Committee that the Army might carry 25 Days Provisions for the fighting Men and Followers. The President has the Pleasure to inform the Committee that there are, besides above Eight Thousand Bags of Rice at Chingleput as appears by the Return of the Military Grainkeeper It appears also by his Calculations that such a Store might last the fighting men of the Army for 60 Days in addition to the 25 Days Provisions for the

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whole

whole Army which go with it. The Consumption of the Followers appears indeed to be greater than that of the Fighting Men. A Provision must be made for the whole of that disproportionate Consumption, the Store at Chingleput will be consumed in about 15 Days. Even in such a supposition, still that Store will enable the Genl. with the addition of what the Army may carry with it, to subsist the whole in the Field for 40 Days. The Coolies sent back here when the Army shall get to Chingleput may with as many more as can be hired, and with such other means as can be procured, continue to carry Rice to Chingleput so as to keep up a new Stock there for the Army. In the absence of most of Tippoos Army a sufficient Escort might be spared from the Army to secure the Conveyance of such a Stock.

These Calculations are formed on the Idea, and in the hope that the Army will move from its present Encampment on the 7th Instant before which time the Carriage of the Army will arrive here from hence fully loaded and ready to proceed: But if the General should think it impracticable to move before the 15th Instant, in that Interval another Trip with Provisions may be made to Chingleput. and the Agent at Camp reports it as his Opinion that a sufficient Number of Bullocks might be collected from the Corps and Departments of the Coast Establishment – alone equal to the Carriage of 7000 Bags. so that if the Army should not march from the Mount before the 15th there will be about a Months Stock for the whole Army at Chingleput, allowing over more Rice for the

Followers

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followers, than the fighting Men consume: To which Stock the Army may have recourse after the Expiration of 21 Days when the Stock carried with them shall have been expended.

From those authentic Statements and the Calcu=lations made upon them, after allowing for Deficiencies and without reckoning on any of the Savings and Retrench=ments of which the present Consumption is supposed by proper Regulations in the Field to be susceptible, it appears to the President that there is no Reason why the Army thus amply provided should not move towards the Enemy without Delay. It is probable that by the time the Army may be advanced towards Cuddalore, his Majesty's Squadron may appear upon the Coast to cooperate with it in distressing the Enemy. The March of the Army may likewise prevent the French or their Allies from commit=ting Ravages, or raising Contributions to the Southward of Cuddalore. They may be obliged to keep their Force together in order to be prepared against any Attack of the Grand Army from Madras moving towards them, and may thus be distressed for Supplies for procuring which they could not in that case venture out Detachments. This Distress, this Precautions for their Security, their Con=finement to the Neighbourhood of Cuddalore, the Interrup=tion of their Communications might remove all Ideas of their Power from the Country Princes might prevent the

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the Effect that Such Ideas might produce, as well as the Influence of Monsieur de Bussy's Reputation and of his political Intrigues.

The President therefore moves that Major General Stuart be directed to march with the Army if he should think it practicable on the 7th or at the furthest on the 15th Instant towards Chingleput, and from thence towards the Enemy, as far as Circumstances will indace him to think it of advantage to extend his movements with a view of alarming the Enemy, interrupting their Supplies, confining their Excursions, preventing any Addition to their Strength, and if practi=cable of attacking or investing them.

As the General mentioned at the last meeting of the Committee that he would march in a fortnight, the present Motion cannot be supposed to be contrary to his Sentiments or his Intentions. But if the General should happen to entertain a diff=erent Opinion now the President not only proposes that the Reasons for such a Difference should be particu=larly laid before the Committee, but that some of the principal Officers in the Kings and Company's Service who have made the Campaigns in the Carnatic, such as Colonel Pearce Colonel Stuart &c shall be called before the Committee for their Information and Opinion

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The March of the Army from Madras will enable the Company's Southern Army to continue its Progress against the Enemy: a Progress material in itself on account of the money and Provisions which it promises, and material on account of the Distraction it must occasion in Tippoo's Attention and Exertions, and thereby tending to the preservation of General Mathews Troops few in Number and unsparingly devided in the Defence of the extensive Conquests they have made the Safety of those Acquisitions and of the Troops that made them induces the President to recall the attention of the Committee to its former Views in sending Two Battalions with some Artillery to Angola, which were to favor the Endeavours of the Inhabitants of the Commaum and Cuddapah Countries to shake off the Yoke of Hyder which could not fail to operate at least as a Diversion from his Pursuits elsewhere Those Battalions were sent to the Defence of the Circars when threatned by M. Suffren's Fleet. As the plan of the Enemy's Operations seem for the present at least to be confined to the Carnatic, it may be proper to resume the Original design, for which the present Moment promises to be favorable, and to order those two Battalions together with such other Part of the force now under Colonel Jones as may be spared towards the Commaum and Cuddapah Countries Those Troops now unemployed will be employed to good account

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account if they encrease the Confusion of the Enemy and add a further Division of his Strength Such a measure may influence the Operations to the Southward as well as to the Westward; and the President is confirmed in the Propriety of it by the Opinion of an able Officer which he has the honor to lay before the Committee. —

Sir

I have this moment received your letter dated yesterday, and have to inform You that the Carriage attached to the Grain Department is as follows —

From the Agent states the present Carriage of the Army

Carriage Bullocks	——	2911
Draught —— do	——	519
Carts	——	112

equal to the Carriage of 3137 Bags. —

The Commissary of Stores has occasionally carried from 5 to 600 Bags & 300 Bags can be carried on Guns & Tumbrils. & I am of opinion a greater Number of Bags cannot be carried should the Army be ordered to move = the Rice for the Europeans is carried by the Bullocks attached to the Victualling place & not included in the above —

For a Ship to Ch[in]a I suppose 6[0] I think Bullocks 6[0] can be collected from the Corps & Departments of

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of the Coast Establishment equal to the Carriage of 7000 Bags

Wednesday
1 oClock

Sam. Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
/signed/ J. Glenworthey
D.Q.M. Genl.

The Grainkeepers Account of Rice at Chingleput mentioned in the foregoing letter is read / as entered in Minuting Book / and it appears therefrom that there are at Chingleput deducting what has been issued at different periods to the Army 8661 Bags from which however remains to be deducted the quantity that may have been taken for the use of the Garrison.

Account of Rice at Chingleput.

The President read the following Extracts from the able Officer alluded to in his Lordships Minute but declines at present mentioning his name

Extract of letter from an Officer in the Mysore Putam District dated 15th March 1783 read by Lord Macartney in Committee April 4th 1783 –

From an Officer in the Manalpatam District is of opinion that the force at Allow is capable of reducing the Cuddapah Country.

A Montgomery communicated to me, the accounts of General Mathews's atchievements on the Malabar Coast from which I think we have every reason to expect a most favorable change, in our Affairs. if the opportunity is not let slip.

and

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and the means we have in our power are activity & properly employ-
=ed. and now that I am upon this subject, I cannot help hinting
to you, (to be made what use of you think proper) that the
Detachment here might, after the Admirals arrival on the Coast,
be easily spared from this Country, to act a part, in any general
plan of operations, which may be proposed for distressing &
dividing the Enemys Force, and I am really of opinion, that
it is of sufficient strength to undertake the reduction of the
Caddapah Country, drained as it is at present of Troops, and
which Tippoo's affairs of greater Importance, must require
the whole of his exertion in other quarters —

We are completely equiped with a field train, Camp
equipage Bullocks &c to move at a days warning, and
there is plenty of Rice, now to be had on the Coast, between
Cuyolo & Nellore, from Vessels which have lost their passage
to Madras —

Strength of the detachment at Ellore —

102d Regt	193
Artillery	55
Total Europeans	248

1st Coast Battal	569
2d do do	575
2d Carnatic do	671
17th do do	586
Total Sepoys	2401

6 Six Prs & 2 Twelves
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Extract of a letter from an Officer to the Northward. In the Masulipatam District dated March 20th 1783 — read in Committee by Lord Macartney April 4th 1783

From an Officer — expressing hopes of the detachments being ordered on Service a small Force suffi=cient to collect the Revenues —

We are rather anxious to hear what our destiny is to be — For my own part I am of opinion that we should be able to render very essential service, were we to be employed as I hinted to You, in my last — The collection of the Revenues will I know be an objec=tion to ordering the Detachment to cross the Kishna but rest assured that a single Battalion would do more with the Zemindars now, than four could a Month ago, in short, they all begin to shake in their Shoes since hearing of Tippo's having quit the Carnatic and this detachment might with the greatest safety be employed elsewhere the whole of the Europeans would not be necessary — A Company of the 12d. and the people doing duty as Artillery would be sufficient, and the other two Companys of the Regiment might be ordered into Masu=patam to shengthen that Garrison — a couple of 18. pounds would at this Season be easily sent to Nellore or Angole — I believe there are Eighteen Pounders already at Nellore —

Genl. Stuart's Observations on the

General Stuart, I am extremely sorry to be under the necessity now on the We of services Business For my own Vindication, and in support of my former opinions to take

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take up the attention of the Committee in observing upon the Minute of the President now read which he will do at the next meeting - in the mean time I assure the Committee that there is not an hour lost for the real service, and employment of this Army, and I am ready to make this appear applicable to the main object for which this Army has been hitherto kept together - if the President points at calling a Council of War upon my conduct, he is at liberty if the Committee support him in it, and I am ready to answer -

The President wishes to undeceive General Stuart and observes that the words in his minute do not now point at calling a Council of war upon the Generals conduct - but the President is of opinion that the Govern=ment is always at liberty, and when they think it neces=ry are perfectly right, to take the benefit of any Officers Opinion from whom they may wish to ask it -

The President to reply to Genl. Stuart

The motion contained in the latter part of the Presidents Minute being put -

General Stuart - I am against the motion of made now in expectation of an immediate answer because it would be a matter of surprize upon me, the Business being of such Importance and I will endeavor to avoid on all occasions being surprized Mr. Sadlier agrees to the motion for the reasons and purposes suggested in the President

Genl. Stuart against the motion -

Mr. Sadlier for the motion.

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Presidents Minute —

The President for the motion — his observation on the Generals dissent

The President for the motion and cannot help observing that he could not have imagined that after the Army has been hired upwards of a Fortnight it should be a Surprize upon the General to be desired to march at a particular period if he should think it practicable

The Presidents motion carried, and General Stuart accordingly directed to march with the Army if he should think it practicable on the 7th or on at the furthest on the 15th Instant towards Chingleput and from thence towards the Enemy as far as circumstances will induce him to think it of advantage to extend his Movements with a view of alarming the Enemy, interrupting their Supplies confining their Excursions preventing any addition to their strength and if practicable of attacking or investing them

This Motion carried and the General directed to march against the Enemy —

General Stuart desires that the Letter from Bengal of 10th March may be read —

General Stuart desirous that the Letter from the Governor General and Council of 10th March directing the Government to invest Sir Eyre Coote with the incorporated Command of the Army may be again read. and it is read accordingly

General Stuart delivers in the following paper

Extract of a letter from His Excellency Sir Eyre Coote to General Stuart.

General Stuart delivers Extract of a letter from Sir Eyre Coote on the State of the Army

Having

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Having so clearly in former letters expressed my Sentiments on the subject of keeping Your European Strength united, there can be no necessity for my repeating them here — All I shall add is, that I have determined to permit You and shall embark on the Medea Forgate as soon after her arrival as may be possible, and I hope & expect on my reaching Madras, to find the Army amply equipped and ready in full force for an immediate Movement to such objects as circumstances may at the time point out as most eligible. But our chief concern, and what most deserves our attention is the Expulsion of the French. To this end, I trust Provisions are storing at Chingleput. And as another point of the utmost importance, I intreat that every endeavor be exerted / by sending Money, and urging the Polygars / to form a Magazine of Grain at Vellore.

724 Bullocks arrive from Vellour

Read Town Majors Report / as entered in Mis= =cellany Book / of 724 Bullocks arrived from Vellour in very good condition and completed with Saddly but 160 of them with sore Backs

The President delivers in the following Note from the Military Storekeeper.

From Military Storekeeper, desires a Supply of Cash to pay the Coolies employed in making Powder States the Quantity of Powder in Store

The Season for making Gun Powder is far advanced, but nothing has been done in that necessary Business / except preparing the Materials / for want of Money /

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Money to pay the working People, which will require an advance of from 1500 to 1700 Pagodas P month till the end of October next part of which may be given in Rice —

The quantity of Powder allowed for this Garrison is 15,000 Sixty lb Barrels, at present we have no more than 13,260 Barrels in Store, including 1092 remaining at the Mint out of the Stock the Commander in Chief has Indented for 2150 Barrels & in all probability the Admiral may require a Supply when this Fleet arrives, it also may be presumed that when the Country & Coast are cleared of the Enemy's large demands for this Article may be received from the several out Garrisons — We now owe that of Manulipatam 1000 Barrels on an Indent out of the above quantity —

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(signed) B. Scattergood
M. S. Keeper

Minute thereon

Agreed that 1600 Pagodas be advanced to the Military Storekeeper. 700 in Money and 900 in Rice

Read the following letter from the Chief Engr.

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

From the Chief Engineer with his observations on clearing the environs of the Fort & Black Town.

My Lord

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee having been pleased by their Commands received

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Recvd from Mr. Secretary Hudleston to direct I should apply to Your Lordship respecting the Clearance of the Environs of the Black, wherever they afford Cover, and likewise respecting the interior Arrangement of the Fort. I therefore with pleasure embrace this Opportunity to acquaint Your Lordship that the Environs of the Black Town wall to the westward are nearly cleared of the Buildings to the Extent of six hundred Yards measured on the capitals of the Bastions and to the Northward except the Choultry which contains the sick Charity poor, and three others situated near the extremity of the prescribed distance, which are left standing for the Convenience of affording Cover to such parties as it may be thought proper to advance on that Side. One of them the Company washing Choultry, now contains that part of the Body Guard stationed for the protection of the washing Town —

In the Environs of the Fort the Play House and such other Buildings on the Island as were not erected by authority have been removed & those remaining still offer in point of approach many advantages to an Enemy. I submit to Your Lordship the necessity of immediately removing them and taking away the surrounding wall of the Church Yard which may be fenced with a Palisade answering to prevent the Jackalls from entering it — I think the Horses may be picketed behind Chintadrypettah. And I beg leave to offer it as my opinion to Your Lordship that no permanent Building should be hereafter permitted within less than 1600 Yards of the Fortifications

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The Shed now used for the Reception of Gun Powder should be the last removed as I donot know how we could dispense with it untill the Distribution of that Article for a Siege be made.

Not having been authorized to employ any Number of additional people I should be wanting in duty at a time like this when the Enemys declared Intention to attack us is publick, did I not intreat Your Lordships attention to the Removal of the Huts Grounds and Ruins of the Houses formerly situated to the Westward of the black Town, the irregularities of the Ground on which the latter stand presenting many advantages to an Enemy: By the removal of what remains we shall gain the double advantage of exposing them to the fire of the Town, whilst with the Ground we shall be enabled to cover its Rampart with a Glacis. As this time in which we can effect this salutary purpose must depend on the number of people employed I imagine as many as can be procured should be engaged for that Service.

The Committee of works to employ the No. of additional people that may be necessary for such work as are ordered

Not to begin removing the ground at this Moment as the Committee thinks no expence that is requisite should be incurred in the present state of thy Fo.

It will likewise be necessary that we extend our views beyond the 600 Yards in order to oblige the Enemy to break Ground at a reputable distance. I therefore submit to Your Lordship the propriety of taking measures for that purpose, and of preparing Combustibles to destroy by Fire or otherwise every thing that shall not before be cleared away within 1600 Yds at least, whenever the Army shall send it necessary to retire. This being the usual distance of breaking Ground before a

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Fortified place. In support of the Expediency of this, it is only necessary for me to remark to Your Lordship that the French at Cuddalore are now pursuing the same measures to guard against our attack.

I have the honor to be with Respect

My Lord.

Your Lordships

Most Obedient & most

humble Servant

(signed) Patrick Ross

Lieut.Col. & Chief Engineer

Fort St. George

8th March 1783

Ordered to lie for consideration

The President lays before the Committee the

following Extract of a letter from the Nellore Renter and desires

it may be entered on the records

Extract of a letter from the Renter of Nellore to the

Governor Dated 23d Ruby the Lame or 27th March Received

1st April 1783 —

Minute thereon

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Hood Mr. Sulivan
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ion. V gave out that
Country is to be
ed to the Nabob —

Mr. Sulivan arrived here the day before

Yesterday in the evening and supped with Captain Campbell

next morning he sent for Cuttabuddeen Lawn, Sibbaram and other

Servants of the Nabob who waited upon him and presented their

Nazers and presents of fruits to him Mr. Sulivan told them

that the Nabobs affairs were properly settled and that they might

be

be perfectly easy on that account - Captain Campbell afterwards sent to me, and desired me to procure bearers &c.a for Mr. Sulivan which I accordingly got ready and Mr. Sulivan set out for Madr. about 1/2 past 6 of the day, for 11 o'clock in the forenoon I heard Assumsawn arrived that same evening at the Pettah of Zuphernabad and this morning sent for Captain Campbell and at the same time sent me word to procure bearers &c.a for him, but having no orders from Your Excellency I could give him no Answer - Captain Campbell afterwards desired me to get bearers for Seyed Assumsawn in consequence of which I sent 30 to him - Buttabud Assumsawn, Sittaram Rumrow and all the Servants of the Nabob and those who have expectations from him waited on Assumsawn and presented their Nazars to him. He gave every one encouragement and assured them that the whole Carnatic was shortly to be restored to the Management of the Nabob and that they might be perfectly easy and have no doubts on that score ---

This has given the Ryots great alarm and been the means of a stoppage in the collections at this Season when the Ryots ought to make their payments for all the Servants and people out of Office spread reports to the prejudice of the collections - They go from house to house, and give out that certainly tomorrow or next day the Country is to be made over to the Nabob - Your Servant hopes that if this should be the Case, Your Excellency will graciously be pleased to take Your Servant, who is totally dependent on Your Excellency, into the Shadow of Your protection ---

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The President lays before the Committee the following letter from the Vellour Paymaster

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

My Lord

From Mr. Agilvie requesting a Bill on Bengal to discharge the debt due to the Bullock people at Vellore.

The Owners of the Draught & Carriage Bullocks who were entertained at Vellour at the commencement of the war and delivered over to the Army when Vellore was first relieved in November 1781 are in Arrears Four thousand Pagodas, the balance due them till that time, for which they have my Pro= =missary Note to see them paid, — As my Accounts till November 1781. in which their pay is included - being passed by the Auditor and Superintendant, and having had repeated applications from them to discharge my obligation I have to request Your Lordship will be pleased to grant me Bills on Bengal to that amount with which they promise to be satisfied

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient

Every humble Servant

/signed/ Tho.s L. Ogilvie

Paymaster to the Garrison of Vellore

Fort St. George

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Agreed that the Arrears due to the Vellour Bullock people amounting to 4000 pagodas be discharged by Bills on

minute thereon

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on Bengal in favor of Mr. Agabey at the Buyer exchanged

General Stuart delivers in the following Minute

In Committee 4th April 1783

Gent. Stuart Minute representing the hardships of the Hanoverian officers having no Tents in Garrison

From My particular Situation as Commanding Her Majesty's Troops I am under the disagreable necessity of representing to Government the very great Hardship and impropriety of the Officers of His Majesty's 19 Hanoverians late of the Detachment in the Field being untill now lodged in Sepoy Tents without any Quarter assigned to them or House to say in, Compliants have repeatedly been made to me, on this head by Colonel Rumbold, & I have represented their Compliants to the Governor but without the desired Effect —

If these few hanoverian officers are thus situated I beg leave to call the Attention of Government to think in what way The other of His Majestys Troops soon expected are to be Quartered at the Presidency I dare say as at present nothing preparing or providing for the purpose —

/ signed / James Stuart

The President produces a Return of Quarters in the Fort

The President lays before the Committee a Return of the Quarters in the Fort / as lodged in the Office / from which they will perceive that all the Quarters in the Fort are occupied.

The Presidents observations on the above.

If the Officers of the 19th Hanoverian Regiment

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Regiment prefer living in Tents to the Crouded Quarters which the room in the Fort admits it is their Affair when they were in Quarters before it was a very different season from the present the heat of the weather now rendering it inconvenient that they should be lodged so closely as before The President conceived, and understood that the Service might have suffered by the Officers being lodged in the Black Town at such a distance from their people - The President does not know if any house can be procured in the Black Town as it was found extremely difficult to get houses there for the Officers of his Majestys Squadron - as ordered by the Company. and those which are taken are by no means sufficient for their Accommodation but if the Com= =mittee are of opinion that houses should be got for them in the Black Town it shall be done if possible General Stuart

Gen.l. Stuart reports that the officers wish for Quarters in the Black Town -

- my Information from the Officers of the 15th Hanoverian Regiment is that they would be content with the same or even worse Quarters than they had before in preference to their present situation, and I am clearly of opinion that if they cant be lodged in the Fort a certain number of them should be lodged in the Black Town —

Quarters in the Black Town to be provided

The Barrack Master attending is directed to use his endeavors to provide Quarters for the Hanno= =verian Officers and if they cant be accomodated in the Fort to provide houses in the Black Town.

General Stuart lays before the Committee the following letters —

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To Major General Stuart

From Col. Gordon enclosing Memorial from the King's Surgeons —

&c &c &c

Sir

I have the Honor to Enclose you a Memorial which has been presented to the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's 73.d 78.th & 101.st Regiments by the Surgeons of said Corps. which it is requested You will present to the Select Committee in order to have the Claims therein stated settled as soon as possible. that the Majesty's Troops may not suffer from want of Medicines & other necessary Hospital supplies. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient &

Very humble Servant

(signed) A: Gordon

Lt Col: 101.st Regt

March 31.st 1783

To Lieut. Colonel Stuart Gordon & Elphinston

Commanding His Majesty's 73.d 78.th & 101.st Regts

Gentlemen

It is not without the utmost concern that we again find ourselves under the necessity. of representing to You. the melancholy situation. which the numerous sick. of his Majesty's Troops. under Your respective Commands. must soon inevitably be reduced. to without some effectual stop

and

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are immediately taken, for providing them with what is absolutely necessary for the relief of their Complaints, as well as the comforts they really require — On our former application, which was given in by Your particular Authority we received what we thought a favorable answer being informed that every thing of that nature, had been submitted to the Decision of a Committee appointed and then sitting /Col. Shelly Pres.t/ to take into consideration, the whole past, aswell as future business in the Surgeons Department, and being a short time afterwards assured by the Commander in Chief, that their proposals had actually been approved of, and would be published in General orders, in the course of a Day or two, it was impossible we could form the least Idea of any delay, beyond that time, but what may now be our surprise when we find ourselves, after one thro space of two months, still seemingly involved in greater uncertainty — Our situations may be considered different, in respect to the Honble Company's Surgeons, as being more particularly circumstanced with Europeans — The charge and of course expence of our respective Battalions in the field, and seingly greater than that of any other Surgeon with the Army: we have exclusively, an Hospital established at St. Thome crouded with sick, a Source of expence that cannot long be supported by the greatest efforts of a Regimental Surgeon, who besides being constantly in arrears, is merely considered a stranger in the Country consequently without the same advantage, attending every

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Companys Servant. that of being able to establish himself
equal and permanent Credit. — We have hitherto chearfully,
though under the greatest disadvantages exerted ourselves for
the good of the Service, and it would now be a most unpardon-
=ble act of cruelty were we now to conceal the impossibility
of our continuing to execute the trust reposed in us. with
that degree of justice which common humanity itself so parti-
=cularly requires — The Idea of loosing a single Soldier for
want of being afforded proper assistance, is a reflection too
shocking for human nature, and we are sorry to observe that
after the frequent representations which we have given of the
approaching unhappy state of our Sick, it must be obvious
that nothing more can be expected of us, than to see that they
do not suffer, so far as the greatest attention can be of Service
this You may be assured we shall be particularly careful
of, but for whatever unhappy consequences may happen from
any deficiency in Supplies of necessarys and Comforts after
the fifth of next month, it is impossible we can be respons-
=ble ——

The temporary supplies of small Sums have so far from relieving us, rather tended to increase our difficulties, they have only been the cause of procrastinating the essential of our Creditors without in the smallest Degree putting it in our power to satisfy their Demands — Their importunities are become so exceedingly distressing, that the

settling

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settling of our past accounts is now absolutely necessary: we have long been assured that something to that purpose would be finally agreed upon, for which reason have waited with the utmost patience, supporting a very great expence without knowing upon what grounds. And as we were willing to make every allowance for the Honble Company's Finances, our demands for ready Money, have been attended with so much moderation, that we cannot help expressing the greatest Surprise and disappointment at not yet having some arrangement determined on, for adjusting our Accounts, at least —

We have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient and
most humble Servants
Robert Walker Surgeon 78th Regt.
Tho.s Gardestone Surgeon 101st Regt.
Wm Norman Surgeon 73d Regt.

Camp &c
29th March 1783

/ signed /

The President minute on the above —

The President cannot help expressing his Surprize at the foregoing Letters, as he assures the Committee that he has several times conversed on the subject with Colonels Gordon and Stuart, and told them of the Regulation recommended by the late Mr. Bazley, and long since confirmed and adopted by the present Government for the Surgeons of his Majestys Regiments, and requested of them / Colonel Gordon

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John Hudleston Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee

of Fort St. George

From the adjutant Genl. with report of deaths, and recommendations for Promotions in consequence

Sir

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to send to You in order to be laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee the following Extract of a letter received from Colonel Lang.

Extract of a letter from Colonel Lang commanding the troops South of the Coleroon To the Adjt. General dated 5th March 1783

"I am deeply concerned to have it in my power to inform You of the death of Capt.n Bishop which with that of Ensigns Innis and You will be pleased to make the Commander in Chief acquainted with"

"Captain Stonehouse has been out of his reason for some time and is unfit for field or any other duty Capt.n Henry Lunn from long illness and an impaired constitution is under the same predicament I therefore beg leave to recommend them for the Invalid list"

The Commander in Chief directs me to acquaint You that he Approves of the above recommendation by Lt. Lang. to report the death of Lt. Wm. B. Stevens Adjt. of the 26th Camelia Battn. and to give in the Names of the Senior Lieutenants

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& Ensigns for promotion incase the Right Honble the President & Select Committee shall think proper to admit the above Reports as Vacancies to be filled up -

Lieutenant Laughlin Mackinnon

Thomas Douglas

George Fothringham

Ensign Malcolm Macgregor

Robert Gahagan

James Towart

James Burstal

Chas. Freeman

Ensign Gahagan being prisoner with the Enemy and non effective. the names of Five Ensigns for promotion are given in above although there are only Four Vacancies

I am further directed to recommend Lieut. Wm Collins to be Adjutant to the 26th Carnatic Battn. in the room of Lieut. Stevens deceased and to report the death of Lieut. Fireworkers Patrick Nugent Lally, and Mathew Ford.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Head Quarters
Fort St. George
26th March 1783

/signed/ Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl.

John Huddleston Esqr.
Secretary of the Select Committee
of Fort St. George

From the Adjutant Genl. with recommendations for Promotions

Sir

In my letter of the 26th instant I omitted to mention

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mention to You that the Vacancies arising from the death of Lieut Frieworkers Lally and Forde leave room for the acting Lieut Frieworkers Thomas Finch & Ulick Burke to be full Lieut Frieworkers.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

/signed/ Henry Malcolm

Adjt Genl

Head Quarters

Fort L. George

29th March 1783

John Huddleston Esqr

Secretary of the Select Committee

of Fort L. George

From the Adjutant Genl recommending Captn S. Cochrane to the command of the Tanjore Sebundies

Sir

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to signify his recommendation of Captain Spencer Cochrane to command the Tanjore Sebundy Vacant by the Death of Captain Bishop, and which he requests You will lay before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee. He Genl desires me to say as a reason, in addition to his Seniority and merit in other respects, for his being the most proper person to command this Corps of Sebundy, that he has constantly resided in the Tanjore Country for nearly Six Years and is perfectly acquainted with it, and likewise that it will be some compensation for the loss of his Office

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as Town Major of Tanjoure which it pleased the Honble Court of Directors to confer upon Lieutt Richardson as is supposed without Meaning any personal Objection to Captn Spencer Cochrane.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
/signed/ Henry Malcolm
Adjt Genl

Head Quarters
Fort St George
2d April 1783

Minute thereon —

Agreed that the promotions recommended in the two former of the above letters be made accordingly, and that Captains Stonehouse, and Quin be invalided

The President proposes that Captain Donald Campbell be appointed to the Command of the Tanjour Sebbendy he being Senior to Captain Cochrane, and an officer who merits every attention from Government

The President proposes Captn D. Campbell for the Command of the Tanjour Sibbendy —

General Stuart I repeat my recommendation of Captain Cochrane in consequence of the Instructions of 1774. and the Application being made to me by Captain Cochrane expressing his wish by letter to have that Command, sensible at the same time that he must owe it to the Committee there can be no doubt of the merit of Captain Campbell was the person who had the honor to recommend him for the Battalion

Genl. Stuart in favor of Captn. Cochrane

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Battalion he commands, and there are many others who have the Command in question but I did not know they wished to have it which was my reason for recommending Captain Cochrane.

Mr. Sadlier concern with the President

Mr. Sadlier concerns with the President in favor of Captain Donald Campbell who is accordingly appointed to the Command of the Tanjour Sibbendy.

Capt.n Cochrane appd to the 14th Battalion Capt.n Pouch to the 9th Batt.n Capt.n Mackay to the 10th Batt.n

The General recommends Captain Cochrane for the Command of the 14th Battalion in the room of Captain Donald Campbell and Captain Luke Pouch for the Command of the 9th Battalion in the room of Captain George Mackay removed to the 10th Battalion which the Committee agree to and they are appointed accordingly.

Read the following letter

From Mr John Sullivan recommending the Sons of Lieut. Knox to be appd Minor Cadets

My Lord

Lieut. Knox the acting Town Major of this place who is married to the Sister of the late Coll. Brown / Killed in the Service / of the Company / has two Sons. George Macleod Knox and William Knox whom he is Solicitous to have admitted on the List of Minor Cadets. If such an indulgence can be admitted of. I am persuaded Your Lordship will think it well bestowed upon the Nephews of so old & faithfull a Servant

of

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of the Company as the late Coll. Browne. Upon the Sons of an Officer of merit.

I have the honor to be with

Tanjore great respect

22d. Janry 1783

Your Lordships most faithfull

humble Servant

(signed) John Sullivan

Gent. Stewart also recommends the Sons of Lieut. Knox and those of Major Short to be appd. minor Cadets

The General recommends two Sons of Major Short to be appointed Minor Cadets. & two sons of Lieut. Knox are also recommended by the Resident of Tanjour

Both Ordered to lie for Consideration

Minute thereon

Read letter (as entered in Miscellany Book) from Mr. Nuwar, a dutch Officer on his parole representing his distressed circumstances and requesting leave to go to Negapa= =tam or Tanquebar, — Agreed that his arrears of allowance due to him be discharged and that he be permitted to go to Tranquebar or Negapatam.

Mr. Nuwar paid his arrears. and permitted to proceed to Negapatam

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Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

This day when the Committee

read, you mentioned, that, as my letter of February 3: could not immediately be found, you wished to know what it contained as applicable to my reference, I now transcribe the part I allude to, It is as follows. —

"I have the honor to inclose to your Lordship "and also, the Deputy Agents State of the Slaughter "Cattle with the Army, and I give it as my opinion "to your Lordship &c. that the publick will be better, and "cheaper, served by Smith the Butcher, than in any "other way I know of, and I request you will enter into "some equitable agreement with this man, so as he "may without any loss be induced to collect, & have in "readiness a sufficient quantity of Slaughter Cattle "for the Army, for many Months to come, calculating "at 150 Head a Day from the middle of March, this will

from General Stuart, with an extract of his letter of 3d Feb.y concerning providing of Slaughter Cattle for the Army. his drawing bills on England for his arrears; & on what he has received from General Coote. —

Extract of letter to the Select Committee — 3 February 83.

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4th will simplify all accounts, and prevent Complaint Civil, and Military, and the Company ulti-mately will be gainer, & the Supplies more certain."

And I now add, to what is stated in my plan of Operations, and means mentioned in the letter of January 26th, that it is essentially necessary to the Grand object for which every thing hitherto has been as a sort of preface, I mean the Expulsion of the French, that the Europeans of this Army be kept in good Health, which they cannot be, if put on Salt, or bad fresh provisions, deprived of wholesome food, and Spirits. It is now upwards of two Months that I gave my opinion on the Subject, and if the renting of the Cinars, and all the Country's betwixt them and Madras, under the immediate management of the Company undisturbed by the Enemy, cannot after that time notice keep this Army in fresh provisions, there is a fault somewhere; all I shall say, & repeat is, that both White & Black of this Army, may in real necessity as to Cash, live without it; but cannot without wholesome Victuals; and I make no difficulty

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difficulty in acquainting your Lordship that in my place in Committee, I shall cite my words, that the responsibility may rest where it ought, upon the impartial Judgement of our Superiors. —

As to what you mentioned of some arrears of money which is due to me for upwards of four years, I offered it the other day to your Lordship for bills on the Company; your Lordship for reasons best known to yourself declined it, and it is now otherwise disposed of. —

The date of Sir Eyre Coote's letter to me (the day produced in Committee) was to the best of my remembrance in the second week of January, the exact day I shall be able to know on my return to Camp; My reason for producing it, was to shew, both my private attention, and my public deity to the Commander in Chief, and to the Governor General and Council in Bengal, in the plan which I shall at next meeting of the Select Committee present consequent of their Orders and Intentions, for his unparticipated Military Command, and of the General's preparatory plan for future operations, both of which I will to the utmost of my power

and

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4th and abilities implicitly obey and follow; after his Excellency's arrival but[illegible] to the Governor & General and Council and Council are well warranted to give such powers to His Excellcy Sir Eyre Coote, by the Company's Orders Dated 11th April 1781 Communicated to the Select Committee.

I have the honor to be with all due respect, Your Lordships most Obedient and Most Humble Servant

/signed/ James Stuart

Fort St. George.
Friday April 4th 1783.
9 in the Evening.

P.S. Supposing as I do that your Lordship will wish to keep the Original of this letter, I take occasion to acquaint you that I mean to present a Copy of it at the next meeting of the Committee.

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

From Mr Cochrane giving an account of the Arrival of his Ship with 8 Sail of the Line and 3000 Troops.

My Lord,

Yesterday I received a letter from Tranquebar informing me of the arrival there from Cuddalore three Portuguese Officers belonging to the Ship Hannah that was taken by the Sceptre at Trincomalee

And

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4th and bring accounts of Mr Bajoy being arrived in the Fleet that paped Tranquebar on the 16th Instant — consisting of 8 Ships of the Line and the rest Frigates armed vessels and Transports with about 3000 Men on board and that they left 5 Sail of the Line at — Trincomallee repairing also a number of Transports

I have just now an other Letter from Tranquebar saying that yesterday evening the Belona Frigate arrived there from Cuddalore and brings certain — accounts of the Danish Indiamen being detained at Cuddalore, that the Factors have received a Letter from the Purser of the Ship mentioning that the French have taken Colonel Nixon and an other English Gentleman out of the Ship — that Mr Greinace says Mr Bajoy promises to let them proceed to Madras in a few Days on the same Ship, but that she must be detained at present for fear of her giving Intelligence. — Captain Campbell arrived here last night and will proceed to Madras by the first safe conveyance which probably will not be until the arrival of Sir Edward Hughes on the Coast.

Enclosed your Loidship will receive further Intelligence of the 21st & 22d Instant. — I have the honor to be with respect. Your Loidships most Obedient & very humble Servant

Negapatam
23d March 1783. — morning

signed P Basil Cochrane

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Fort St. George 9th April 1793.

My Lord

I am sorry to inform your Lordship that the people of the Catamaran that I dispatched from hence the 10th Instant with my Letter to your Lordship of the 10th and Duplicates of those of the 12th & 13th Inst. are Just now arrived they say that they were chased by some armed Boats and had sunk the Letters and swam on Shore but it will be necessary to inform your Lordship from whom I receive my Intelligence I have taken the Liberty to enclose a Cypher which I shall use from time to time. [O.S.B.C.]

Received from Captain Campbell a Return of the Troops and Stores in the Garrison of Vellore for the Month of March.

Received from the Chief and Council of Tanjore a Return of the Military Stores in that Garrison and Shahapore for the month of January.

Received Letter from Mr Kenworthy the Deputy Agent with an Account of Bullocks, supplied the Army from the 1st February 1792 to 1st April 1793 as lodged in the Office.

Received the following Letters,

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

From Captain Donald Campbell informing of the Capture of Onore Cundapore, Bidenore &c. by General Matthews

My Lord,

About the beginning of February last at Bidenore, General Matthews gave me in charge of his public dispatches for the Supreme Council at Calcutta, to your Lordship and the Select Committee at Madras, directing me to proceed as expeditiously as possible by the way of Anjengo, before expeditiously as possible by the way of Anjengo, before before I had reached Cundapore, I was seized with several alarming attacks of indisposition, getting a little better I continued my journey & embarked on an Express boat, but the same returning at Sea, I thought it necessary to take refuge on Board the Bombay Grab then laying at Mangulore Jount the letters to the Resident at Anjengo requesting him to forward them by Pallamcottah &c. In case these letters should have been lost or destroyed, and as I may be detained here for some days, I take liberty of transmitting to your Lordship by a Mircarra a short account of the happy events on the other Coast. After the surrender of Onore, Cundapore &c. the General in Compliance with orders received from

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4th from the Presidency of Bombay resolved to attempt the taking of Bidenore, he found considerable resistance at a breast Work judiciously constructed at the bottom of the Gaults and defended by a considerable force, which he carried at last with Bayonets, having fortunately got in upon their flanks. The Enemy fell here in great numbers & were quite panick struck. The General then with his usual presence of mind & determined resolution which distinguishes his Character, pursued the advantage and next morning struck the 26th January carried the Summit of the Gaults distant 12 or 14 Miles from Bidenore, I shall desist entering into description of their strength, I cannot however help observing that wonders were performed. The same day the Dewan of the whole Bidenore District ordered me to appear before him, but before I reached his presence, it was privately communicated to me that my life was intended to be taken away, I gave no credit to the information, though conveyed to me by a Man of Rank, however, I appealed myself for his assistance to effect my escape, apprehending worse fate than Death, the being sent to Syringapatam.

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Here I found myself fairly extricated, I began to reflect on the different Conversations that has passed between

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4th between the Sumdar and me, his treatment to me, previous to my being put in Irons, the information I had acquired respecting his disposition, Hyders death, Sippoo Saibi Character, the nature of the Government, Inhabitants &c. the situation of my constitution now undetermined, my prospects in India only to be advanced by some caution - The opinion I formed of those circumstances determined me to return back to the Fort, and venture the attempt; which unfortunately succeeded / of prevailing on him to make the following proposals, to Genral Mathews - That he should be continued in his Station & authority / Upon condition of delivering up all the Forts and Country under his charge to the English Company / acting as their Servant and Friend. I shall not at present trouble your Lordship with the arguments I had recourse to, Ino sooner carried these proposals to the General, than he closed with the Sumdar and by day light next Morning &c. with the Acot Sepoys who were here Prisoners at large, and by Ten o'Clock of the same Morning conducted Mathews into the Fort unattended by any other person, since then Cuddy Durg are impregnable for commanding a Pass and many others have surrendered to the orders of the Sumdar. Mangalore is not yet in our

possession

4th possession, but I have reason to believe that this & place as well as every other in the Bidenore Province, will make no serious resistance, they may delay a little on deavouring to obtain some triffling terms for them selves. I will not point out the advantages of this arrangement as many are evident and I hope to be with your Lordship almost as soon as this letter. It is now 36 days since I had any certain intelli=gence from Mangulore. I have the Honor to be

(Duplicate) My Lord &c.a &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Donald Campbell

Negapatam
23d March 1783.

Received from Mr. Basil Cochrane as entered in M.B. a Letter of Intelligence containing in substance as follows that Mangulore had surrendered to General Mathews on the 9th of March, the Pettah of Cawor, carried by Storm on the 22nd of March and of the arrival of Monsieur Bussy with 3 Sail of the Line and 2000 Troops.

Intelligence from Mr. Cochrane.

Agreed that Copies of the above Letters from the Southward be forwarded to the Governor General and Council for their information.

Received the following Letters and Minutes from

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From General Stuart. &c.

To Mr. Hudleston

Sir,

From General Stuart, expressing his anxiety, on account of the want of Slaughter Cattle for the Army; and enclosing Proposals from Mr. Smith the Butcher. -

I inclose for the information of the Select Committee, the Copy of the letter I had the honor of addressing to the President last night.

My anxiety to free the Army from the present most alarming and unaccountable distress from want of proper fresh provisions led me to send last night for Smith the Butcher to have his reasons why Cattle could not be had, and what further agreement or mode could be fallen on to get an immediate fresh supply; He sent in answer this Morning what I now enclose, Jemmy acquainting him that he could not be paid all in Cash he offers to provide good Slaughter Cattle as there stated at 3½ Pagodas each to take half in Cash & half in Bills on Bengal, on Proviso of having an advance now of 1,500 Pagodas and the same Sum in Bills. — I am humbly of opinion that this proposal should be accepted of and other means also used to collect together from two

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5th to three thousand Head of Cattle for the Army as highly necessary for the Service expected.—

Sam. Sir, Jas. Jas. Jas.

Fort St. George
Saturday 5th April 1783
½ past 11 Clock noon

/signed/ Samuel Stuart

To I. Hudleston Esqr. Secretary Select Committee

Minute Memo

The Letter to the President alluded to in the foregoing is entered in the proceedings of Yesterday.—

The Letter to the General from the Butcher offers 300 Bullocks to be sent off immediately—400 more by him in different, but if wanted he may have them at an hours notice, and on twenty he can supply 2,000 more.—

Connected with Committee April 6th

Genl. Stuart's Minute

The President's minute of April the 5th is of that nature, as to make it a Duty, to myself and to the Station which I have honored and intrusted with, to take notice of it; and I cannot help again & again requesting my Superiors of all Degrees and every one interested in the affairs or transactions in this Country, to judge between the President and me, whose fault it is, the overloading the records in this way, and with-

on

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5th on my part it is not from the necessity to defend myself against his Imputations or Insinuations.—

On the 24th Ultimo the Right Honble President ushered in, the business of the Committee held that day, by a minute which in a subsequent meeting of the 28th, by agreement was new moddeled, & and brought into its present form; It enumerates many things publickly known, in addition to the arrival of Monsieur de Bussy at Cuddalore; and several things in my own humble opinion are mentioned in that minute, such as the disputed Revenue & business, the silence of the Bengal Government, The Rana Treaty, The Guntoor Circar &c. &c. which had no relation to any plan of operations in the field suited to our force & situation, to which I imagined the Presidents View was to call our attention.—

The President states in general that on these accounts our difficulties encreased upon us, and particularly the difficulty of resolving on the fittest measures;— In a minute dated the same day, I did myself the honor to represent to the Committee, my own humble opinion, that from the latest Intelligence, and [illegible] now, that we know of Bussy's landing at Cu[illegible] & his [illegible] difficulties as to what were the fittest m[illegible] ther indeed [illegible] were greatly lessened, if not entirel[illegible]

24th March

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Gone away; and I took occasion to express my firm Confidence in the propriety of every part of the Conduct of the Vice Admiral, and the Governor General & Council of Bengal.—

This matters stood the 22 Inst. from which day to the 4th April, I had no Summons to attend Committee.—

On this day 4th April when I actually expected that the President would have asked me, to shew in what way, I thought the difficulties were removed, or what Military plans, or measures, as Commander in Chief, I had to offer adaptive to the present times, in explanation of my former plan, and which plan I had in readiness to offer / Say, instead of this plain Step, the whole Military business, without once speaking to me, is brought forward ready prepared and in his words at great length, going over the old Ground, of Mr. Monsieur de Bussy, and the French may do, if they are left unmolested, if the British Army remains idle in the Neighbourhood of Madras; and because the Consequences from this assumption are obvious, he lays them before the Committee.— Then he advances that the Army is now in readiness to march against the Enemy the reason then the President cites what

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5th what I formerly said in November, of what this army would do if the Enemy's operations were directed to the Circars. — Then follows his own Inference, that if I was then of opinion to move the Army to the Circars, it warranted the hope, that they might now move towards the Enemy at much less distance in the Carnatick, — Then what he heard from me at last meeting is cited; Then follows the Returns from the Military Grain keeper, & Deputy Agent with the Army, under my Command, which the President of himself asked and obtains from them, they not knowing the purpose of the President in asking the Returns, and without my knowledge, tho' I venture to affirm, that I am practically better acquainted both with the powers and means of Carriage with this Army, and of the real quantity of grain in Store at Cingliput, than either the Deputy Agent, or Captain Kearsey: — and I assert that the Returns produced, are enormously tho' innocently exaggerated, above one fourth, if not one third, both in the practical powers of Carriage, and the quantity of Army Rice in Store, at the date mentioned.

The President on the Strength of these Returns, & his Cabinet Calculation, tells the Committee, or rather indeed myself, what I may then be enabled

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5th to do with the Army, as to provisions and Escorts &c.

Then the President is in hopes that Dawson may
the 9th by which time the Carriage of the Army will
be at Chringleput ready to proceed. —

But if Sperd it impracticable to
proceed before the 10th another trip with provi-
sions may be made in the interval, and the
Agent from Camp reports to him that 7000 bags may
be carried in that trip, than says he the Army
will have a greater quantity &c. &c. &c. —

After the President has thus labored with
his pen, and fixed two future Days for the march of
this Army, the 9th & 15th Instant, it follows, that if there
appears to him no reason, why the Army this amply
provided should not move towards the Enemy with-
Delay. —

He then States the probability of finding
his Majesty's Squadron after we get to Cuddalore, with
other Salutary consequences to result from the immediate
move southward. —

Then the President Moves, and afterwards
moves a Resolution, as on the proceedings in Consultation
which motion is Carried, with my dissenting Vote &
qualified, and for the Evident reasons, as appear on read-
after this stated motion of the President, he gives a reason
for

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5. for making it, that as I had at last inserting said, the Army would be ready in a fortnight, he was sure, it cannot be Contrary to my Sentiments or Intentions", but if I saw of a different opinion, he not only proposes that I should give reasons, but that certain Officers of the Army I have the honor to Command, shall be called before the Committee for their Information & opinion.—

Then more reasons are given for the immediate march of the Army.— Last of all follows the Presidents old scheme of diversion to the Northward, by detaching his Majesty's and the Company's troops from the Circar towards Cummum and Cuddapah, because of additional reasons given him in letters from an able Officer and which he partly reads from papers in his hand, but declined to mention the name of that able Officer.—

I have thus got thro' the most disagreeable task of almost repeating the Right Honble Presidents minute of the 4th of April.— It became necessary, as I said before, in duty, to myself, but Chiefly, if not solely, to shew how unnecessary it was for the President to take up much time, if he had not some personal View, when my answer was ready, to any simple Question in point, or when if he had asked

Mr

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5th me for my Ideas or further plan suited to the Circar, I was ready to give it.

But it pleases the Right Honble President to attempt acting the General even out of his Garrison and to leave me (perhaps he would have it so thought abroad) very little to do, or even to think of doing.

In a seperate paper, & purposely not to blend practicable plans and operations, with Theory discussions I shall briefly state if desired by Government what was and is my Intention, & my plan of movement, suited to the present period, and to the present strength and position of the Enemy, a plan which I have adhered to, and not one instant of time has been, or will be lost, in Carrying it into execution. Mean while I cannot help calling the attention of all who have a right to judge between us, whither in my Station as Commander in Chief of the Honble Company's troops on this Coast, a Member of Government, the Commander of his Majesty's forces for the present, & the General, Commanding the Main Army in the field, I have not the greatest reason to complain of the Contents, the Inferences, and the proposed references in this present minute of the President, on this head, as on almost every instance concerning myself since I have

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5th have sat in Committee with the President, I have appealed to the Governor General and Council of Bengal, To His Excellency the Commander in Chief, in India, and ultimately to the Honble the Court of Directors, Confident of their fair and Candid judgement, and decision — And now that the word candid occurs, I cannot, close, without taking notice of what wears a Contrary apperance, from the Presidents Stating in his minute of the 4th April certain Mutilated, or rather partial Extracts from my Minute in November last —

The President attempting to enforce his present reasoning for an immediate move of this Army, from my own words, Cites an expression in that Minute, applicable only to a movement Northward, or towards the Circars; but why did I say so? because we had and still have, the means of rice, & provisions on the ground we were to march over in that direction! — but if the President had ever once remembered to do justice to my reasonings in the same minute, in the Southern move, He would have also cited another expression there; and as he has not done it I will (to aid his Lordships memory, and to do myself justice at same time) now give it — "They (the Enemy) can effect no enterprize of real — "Consequence while this Army keeps together; So

See Minute Novr 16. 1782 —

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In Minute Nov.r 16: 1782 —

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5th soon as the cooperation of the Squadron can render the movement Secure, of the french ships at Cuddalore, or anywhere on this Continent, this Army must move against them, that seems to me and contain in the Plan of the next Campaign.—

These were my words applicable to the movement of this Army towards Cuddalore, while the French are (as now) masters at Sea, and I am so sanguine in stating that encreased hazard and difficulty, by the repeated opinions of his Excellency the Commander in chief some, and by that are in particular of his Excellency given in form, and to the point asked and answered in Committee, and in the presence of the Admirals.—

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My unremitted attention position has ever been and still is, to adapt all proper means suited to the alteration and state of times and circumstances, so as, to the utmost, to remedy the inconveniency, hazard, and difficulty, in moving this Army to the South as soon as possible in the our fleet is yet masters at Sea.— It is with this view, that not one hour has been lost, in completing the public & private followers of the Army, & continuing to keep them so, & in sending in Convoys of provisions &c. forward to Chingleput, from the instant we returned

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5th returned from Vellore. — A Second Convoy went this morning; the President Cites days, & dates of arrivals and returns, at and from Chinglepet, as if he alone had ordered these Convoys, and had taken the total Interior as well as Exterior Military management from me. But it is not yet come to that, by any order of Government, and therefore I shall only respect and obey him, in proportion as he keeps to his own line of Duty. — The orders of Government I shall at all times respect & obey, as in Duty bound. —

/Signed/ James Stuart

April 5th 1783.

Connected with the Motion made by the President & carried in Committee April 4th 1783.

The Motion of the President as stated in Committee Consultations of the 4th Instant being carried & that too in his precise words by the vote of Mr Sadleir becomes an act of Government and I accept it accordingly; at the same being also a Member of Government and the Commander in Chief of the Troops supposed to be acquainted & interested with the Army Detail at least, I believe it is the first instance of a precise Day being thus dictated to any General by any

Genl Stuart Minute

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5th any Civil Government in any Country or Coast and Province to say more was the Case in any of the Company's Presidency's The very Day on which this motion was made, the Pr Convoy & Detachment was under marching orders for Chinglepet, the after noon light, and they have left their Sheep and Baggage behind; they marched early about Midnight Morning so that the Detachment cannot be back in less than four days and the Cattle must rest; besides that, there is not by the Reports to me for Camp three days fresh provision with the Convoy for these and many other reasons, all the Merchants on the 9th as first dictated by the President & as now by Comments, is not practicable, & would March 5th be in the highest degree improper, even Dictated by Unmilitary ... And as to the Marching of this Convoy on the 15th or on any precise day before as large a provision of Rice is thrown into Chinglepet, and the Convoy returned back before a sufficiency of Draught Cattle & Buffaloes also is necessary for a permanent steady & effectual plan & System of continued supplies to the

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Ld. the Southward, is provided for. I add the same opinion of such a Measure, that tho' it is not impracticable, it would be highly improper, inexpedient and unmilitary; because what we are now to be employed about, must be, to the utmost pitch of the powers of Man, to be finished in, & that Chance is chiefly the want of Rice. — It is not an expedition for diversion, Amusement or to impress ideal or political fears, but deliberately, to Eradicate the French, & every other Enemy, from the Coast at least. — I add therefore, that if a precise day is dictated to me, by Government as in the Motion without my having previously the reports of the State & condition of the Army for this Service & a prospect of succession made instead of really alarming the Enemy & having the other Consequences mentioned in the

April 4th. President's Minute or Motion it would tend to the real prejudice and detriment of the publick Service, and create unnecessary delays at the precise times & places where Action was necessary. The time now spent in throwing a certain quantity of Rice & provisions into Chingleput, and taking all that is necessary with the Army from the Presidency is no real Delay.

Such being my opinion, altho' I shall obey any

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5: the Southward, is provided for, I add the same opinion of such a Measure, that tho' it is not impracticable it would be highly improper, inexpedient and unmilitary; because what we are now to be employed about, must be, to the utmost pitch of the power of chance to be foiled in, that chance is chiefly, the want of Rice — It is not an expedition for diversion, Amusement or to impress ideal or political fears, but deliberately, to Eradicate the French, & every other Enemy, from the Coast at least. — I said therefore, that if a precise day is dictated to me, by Government as in the Motion without my having previously the Reports of the State & condition of the Army for this service & prospect of provision made instead of really alarming the Enemy or having the other Consequences mentioned in the President's Minute or Motion it would tend to the

April 4th real prejudice and detriment of the publick Service, and create unnecessary delays at the precise times & places where Action was necessary. The time now spent in throwing a certain quantity of Rice & provisions into Chingelpatt and taking all that if necessary with the Army from the Presidency is no real delay — Such being my opinion, altho' I shall obey even to

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any Civil Government in any Country on Earth

and I venture to say never was the Case in any

of the Company's Presidency's— The very Day on which

this anotem was made, the D. Conroy & Detachment

was under marching orders for Chinglepuk, the Affair

Baggage behind; they marched early the next

Morning so that the Detachment cannot be back

in less than four days and the Cattle must rest;

besides that, there is not by the Reports to me from

Camp three Days fresh provision with the Army

for these and many other reasons, all the Marches

on the 9th as first dictated by the President were

now by Command, be not unfeasible, yet would

it be in the highest degree improper, inexpedient &

Unmilitary.—

March 6th

And as to the Marching of this Army

on the 15th or on any precise day before a larger

provision of Rice is thrown into Chinglepuk, and

the Convoy returned back before a Sufficiency of Draught

Cattle for the new also is necessary for a permanent steady

& effectual plan & System of continued operations

the

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5th the Southward, is provided for, I add the same opinion of such a Measure, that tho' it is not impracticable, it would be highly improper, inexpedient and unmilitary; because what we are now to be employed about, must be, to the utmost pitch of the power of Chance to be foiled in, & that chance is Chiefly the want of Rice. — It is not an expedition for divertion, amusement or to impress ideal or political fears, but deliberately, to Eradicate the French, & every other Enemy, from the Coast at least. — I add therefore, that if a precise day is dictated to me, by Government as in the Motion without my having previously the Reports of the State & condition of the Army for this service & no proper provision made instead of really alarming the Enemy or having the other Consequences mentioned in the

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Such being my opinion, altho' I shall obey even

to

5th to the hour named by Government yet I take this occasion to clear myself from every degree of responsibility so far as the public Service and the important Military operations of the next Campaign shall thereby be affected, as in my conscience, I believe they will by thus fixing peremptorily a Day for the March of this Army circumstanced as things now are; Knowing moreover as I do from my instructions I have from his Excellency the Commander in Chief Sir Eyre Coote who is daily expected to arrive from whom the Governor General & Council of Bengal have positively confirmed the unparticipated Military Directions of the Operations of this Main Army after his Arrival That His Excellency's first care was meant to be applied to have such a quantity of Rice &c for the Army in advance, as to need no delay or halt or that account, from the time of leaving the Presidency to the finally effecting the expulsion of our Chief Enemy the French from Cuddalore an object unattainable in my opinion if this Army moves on the 15th Instant or indeed on any prior Day before, I have had the Reports of all that is necessary being actually done & provided for. And yet this

Army

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5th Army shall move if the order of Government consequent if this motion continues to remain in force, holding them as I do, solely responsible for the consequences, to the Governor General & Council of Bengal, To the Honble the East India Company and to the Supreme Legislature of Great Britain

(Signed) James Stuart

April 6th 1783.—

Dispatched the following Letters

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

Gentlemen,

To Masulipatam applauding their Conduct, approving of the allowance of three days Batta to Colonel Jones's Detachment.

We have received your Letters of the 16th and 18th Ultimo.— Having in a late letter to Colonel Jones, of which we sent you a copy, fully stated our sentiments on the points of difference which had arisen between you and that Officer it is unnecessary to enter further on the subject at present than to express our satisfaction with your conduct, which appears to us to have been perfectly regular and agreeable to the established system

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5 System of the Service, and We hope that our Letter to Colonel Jones will effectually prevent any further differences between you.

With respect to the claims made by Colonel Jones as mentioned in your Letter of the 18th. Ultimo We consent to your allowing the Detachment under his Command three days batta before it actually marched.

We have the Honor to be Gentlemen Your obedient Servants

Fort St. George 5th April 1783.

[Signed] Macartney &c. Select Committee

To Mr. William Hamilton Resident at Ingeram

Sir,

To Mr Hamilton ordering him to allow Mr. Perrot at Ingeram subsistance, & giving him leave to come to the Presidency

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee have directed me to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th Ult. and to inform you, that it was not their wish or intention that Mr. Perrot should remain at Ingeram without an allowance for his Subsistance,

and

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5th and they therefore authorize you to make him such, for the time he has been at your Factory, as you shall judge reasonable. You will likewise be pleased to signify to Mr. Perrot that he has the permission of the Select Committee to leave Angarum and come on Parole to this Presidency if agreable to himself.—

I shall the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most obedient Servant

/signed/ John Hodgeston

Secretary

Fort St George
15th
5th April 1783.—

Sent Letters to Lieutenants Gomond & Cox informing them that their Claim to rank above the Cadets — appointed in the Country in the year 1777 cannot be admitted.—

15th Dispatched the following Letter to Mr Auriol Secretary to the Governor General and Council with the enclosures mentioned therein.——

To John Peter Auriol Esqr.
Secretary to the Supreme Council

Sir

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To
Sir,

To Mr Secretary
enclosing a Letter
Cochrans Intelligence

I have the honor to transmit to you
for the information of the Governor General and
Council the enclosed copies of Intelligence
received late last night from the Southward

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant

Fort St George
6th April 1783

Signed John Gudleston
Secretary

8th Received the following Letter from General Stuart with the
Papers therein mentioned and laid before Major General Stuart the Copy of
Instructions

John Gudleston
Secretary Select Committee

Sir

Major General
Stuart enclosing
Plans of Operations

Since having been in Committee
Summoned to my Knowledge since the 4th Instant
as I had reason to expect positive Intelligence of the
unfortunate Indisposition of Mr Davidson
from the important business of different nature
undecided & depending and being in doubt whether
there may not, as lately, an entire Week intervene
between the Meetings, I am now in course of
Duty

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6th Duty has expected from my station, by the P. Instructions of 1774 to request you will send in — circulation to the Right Honble President & Members of the Select Committee the paper inclosed, to be read in Consultation next Meeting / being with all deference my Plan of Military, Preparation & Operations suited in my humble opinion to the present — State & crisis of Public Affairs. It is in substance what I had in readiness to present at the last Meeting in Committee, if the Right Honble President had not for the Day thought proper alone to occupy the whole Field of Mars.—

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient

Fort St. George

8th April 1783

Humble Servant

/signed/ James Stuart

Seen the Drawing

The paper enclosed with the foregoing Letter is now sent on circulation and is to be entered on the proceedings of the next meeting of the Committee.—

Received Letter from the Nabob, as entered in the N.o 45 desireing the Right Honble the President's —

immediate

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From Mr. Sullivan enclosing a Letter of Instrument from William Burke Esqr appointed thereby Paymaster of his Majesty's Forces in India.—

Received the following Letter and enclosures from the Resident of Tanjore.

(Duplicate)

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordship &c.a a letter which I have received from Mr. Burke with the instrument it refers to. I beg to be honored with your commands upon the Subject of this address.— I have the hon.r to be with Respect My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most obedient and faithful humble Servant

(Signed) John Sullivan

Tanjore 6th March 1783.—

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

You will receive from your
Resident Mr. John Sulivan, to whom I have
transmitted it, a Copy of the instrument I have
just received overland, Depending me Paymaster of all
His Majesty's forces in the East Indies.

You will perceive that I am
authorized to receive from the East India Company's
Presidencies in India, or from whomsoever else the
Payment doth or may concern, all moneys that now
are, or shall hereafter become payable by the East
India Company, for his Majesty's forces that now are
or shall hereafter be serving in India.

I must therefore beg the favor
of you to direct that such money as is become payable
by the Honorable the East India Company from the
Presidency of Fort Saint George for His Majesty's
forces, may be paid to me.

I hope very soon to
have

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8th have the honor of waiting on you, and I have the

honor to be, with great Respect. —

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your faithfull and

obedient Servant

Tanjore, [Signed] William Burke

February 24th 1783.

Know all men by these Presents that I

the Right Honorable Edmund Burke, Paymaster

General of his Majesty's Forces, as well within Great

Britain as without (except in the Kingdom of Ireland)

have authorized and empowered and by these presents

do authorize and impower William Burke of

Madras in the East Indies Esqr. for me, and in my

name, and stead, to receive from the East India

Company's Presidencies in India, or from whomso-

ever else the payment thereof doth or may concern

all Monies that, now are or shall hereafter become

payable by the East India Company for his Majesty's

forces, that now are or shall hereafter be serving in

India, to issue so much of the same as shall be

wanted

8th wanted for the Subsistance of the Commission, Non-
Commission Officers and private Men of the several
Corps serving there and to remit it through the Channel
of the Commander in Chief of the Navy / the Difference
between the Subsistence issued in India, and the
full Amount to be paid by the East India Company
for his Majesty's Forces serving, or to serve in India
And in case of future Regulations taking place, relative
either to the Receipt of the Money in India, the
payment of it to the Troops, or the Remittance of part
of it to England, I do hereby give the said William
Burke my Deputy full power and authority to execute
and transact the same, in as full effectual and ample
manner as I might or could do if Personally present
at the same time subjecting the aforesaid William
Burke to such Directions and Instructions respecting
the premises as he may receive from me, or by my
Order. In Witness whereof I have unto set my hand
and Seal this thirteenth Day of May 1782 in the 22d Year
of his Majesty's Reign.

/Signed/ Edmund Burke /LS/

Signed Sealed and delivered /
being first Duly Stamped in the
Presence of — Richard Champion
John King

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Recd. the following Letter from the President and Select Committee at Bombay/

/Select Committee/

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

Bombay acquainting us of the Capture of Bidenore by General Mathews,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have the Pleasure to acquaint you that the City of Bidenore was taken possession of on the 29th Ultimo by the Army under Command of General Mathews. We have not yet received any Particulars.

We beg leave to Congratulate you on this great Event & have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient humble Servants.

Bombay Castle 15th February 1783.

/Signed/ William Bruere
Thomas Day

Received the following Letters from Mr. Cochrane with the papers of Intelligence mentioned therein,

as

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as entered in M.B., stating, that Monsieur Suffrein sailed from Cuddalore the 26th Ultimo with the greatest part of his Squadron and proceeded towards Trincomalee, that the next day 1000 of the Europeans and Coffries landed by Mr. Bufsy were reimbarked on board the Ships remaining in the Roads and were to proceed to the same place. That Mangulore had surrendered to General Mathews the 9th March.

To the Right Honorable George Lord Macartney KB.

President & Governor.

My Lord,

From Mr Cochrane enclosing a Paper of Intelligence.

Having just now received Intelligence that Mr Battyes Ship will sail for Madras to morrow from Tranquebar, I take the opportunity of enclosing to your Lordship Copys of Letters of the 18th 19th 23d & 26th instant duplicates and Triplicates of which have already been sent over land. I have the honor to enclose your Lordship extracts of letters received since the 26th instant. The French Cruizers have not been seen here since.

A Man that left Madras nine Days ago and passed thro' Chillumbrum, says, that the

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that the French have taken possession of that Port with
300 Coffries and some Europeans, & that he did not
meet with any of Tippoo Sahibs Troops on his
Journey.

As soon as Sir Edward Hughes arrives on
the Coast, I shall Ship off the Madeira to Madras,
at present it would be running too great a Risk
to attempt it even on a Neutral Bottom.

I have the honor to be with Respect
Your Lordships
Most obedient & very
humble Servant
Signed/ Basil Cochrane

Negapatam
30th March 1783.

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

My Lord,

I have just time to enclose your
Lordship some intelligence received from [illegible] who is
arrived here.

The Southern Sepoys are come in and bring
me a letter from Mr. Norris dated Checkinapoly the 29th
instant mentioning that a Battery of 5 Guns was to
be opened on the 28th against Carrore and it was
expected

Did

from Mr. Cochrane with Intelligence of Sepoys having left the Carnatic.

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8th expected 2 or 3 days would put us in possession of the place Lieutenant Watson of the 7th Battallion unfortunately had his Scull fractured by a random shot and is supposed to be dangrously ill.

Mr. Hippesley writes me that the anna=cutta is repairing and that he has sent a requisition to Captain Clarke to move with his Detachment to cover the work, which is impeded by the apprehension of Parties of Horse — hoping that this will reach Tranquebar before the departure of Mr. Ballgers Ship.

I have the honor to be
Your Lordship's
Most obedient and very humble Servant
(Signed) Basil Cockrane

Negapatam
31st March 1783.

Received Letter from the Rajah of Travencore as entered in C.C. No. 44 expressing his satisfaction on receiving the account of Hyder Ally's Death from Major Bruce, and requesting permission to proceed to Ramand to perform the funeral & Obsequies of his Mother.

9th Arrived The Honorable Company's Ship General

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To General Coote, Captain Moore Commanding with two of His Majesty's 16th Hanoverian Regiment on board &c.

Sent the following Orders to the Barrack Master.

To Lieutenant Jonrond
Barrack Master

Sir,

To the Barrack Master
to let Jonrond directing
him to repair the
Nabob's Palace at
St. Thomé &c.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire you will without delay order such repairs to be made in the Nabob's Palace at St. Thomé as may be necessary for the immediate accommodation of the Troops now arrived.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
Signed John Hodgeston
Secretary

Fort St. George
9th April 1783.

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Gordon

To Lieutenant Colonel Gordon of His Majesty's
10th Regiment

Sir,

Colonel Gordon &c
giving Arrangements
&c in Respect of the
Hanoverian Surgeons.

The Commander in Chief having

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Sir having laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee your Letter to hear of the 31st Ult. enclosing a Letter from the Surgeons of his Majesty's 73d 78th and 101st Regiments. I am in consequence directed to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of an Arrangement or regulation for the Charges of the Sick of his Majesty's Troops long since adopted by the Select Committee and communicated to the several Colonels or Commanding Officers of his Majesty's Regiments then here, and I am further directed to inform you that the Select Committee understand from the Right Honble the President that his Lordship had mentioned the said Arrangement to you and Colonel Stuart and requested of you to direct the Surgeons to make up their accounts agreeably thereto adding that after they should have done so if on a representation of any extraordinary Expence it appeared reasonable to the Select Committee to make an addition to that allowance it would certainly be done. The Select Committee are therefore of opinion that if the accounts of his Majesty's Surgeons are unadjusted it is their own fault as only one of them has made up his accounts conformably to the regulations.

I am further directed to observe to you Sir in answer to a passage in the Letter above mentioned

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To mention'd that the Arrangement recommended by the late medical Committee has not been finally approved another contrary objections received against it which they have been unable to remove and General Stuart has informed the Committee that the Surgeons are mistaken in saying that he told them that any final agreement had been made by the Select Committee.

I shall have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servt

Fort St George
9th April 1763

Signed John Braddyll
Secretary

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal by the Prince of Wales, with the Black Officers & Sepoys therein mentioned.

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

Honble Sir & Sirs,

To Bengal with list of Black officers & Sepoys sent on the Nancy Captain Stretton.

We have the honor to inclose you a Return of Black Commissioned officers and Sepoys belonging to your Establishment, recommended to,

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Fort St George 9th April 1753.

Sir

We have the Honor to be

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your Most Obedient and
very humble Servants

Fort St George
9th April 1753.

(Signed) Macartney &c.a
Select Committee

Dispatched the following Letter to Mr.
Cochrane at Tranquebar.

To the Honble Mr. Cochrane,

Sir,

Mr. Cochrane,
ering him to detain
Snow Lancaster
ded with Grain
ie further Orders.

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President and Select Committee to advise
that if the Snow Lancaster should still be at Tranquebar
with the Cargo of Grain she brought from Calcutta,
you will detain her till further Orders, as it is probable
the Grain may be wanted to the southward when
the Army moves to Cuddalore.

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

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9th April 1753.

(Signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

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Received the following Letter from Mr. Cochrane

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor, &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Mr. Cochrane declaring his intention of detaining the Lancaster.

General Stuart in his letter of the 25th Ultimo writes me in cypher that the Grand Army is to move Southward as soon as our Fleet arrives on this Coast and as he may be now hourly expected I shall take upon me to detain the Lancaster Snow at Tranquebar that her Cargo of Rice may come in aid to the Army; at any rate I do not suppose Captain Hughes would attempt sailing untill the arrival of Sir Edward Hughes - our account of the French Frigate the is said to be emigring to the Northward.

I have the honor to be

Your Lordship's Most obedient

and very humble Servant

Negapatam
10th April 1783.

(Signed) Basil Cochrane

Sent

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10th Sent Letter to the Nabob as entered in C. C. No. 47 acquainting him of the arrival of a Letter to his Highness from the Court of Directors which they have ordered to be delivered to his Highness in the usual manner and requesting him to signify at what time it will be most agreable to His Highness to be waited upon by the Governor and Council for that purpose.

11th Received Letter from the Nabob as entered in C. C. No. 48 desiring, that the Letter addressed to him by the Court of Directors may sent to him, and complaining in the usual terms of asperity and abuse, of the conduct of The Right Honble the President.

12th Received from General Stuart a Letter addressed to him by the Surgeon Major, as entered in Mil. C. representing the difficulties he met with in procuring Medicines from the Company's Stores for the use of the Army.

Received the following Letters and enclosures from General Stuart.

From General Stuart enclosing Letter from Captain Moorhouse.

Mr Hudleston

Sir, The enclosed Letter from the

1489 Fort St George 12th April 1783.

P.S. the Commissary of Stores you will be pleased to communicate in Circulation — as the Articles are immediately wanted, for the Campaigne may be sent to Camp — Captain Moorhouse will give in a receipt for the Articles, which he tells me are chiefly wanted for the Tumakes. —

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) James Stuart

Fort 12th April
10 forenoon. —

The Note, I believe signed as usual, was that the G. C. was put off till this Day. —

To Major General James Stuart
Commander in Chief &c.

Sir,

I enclose the Stores arrived per from Bengal there are many Articles contained in the Indents signed by you, and immediately wanted for the service of the Army; but the Military Store Keeper cannot deliver them without an order from the Right Honble the President & Select Committee.

I am with much respect
Sir, Your Obedt humble Servt
Signed Jas. Moorhouse
Commy of Stores to the Army

Fort St George
April 12th 1783. —

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From General Stuart inclosing Letter from Captain Blacke to Sir Eyre Coote.

Wm. Hudleston,

Sir,

I have received this day the original Letter, of which the inclosed is a Copy - being a Return of the Horses for His Majesty's 23d. L. Dragoons there arrived at Ganjam - you will please send it in circulation & keep for record.

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

Fort Saturday forenoon
11th 12th April 1763.-

(Copy)

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
(or Officer) Commanding at Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the Honor to inclose you a Return of the Detachment of Horses from Bengal for the Service of the Presidency of Fort St. George, under my Command which arrived here the 29th. Instant in good order. I purpose moving on the 2d. of the Ensuing Month, and hope to arrive at Vizagapatam the 14th.- In conformity to your Order I used every endeavor to purchase Horses agreable to the Standard

1491 Fort St George 6th April 1783.-

12th Standard laid down but could only procure Seven which I thought would answer the intended purpose. The Deaths which have happened since my Departure from Bengal has reduced my number to 502 being four Horses/ It shall be my particular Study to carry the remainder 502/ with the greatest safety Expedition to Madras.-

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Samuel Black

Captain Cavalry

Ganjam

31st March 1783.-

(Copy)

A Return of a Detachment of Horses Draftid under the Command of Captain Samuel Black for Fort St George in Camp at Ganjam 31st March 1783.-

Officers Names & Rank	Captains	Lieutenants	Serjeants	1st Serjeants	2d Serjeants	1st Quartermasters	2d Quartermasters	Trumpeters	Shoeing Smiths	Total including Native Officers	Total Horses	Casualties from Horses Died	Casualties from Horses Died
Captn Samuel Black													
Lieut Thos Keenan													
Lieut William Scott													
Mr Mahon Surgeon													
Total	1	2	1	1	5	3	3	1	8	21	502	1	4

(Signed) Samuel Black

Capt Cavalry

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12th Received from the Commissary of Stores to the Army a Return of the Ordnance and Stores under his charge for the Month of February.—

Sent the following Letters.—

To Bryan Scottney Esqr.
Military Storekeeper

To Mr. Scottney Military Storekeeper, ordering him to deliver the required Stores to Captn. Moorhouse

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire you will deliver to Captain Moorhouse such articles from the Stores lately arrived from Bengal as are contained in the Indents signed by the Commander in Chief and now wanted for the service of the Army.—

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

(Signed) John Gerdlestone
Secretary

Fort St George
12th April 1783.—

To Captain Moorhouse
Commissary of Stores to the Army

To Captain Moorhouse, acquainting him, that the Stores are ordered to be delivered.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble

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12th Mr. Hodges the President and Select Committee to inform you, that the Military Storekeeper is ordered to deliver you such articles from the Stores lately arrived from Bengal, as are in the Indents signed by the Commander in Chief, and immediately wanted for the Service of the Army.—

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

Fort St. George
12th April 1783.

(Signed) John Hodgeston
Secretary

13th Arrived this day His Majesty's Squadron of 16 Ships of the Line and Frigates under the Command of Sir Edward Hughes.—

On the Squadron's coming in sight at 8 A.M. the President dispatched the following Letter to the Admiral—

(Copy)

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
Commander in Chief of the Ships in India

Sir,

There have been two French Ships and two large Frigates cruizing before this place, since

To Sir Edward Hughes informing him of 2 Sail of the Line & 2 Frigates of the Enemy's having been in sight the Gun shot of the Fort the day before

1494 Fort St. George April 1783.

13th Since the 25th Ult. and yesterday were almost within Gun shot of this Fort, — I imagine they have hauled off to the Eastward, but probably if they don't hear of the approach of a superior Enemy, they will appear again to day, or tomorrow — they are supposed to be the Pendant of 74 — the St. Michael of 64, Cleopatra of 40 & the Coventry lately taken. —

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

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St. George
April 13th 1783. 8 A.M.

N.B.
The above was dispatched, by the Lapwing Cutter as soon as was probable, it was the English Squadron appeared. —

Dispatched the following Letter to Bengal. —

To the Hon.ble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General & Council
at Fort William

To Bengal acquainting them with the arrival of the English fleet on this Coast. —

Hon.ble Sirs & Sirs,

We have the Honor to acquaint you that this day Sir Edward Hughes with his Squadron consisting

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13th consisting of 16 Sail of the Line, 2 Frigates, one Ship of 20 Guns, a Cutter, & the Morse Indiaman arrived in these Roads. The Sceptre a Man of war of 74 Guns parted company with the Admiral the night before last, when she regained him he will have 17 Line of Battle Ships. It is said they are all in capital order, and are superior in no respect but the Number of Hands, but we hope the arrival of the Fleet from Europe will in some degree supply their Wants. Advices were sent upon the Packets which we received from Bombay, & addressed to your Presidency.

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

Fort St George,
April 13th 1793.

(Signed) Macartney &c
Select Committee

Received in the Evening Intelligence from Pulicat, of the French Ships having been off that Place this Morning.

The President immediately sent the above intelligence to the Admiral.

Received the following Letter from Bengal.

To

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13. Sowant from Tanjore with written Instructions to solicit a Communication with any of Tippoo's Agents we should have supposed from your preceding request for full and special Powers to conclude Peace with Tippoo, that he had secretly solicited your for Peace, and that he was ready to break off all connection with our natural Enemies, and to evacuate the Carnatic if we agreed to his retaining some small Posts in that Country upon the Confines of his Dominions.—

Your anxiety to obtain Peace is laudable, and upon this Point our wishes must be united, however we may differ about the most successful means for obtaining so desirable an object

Your former application to this Government for Powers to negociate were urgent, but we saw, and candidly told you, that very advance that your mode to solicit Peace from Hyder would only tend to encourage him in his views upon the absolute reduction of the Carnatic as early as December 1781, we pointed out to you the proper Steps for inducing Hyder to negociate.—

If we were well founded in those Ideas, any special Powers, that might be then granted to you to negociate with the Invader of the Carnatic could

13th could only be Powers to surrender the Country, or those parts of it of which, Hyder wished an acknowledged Possession, and which, in his possession, might be said to command the whole.—

With the Leaders of the French Invasion there could be no negociations upon your part, we accordingly wrote to you, in reply to your Request, for instructions to negociate in September last.—

If Hyder Ally, by the aid of his new Allies, and through our Misfortunes shall press you to a situation of imminent necessity & that necessity, and your own Judgement must at once determine, your last Refuge and dictate your Instructions.—

Under a different aspect of affairs you again call upon us for Instructions, and you communicate to us after various deductions of reasoning, the expedient you have adopted for opening a Negotiation with Tippoo.—

After having lost the most favorable occasion that could be wished for expelling the Mysoreans out of the Carnatic, and even preventing Hyder's Son from succeeding to any considerable part of the Power of his Father, you now request to be invested with

Powers

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13th Powers to acknowledge Tippoo, as the Representative of Hyder, and to yield to him what ever his Father in all his Power, and amidst all our distresses, was subjected to resign by the Treaty, which we had concluded with the Marrattas. —

It avails the Interests of Great Britain in India but little that your President in a long Minute on the 11th February last appears sensible of the happy opportunity, which has been lost for the recovery of the Carnatic and the expulsion of our natural Enemies. Records of laborious altercation, Invective, and mutual Complaint, are no satisfaction to the Public; nor a compensation for a neglect that may cost Millions, and upon a Field where immense Sums had been expended to maintain our footing. —

Although informed of what General Stuart may have to produce in his own vindication against the heavy accusations, our regret is not lessened for the public Misfortunes, nor can we prevent ourselves from lamenting that the Charge if well-founded should fall upon an Officer, whom you have invested, with the Command of the Army, and the

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13th the whole Conduct of your Military Operations. —

It would be very painful to our feelings to give you our real Sentiments, on the Propriety as well as Policy of the Step you have taken to solicit Peace from Tippoo. It appears no less a humiliating, than an inauspicious measure to us, that the representatives of the India Company, should in solemn Council, vest a Servant of the Rajah of Tanjore with written Instructions to go to Conjeve-ram, upon a pretended purpose, to meet some Friend, who might have access to Tippoo and that your Minister thus introduced into the presence of the Invader, should be directed to beg his Commisera-tion, to our People, who are Prisoners in his Hands should begin to give him advice to follow the example of his Father, in not forming any close connection with the French, and should be then authorized to say that upon the same Principles. —

That the Company agreed to the Marratta Treaty, without requiring indemnification for their Expences, so Tippoo might immediately avail himself of Peace, without paying the Expences of the War. — Indeed we

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13th we cannot but express our surprize, that such representations should receive your written Sanction and that after having taken such Measures, you should ask for Powers to conclude a Treaty, which would in essential Points, be contrary, to the Marratta Treaty, then concluded, and of whose final ratification we gave you the firmest hope.—

We request you to consider for a moment the use to which Mr. Bufsy might turn your Instructions to the Tanjore Packet if Tippoo Saheb made them known to him which would probably be the case.—

As the Effects which those Instructions might have produced at Poona, we are now very fortunately guarded against it, In a former Letter we informed you of the final Ratification & interchange of the Marratta Treaty.—

You will carefully avoid any Infraction of the Article, which relates to the Carnatic, and which constitutes the Peace with Tippoo Saheb, or the only footing on which we are now at liberty, to accede to it especially as by a Letter from Mr. Anderson dated we are informed that

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13th: that Madajee Sindia and he were preparing to concert measures, for carrying the Spirit of the Treaty into execution, and the former had actually written to Tippoo Saheb requiring his conforming to it. If Tippoo acquiesces it will leave our natural Enemies without aid which is the most desirable object for that remains for Great Britain in India. When the Spirit of that Article went to the absolute recovery of the Carnatic from Hyder, with the liberty of our People, who are Prisoners in his Hands. And when all that was granted in return, was the Country That had been taken from the Marrattas. We leave you to reflect upon the fairness as well as Policy of your Declaration through the Agent of Tanjore.

Sir Eyre Coote will bring you any further Instructions, we may have to send upon this Subject. — We are sorry to be obliged to add that whether we look to the Service of the Field or even the success of your Negociations upon the Coast, we must now place our chief hopes in his presence there at the head of the Army.

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In the mean time, we avoid here taking any notice of your Arguments for the Destruction of

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of Negapatam, we wish the Event to prove the superior Solidity of your reasoning: We suppose that from the Proposal of your President our Army has likewise effected the destruction of Wandewash and Carangoly.—

We have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servants.

Fort William
the 11th March 1783.—

(Signed) Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson

Sunday
13th April 1783

At a Select Committee summoned on Military Affairs present.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Major General Stuart,
Alexander Davidson Esquire.—

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved.—

The President informs the Committee that on account of the Council held Tuesday, the Public Sessions the 3 following days, and the meeting of the Council Saturday he has been obliged to defer his calling

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calling a Committee until this day.—

General Stuart desires that the Minutes and papers sent in by him since the last meeting of the Committee the 4th Instant may be now read.—

Read accordingly the following papers as entered in the diary according to the dates when they were received Viz.—

Letter from General Stuart to the Right Hon.ble the President of the 4th Instant at 9 o'Clock in the Evening.

Letter from General Stuart to the Military Secretary of the 5th Instant enclosing a Letter from Mr. Smith the Butcher.—

Minute from General Stuart received the 6th April endorsed "No 1 my Minute on the proceedings in Committee the 4th April"

Ditto—Ditto endorsed "No 2 my Minute on the motion of the President carried in Committee the 4th April.

Letter from General Stuart to the Military Secretary of the 8th Instant enclosing his plan of operations.

Ditto—Ditto of the 12th Instant enclosing a Letter from Captain Moorhouse Commissary of Stores.

Ditto—Ditto of the 12th Instant enclosing a Letter from Captain Black to Sir Eyre Coote advising of the

arrival

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arrival of the Detachment of Horse from Bengal.—

General Stuarts plans of Operations &

ordered to lie for consideration.—

Agreed that the Military Storekeeper

be directed to comply with the Indents from the

Commissary of Stores.—

The President delivers in the following

Minute.—

In Committee April 13th 1783.—

The President has the Honor to observe to

the Committee, that tho' the Army arrived at its

present Encampment on the 20th of last Month the

Monsieur de Bussy with his Armament had

arrived at Cuddalore about the middle of the same

Month; tho' Major General Stuart in his Minute

of the 17th of November 1782 very justly declared

that the expulsion of the French, who' were then

expected, ought to be the Primary object of the

Carnatic Army, tho' that object becomes more

difficult to be attained the longer the Enemy is left

undisturbed; tho' at the meeting of the Committee on

the 28th of March, the General said that he would

march

The President in his Minute, makes mention of General Stuarts unwillingness to march the Army, after having declared no time should be lost in doing it as the interest of our interest depended on it.—

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march with the Army in a fortnight, which would bring it to the 11th of April, tho' the President gave his Reason on the 4th of April, why he thought the proposed March of the General highly proper, and that it should not be deferred at furthest more than four days beyond the time announced by the General or the 15th of April, tho' the President's opinion, by the concurrence of Mr Sadleir became the Resolution of the Committee, tho' no event happened in the Army or the Country, since the General made his promise of marching in a fortnight which ought, from any motive of Public good, to prevent him from fulfilling this purpose; yet in a paper signed by him on the 5th of April, he declares it would be highly improper, inexpedient, and unmilitary to march even four days after the expiration of the Fortnight which he had first mentioned himself, tho' success in War is known to depend much upon the seizure of occasions, which pass sometimes as quickly as days or even hours. — If the General foresaw, that there would be this contradiction between his Promises and his Performances he was very right in considering the President's approbation of his declared sentiments, as operative of Censure upon his real intentions. —

If he meant to represent the

state

state of the Army, supplies as a ground for delaying
its movements, he was right in being dissatisfied at the
Servants of the Company for making any regular Reports
of the state of such supplies to the Company's Representa-
tives who provided them; If he had a Military plan
adapted to the present Crisis in readiness to offer to the
Committee on the 4th of April last, to offer it was his
Duty, who has a Seat and Voice expressly in affairs
of War and Negociation, and who was desired to give
his reasons if he did not approve of the March of the
Army; If he had then such a Plan, there was no
occasion to take time in order to avoid being surprised,
as he expresses himself in that Committee, by a simple
proposal to march the Army about the time he had
mentioned that he would march it. And as he was thus
called upon for his reasons or Plans, he would not have
alledged as a Motive for not giving his plan that no
expectation to be asked for it.—

As the General's declarations of the
inexpediency, impropriety and unmilitariness of moving
the Army, by the 15th of April is, not a matter of
argument, but of authority, and that authority corro-
borated by the General's former Declaration of marching
four Days sooner than said 15th of April, the President
moves

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Sir

In yours in conformity to his Majesties of the 4th Instant
I desire that Colonel Pearse and Colonel Stuart may be desired
to deliver their opinions, as to such expediency, Prosperity
and Militariness, they are the two next in command
to the General, of any Officers who have served out the
Campaign. The one is a Kings and the other a Co.
Company's Officer, and both Men of Honor as well as
Skill and experience in their Profession.

This Reference is the more necessary
as the reasons alledged by the General for postponing
the March of the Army, appear to the President
of little Weight. He asserts that the Return, as to
the means of Carriage, and of Rice in Store produced
by the proper Officers, are erroneously tho' innocently
exaggerated; yet the means of Carriage as reported are
agreable to his own former Declarations; and the
account of the Rice at Chingleput, as given by
Captain Pearsey is since confirmed by the Return
of the Storekeeper at Chingleput, who is accountable
for issuing to the Army, the quantity of Rice he
acknowledges to have received.

The General asserts that by
the Reports to him, from Camp, there was not three

Days

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Days fresh provisions with the Army - The General says no such Report before the Committee, but the President lays before them the Agents report of the 6th of April, by which it appears, there was then fresh provisions till the 15th Instant at Camp. on this occasion the President must observe that last year only 247 Slaughter Cattle had been furnished by the Presidency, the Army then trusted to the chance of getting Cattle from the Enemy - The Enemy is less formidable this year, by the departure of Tippoo, yet already, as appears by the Agents Accounts, near 2000 slaughter Cattle have been furnished by Government, - A Contract is made for furnishing by the 26th Instant a supply for above a Month. The Agent will engage to supply the deficiency in the Interval, and the General allows that Provisions may be safely sent after the Army to Chungleput.

The General in his last Minute of the 5th Instant mentions the 20th or 21st as the time of moving the Army - To this further protraction of time, on the supposition of its being positively the last, the President will suppress his objections, in order

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order to avoid, as much, and as long as possible to differ from the Commander in Chief; — The President must observe that it will be three Months, since its return from Vellore, that it consumes as much Rice and other provisions near as at a distance from the Presidency; that the Troops are at least as healthy; when in motion as when in=active, that their motions may be useful, their Inaction cannot; that an Enemy newly arrived, searching for recruits, searching for provisions endeavouring to establish a Post of Defence, must be distracted and disturbed by the approach of an Army, and must on the contrary, be gainers, by being left to to acquire confidence, and to the full and free scope of every exertion. — The President therefore moves, that the General be peremptorily directed to march the Army towards Chengleput, at furthest on the 21st. Instant, being the last day, mentioned by him for that purpose. The President is under the necessity of declaring that he makes this peremtory Motion, not only from the succession of Delays which have already happened in this business, but from the

recollection

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recollecting that the opportunity of taking Advantage of the Death of Hyder, was lost by the Inaction of the Army long after General Stuart declared it should be ready to march, upon any real emergency — the opportunity of gaining advantage of the absence of Tippoo and of the wants or wants of Monsieur de Bussy's troops, will not be lost, if the President can urge the Military Commander in Chief to proper action, tho' it should excite the repetition of his ill humour in accusing the President of playing the General, of occupying the Field of Mars, or perhaps of having personal views in the destruction of the Enemy —

The President has the honor to observe, that as Major General Stuart has repeatedly declared, that the Carnatic Army is fully equal to any force that might be reasonably expected to come against it, nothing but superabundant caution, could justify the proposal, that Colonel Lang's Army should quit the fair prospect of conquest in the Enemy's Country to come to assist, in the attack of the force now with Monsieur de Bussy, so inferior to what might have been reasonably expected to have come against the

Carnatic

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Carnatic Army, if Hyder were alive, and in the Carnatic as was the case, when those Declarations were first made: However, after the fate of Caroor shall be known, the destination of the Troops that besiege it, will be a proper object of deliberation. It is possible that Colonel Lang's Army, by contributing to employ Tippoo in his own Dominions, and thus preventing his junction with the French, may be, in fact, giving the most effectual assistance, towards the expulsion of the latter from this Coast; at the same time that the same Troops of Colonel Lang's so employed + towards the Mysore Country, may keep from General Matthews, such a portion of the Enemy's horse, as might be formidable to the few troops of that General, dispersed thro' his extensive Conquests.

The maintenance of the advantages gained by that General, and which alone drove Tippoo from the Carnatic requires the utmost attention and exertion on the part of this Government. The President lays General Matthews's last Letter before the Committee. It cant but be of service to divert the attention of the Enemy from him as much as possible, and this motive calls for the execution of the Plan of employing some

of

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of the Troops now unemployed to the Northward; on an attack on the Enemy's provences in their Neighbourhood.

This is the measure which the President mentioned on the 4th Instt as recommended by an able Officer in a letter to a friend here and that able Officer is Major Lysaght, whose Name, he is now at liberty to declare, and whose ability & local knowledge induced General Stuart, very lately to recommend him, to an extraordinary Rank in the Army. The President moves that Directions be sent to carry this measure into execution without delay.— The Arrival of the Admiral this day, with his fleet it is hoped will remove all objections to speedy operations against the Enemy. (Signed) Macartney

The President in respect of what is stated in the foregoing Minute respecting the rice at Chingleput and Slaughter Cattle now with, and supplied the Army, delivers in the following papers which are read accordingly.—

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

My

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My Lord,

From Mr. Taner with an account of the Rice in Store.—

I have the Honor herewith to transmit you a return of the Rice which remained in Store the last time the Army marched from hence, as also the Quantity Received by the last Escort Commanded by Major Cotgrave, and shall not fail to send Your Lordship an account of what may be received by any future Convoys.—

I have the Honor to be with perfect esteem. My Lord,

Your Lordship's
Most obedient and
Most humble Servt.

Chingleput
3. April 1783.—

(Signed) Theodr. Taner
Paymaster

Dr. General Return of Rice at Chingleput Cr.

1783		Bullock loads	Cart Bags	Cooley load
Febr. 21st	To Balance remaining when the Army marchd to Madras	3894	975	500
March 30th	To Rice received by the Escort Commanded by Major Cotgrave	3331	648	"
	Total	7225	1623	500

1783		Bullock load	Cart Bags	Cooley load
Febr. "	By Rice issued for the Garrison and sick Sepoys of the Army	"	"	500
March "	By Rice measured for the use of the Garrison &c.	400	19	"
31	By Balance in Store	6825	1604	"
	Total	7225	1623	500

(Signed) Theodr. Taner
Storekeeper

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

My Lord,

Shown Mr Turner with an Account of Rice received

I have the Honor to inclose you a return of the Rice received this day by the Escort Commanded by Major Edmonstone, the Cotton Godown including the Verandoo will not I imagine take more than fourteen Thousand Bags — so that some must be well stacked in a little, and I will take care to have it secure at in the best manner possible so that it not receive any apparent Damages from the change of Weather — I take the Liberty of remarking to your Lordship that it would be of great utility to the present Service, and tend much to the Dispatch of Business respecting Rice if you could to the Evening, the Building a temporary Granary at the Fort of the Gates, The Manner of Gates and turnings make it an endless Business bringing in Carrays, having but one Entrance into the Fort, and only a certain Number of Bullocks can be employed at a time

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I have the Honor to be with great Respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships

Most obedient and most

humble Servant

(Signd) Theod. V. Tanner

Paymaster

Chingleput

6th April 1783.

Account of Rice Received at Chingleput

for the use of the Army 6th April 1783.

Bullock load	No. 4264	
Cart Bags	443	4707
	Total	4707

Theod. V. Tanner

Storekeeper

From Mr. Kenworthey with account of Slaughter Cattle.

Deputy Agents account of Slaughter Cattle with the Army.—

Remaining 4th April at Night

Slaughter Cattle ---- 136

Received 6th April ... 226.

sufficient for 12 Days

(Signed) J. Kenworthey

Deputy Agent

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Mr. Smith says that he has a number of

Mr. Smith the Butcher hath Rob.t the Agent a petition for furnishing Cattle.

People now employed in bringing Cattle from the different parts of the Country but he cannot give to a certainty when they will arrive — that upon condition of his receiving one advance of 1500 Pagodas in ready money and a Bill upon Bengal for the same sum exclusive of the sum of 1000 Pagodas already paid to him he will engage to furnish 1000 head of slaughter Cattle in 20 Days — that whatever Number of Cattle within these 20 Days shall be given for use of the Army — he will likewise report whatever cattle arrive after the 20 Days and leave it in the option of Government to purchase them — but the subsistence of Cattle are so precarious owing to the exhausted state of the Country near Madras that he cannot ascertain what number of Cattle over and above the 1000 head already mentioned he will be able to deliver before or after the 20 Days beginning the day on which he receives the advance. —

Mr. Smith has within these few Days sent 600 head of Cattle to Conjeveram — afterwards 300 of them went away last night and Mr. Smith

agrees

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assures me they are so good that he paid an extraor=
=dinary price of a quarter of a Pagoda for each of them.

Mr Smith says that almost all the
Slaughter Cattle which have for some time come into
this place have been supplied by him — that when
called upon he has always the best for the use of the
Army — that he has left it in the option of the
Deputy Agent & his People to reject such as he or
they thought unfit for use and the best part of this
information is corroborated by the Reports made by
the Deputy Agent of the Slaughter Cattle sent to
him from time to time.

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

From Mr Pigot
respecting the complaints
of bad Slaughter Cattle
being sent to the Army

My Lord,

In answer to the Communication
which your Lordship has been pleased to make to me
respecting Slaughter Cattle I beg leave to represent that
the demand for Slaughter Cattle for the Army never
having been made in the same extent till of late no
provision

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provision could have been made for it.— that the difficulty is increased because the demand comes at a time when the resources of the only Country, open to us is so much exhausted that Mr Smith the Butcher, who is the only Person who according to my information imports any considerable number of Slaughter Cattle to this place assures me that he finds for them to the Enemy's Country, from whence they are brought by this People at the hazard of their lives, and your Lordship will be aware when the supplys are so precarious and so difficult to be obtained that it may not be always in the power of the Agent to furnish the Army to the extent it may require.—

I have to represent likewise that the complaint made of the state of Provisions in Camp is new, for no such complaint was ever before made, and it extends only to the number shown by the Deputy Agent from among 300 Slaughter Cattle sent to Camp a few Days ago.—

extends

Mr Smith the Butcher being the only importer of Slaughter Cattle to this place he was the only person to whom I could apply for them when they

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they were wanted for the Army — he was likewise the only person to whom Duval Stuart applied under the same circumstances — all the Cattle sent through me to Camp were purchased from him — these Cattle were carried to Camp at his risk — they were there subjected to the inspection of the Deputy Agent who rejected such of them as he thought unfit for use, and if his People from necessity in one instance were obliged to receive some that were not completely good that necessity arising from immediate scarcity will I hope be a sufficient apology —

Upwards of 300 head of slaughter Cattle were sent to Camp last night which Mr. Smith assures me are so good that he paid an extraordinary price for them and I hope after they arrive there that all Complaints will cease —

I have the honor to be,
My Lord, &c.a &c.a —

(Signed) William Ross
Agent

Fort St George,
13th April 1763 —

Memorandum

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Memorandum of Slaughter Cattle sent to the Army since the 1st of January 1783.

January 3	264 Cows				Received from Pattivat Pria unknown
	70 Calves				
Feby 5	62 Cows				
	686 Northern	a 3¼	Pags	2229-21--	Purchased from Sir Smith
27th	50 Ditto	a 3		162-21--	
March 1st	277 Ditto	a 3		900-10-40	
Do	38 Southern	a 2½		95-2--	
31st	272 Northern	a 3½		952-00-00	
April 6th	226 Ditto			791-00-00	
Total	1943 Head of Cattle		Pags	5130-10-40	

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8th April 1783

(Signed) William Ross
Agent

The President also at mentioned in his Minute lays before the Committee the following Letter from General Mathews.

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

General Mathews requesting a reinforcement of European troops & informing of the surrender of Mangalore

My Lord,

I have the honor of informing you that Mangalore surrendered to me this Morning — It had a Garrison of three thousand Men — and an Army of 2000 Horse and 6000 Foot, are now within 25 Miles marching for it ready — a Practicable breach was made

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made and every thing prepaid for the Storm when the
Hiccadar thought it too prudent not to risk its probable
consequences.— I beg leave to inform your Lordship that
by the Number of places that have been taken by our
Arms on this side of India — my [illegible] is so much reduced
that I cannot collect for the field six hundred Europeans
— and 3000 Sepoys — a party too small to cover such
extensive Conquests; much less to make head against
the Enemy on the other side of the Mountains, or to
attempt any further progress towards Seringapatam —
and I am sorry to be obliged to observe that I have
not been properly supported from Bombay — and
although I have frequently wrote for a Reinforcement
they absolutely refuse me — notwithstanding they have
the Bengal Army Idle near Surat.—

I am in great danger of losing great
part of what I have gained, and must request that
if you can spare me any of the Company's Troops
that you will send them without loss of time —
do not wish to trouble the Gentlemen in his Majesty's
service — for I have unhappily been already engaged
in disputes with them that have been of great

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Extract to the former.

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c &c

Mangalore

March 9th 1753

(Signed) Richard Mathews

The first motion contained in the Presidents

Minute, namely, that Colonels Pearse and Stuart

be desired to deliver their opinions as to the expediency,

propriety, and Militariness, of moving the Army by

the 15th April, being put, a Mr Davidson delivers in

the following Minute.

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Instead of calling on the second and third

in Command of the Army to the Committee, I am

of opinion the questions in the Right Honble

Presidents Minute might be addressed in the

form of a Letter to the Commander in Chief to be read

before a Council of War which the General ought to

be desired to summon without Delay on this important

occasion, when the opinions Collectively of the principal

Officers would be obtained perhaps in a more Military

and Compleat manner than by Committees

Mr Davidson in his Minute advises a Council of War should be held in preference to the opinion of Colonels Pearse & Stuart

than by Consulting

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particular Officers.—

The Admiral being [illegible] a Minute
a Moment ought not to be lost in [illegible]ding to the
Siege or blockade of Cuddalore—

(Signed) Alexr Davidson

General Stuart delivers in the following Minute

Minute in Committee 13th April 1783.

From General Stuart desiring that Colonels Pearse & Stuart might inspect the papers delivered in by him—

I do not care who judges of my Conduct how ever particular or unusual it may be to call on the Officers of the Army under my Command for that purpose— all I wish is that no opinion may be drawn from partial Information, I only desire if they are called on that they may have the perusal of the papers I have given on the Subject alluded to in certain Questions now for the first time read in Committee at ½ past nine at Night.—

My Arguments do not proceed upon the grounds as stated by the President but upon more solid ground and reasoning.—

(Signed) James Stuart

Mr Sadleir— Same for the motion, and for having every Information that can assist my Judgment.

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The motion carried, and Colonel Pearse attends the Committee. Colonel Stuart being at present in Camp and in the Command of the Army, that part of the motion which relates to him is unanswerably answered.

General Stuart's Minute of the 5th Instant (Nos. 1. 2) and the President's Minute of this Date are now read to Colonel Pearse by the Secretary.

The President reads to Colonel Pearse the following paper.

Major General Stuart declared on the 28th of March, that the Carriage of the Army was equal to 25 Days Provisions for the Whole Army; about 500 Bullocks have been since added to the Carriage of the Army.

The General said that Day the Army would move the Army in a fortnight.

By the Return of the Militia Grain keeper, there were 3800 Bags of Rice in store at Chingleput on the 2d of April.

The General said this Return was exaggerated; but it is since confirmed by the Return of the 3d of April of the Store-keeper at Chingleput who is accountable for delivering the quantity of Grain he

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he acknowledges to have received.—

By a subsequent Return

of the same Store-keeper of the 6th of April, he

appears to have since received 4700 ℔s Rice.—

Thus there will be of Rice which

may be carried with the Army, agreeable to

General Stuart's Declaration for 25 Days.—

Rice at 1 ℔ }
Chingleput at least for 24 ℔s
49 Ditto for the

whole Army, fighting men & followers.—

By the Report of the

Agent at Camp there was on the 6th April a sufficiency

of Slaughter Cattle for 12 Days.— An Engagement is made

with Mr. Smith to provide within Twenty Days from

the 6th April 1000 Slaughter Cattle which at the

Calculation of those he lately supplied will be sufficient

for 33 Days.

From the 18th of April untill Mr.

Smith's Engagement shall commence, the Agent will

supply Slaughter Cattle.—

The General allows that Rice

and other Provisions may be safely sent after the

Army to Chingleput.—

The following Questions were then

put

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By the Return of the Militia Grain keeper, there were 2800 Bags of Rice in store at Chingleput on the 2d of April.—

The General said this Return was exaggerated; but it is since confirmed by the Return of the 3d of April of the Store-keeper at Chingleput who is accountable for delivering the quantity of Grain

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he acknowledges to have received.—

By a subsequent Return

of the same Storekeeper of the 6th of April, he—

appears to have since received 4700 Bags.—

Thus there will be of Rice which

may be carried with the Army, agreable to—

General Stuart's Declaration for—25 Days.—

Rice at

Chingleput at least for 24—

49 Ditto for the

whole Army, fighting men & followers.—

By the Report of the

Agent at Camp there was on the 6th April a sufficiency

of Slaughter Cattle for 12 Days.— An Engagement is made

with Mr. Smith to provide within Twenty Days from

the 6th April 1000 Slaughter Cattle which at the

Calculation of those he lately supplied will be sufficient

for 33 Days. From the 18th of April untill Mr.

Smith's Engagement shall commence, the Agent will

supply Slaughter Cattle.—

The General allows that Rice

and other Provisions may be safely sent after the

Army to Chingleput.—

The following Questions were then

put

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Post to Colonel Pearse to which he returned the annexed

answers. /

Questions to Colonel Pearse His answers,

1st Do you think it 1st: The sooner the Army
eligible for the Army to marches from this place for
march, and when, towards Cuddalore and for the purpose
what place, and with what of investing it, the better -
view? /

2d Has any event happened 2d: I have not heard of any thing
in the Army, or the country extraordinary that has happened
that ought, from motives to prevent our moving, we have
of public good, to prevent the not sustained any loss -
General from marching I do not know of any thing
with the Army, in a sort that has happened to injure
night from the 28th March the condition of the Army
last? in that period - some have
fallow ricks, & others have removed -
I know of no other changes -

3d Do you think the 3d I suppose that if the Rice
Quantity of provisions provided with the Army and at
for the Army to be such, as Chinglepat amounts to 42 days
that it will be safe for the the Army might safely
Army to move to Chinglepat, march to Cuddalore, because
after the expiration of such it would take but 6 days to
fortnight or more by the 15th march from Chinglepat to
Instant, or do you think it Cuddalore, and 6 days back
better that the Army should and 6 days back and an escort
remain longer in its present might be sent from Cuddalore
Encampments, and if so, how for more but this promises
long? - that the 42 days rice in the the

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Questions to Colonel Pearse

His Answers

4th Upon the whole, do you think it would be improper, inexpedient, or unmilitary for the Army to march on the 15th Instant? or do you think it would be a proper, expedient and Military, that it should then quit its present Encampment, and move towards the Enemy?—

the private followers—Deducting 12 days there will be 30 days left to be before Cuddalore during which time I presume more rice might be sent from hence to Chinglepet to prolong our stay there—I know of nothing to prevent Escorts going to Chinglepet.—

4th On that Question I can only say that if the Rice at Chinglepet, and with the Army be as stated it would be very proper to march. I see nothing to prevent it. The General alone is the Judge whether we are ready now I have no access to returns, and never had—The expediency is for the Army's marching; I see nothing unmilitary, but the contrary and highly proper, in the Army's marching if the French are left alone they will have it in their power to produce an Army in a short time superior to us in Natives

Colonel Pearse withdraws

General Stuart—I had the

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Answers.

Questions to Colonel Pearse His answers.

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eligible for the Army to march, and when, towards what place, and with what view?

1st The sooner the Army marches from this place for Cuddalore and for the purpose of investing it, the better-

2d Has any event happened in the Army, or the Country extraordinary that ought, from motives to prevent our moving, to have happened in the Army, or the Country extraordinary that has happened that ought, from motives to prevent our moving. to have effected public good, to prevent the Army sustained any losses. or
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General Stuart—I had the

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Gen. Stuarts Minute

the honor to mention before Colonel Pearse came in that I looked on this proceeding as so unusual that I determined not to put any Question to him, nor shall I to Colonel Stuart, but shall defer what I had to say until I answer the President's Minute which I request may be sent to me for that purpose as soon as possible – I leave it with our Superiors to determine as to the propriety of the proceeding, and how far it affects my station, as well as my Character as Commander in Chief – it is now 8 o Clock the 9th. day that I have not been summoned to a Committee – another thing I have to ask is whether any summons was sent to the Members of Government on opening the present packett –

The President in answer to that question informed General Stuart that there was a meeting of the Council on opening the packet and that he was not summoned because by the orders of the Company he has a Seat and voice in Council and Committee only when Military Affairs or Negociations with European or Country Powers are under consideration.

General

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General Stuart, — My positions is that as a Member of the Select Committee I have a right to be summoned to the Council on opening the Packet.

Mr. Davidson — I beg leave to refer to a former opinion I had minuted in which I said that as it had been resolved that the General should have reference to all the records, he might also be summoned on opening the Packets. —

General Stuart desires to ask the following Question — whether the Minute delivered in by him on signing the General Letter by the Rodney was sent by the Rodney, or not? —

The foregoing Question being referred to the Secretary he answers that he cannot absolutely swear that the Minute was sent because after looking over, and signing the several numbers of the packet the business of actually dispatching them belongs to the Deputy Secretary — but the Secretary perfectly recollects signing the Copy of the Minute in question, and he has as much reason to believe it was sent by the Rodney, as that the General Letter itself was sent or any other number of that Dispatch — for the

Generals

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Genal's further satisfaction the Secretary will desire
Mr. Kingscotte the deputy Secretary to attend
at the next meeting of the Committee to be
examined on this point.—

Genal Stuart intimating his
Intention to march by the 21st Instant the question
on the second motion in the President's Minute
is not put.—

The Committee having taken into
consideration the plan recommended in the President's
Minute for employing some of the Troops to the
northward in attacking the Circars Provisions in
their Neighbourhood, and seeing not to think it
advisable to adopt it in the extent of sending
Colonel Jones on the Expedition, the President
moves that the two battalions with the Guns and
Artillery men lately ordered from Pegole to
Masulipatam be ordered back to Pegole and that
Captain Edwards be empowered and directed forward
with them into the Circars and Cuddapah
Countries, not to make conquests, nor to keep
possession of the Country but as a deposit for the
right owner, and the President observes to the Committee
that

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that another reason for his wishing this to be undertaken is, that if we can get possession of those Countries they may be of use in the Negotiation of the Bengal with the Suba for facilitating the restoration of the Guntoor Circar to the Company & the liquidation of the Peishcash payable to him for the Circars. —

Mr. Davidson for the motion. —

General Stuart — There is next to a march certainly of his Excellency the Commander in Chief being here in a few days — I shall be of opinion to defer taking any measures further than being in readiness towards the Northward, until the General arrives, and for the reasons stated in my minute of the 5th Instant

Mr. Sadleir — I am of opinion that a light partizan party will be sufficient, and that Colonel Jones's force should not be considerably reduced — the project should not go beyond a partizan party, to drive away the Cattle and secure Grain. —

The motion carried as stated by the President, and orders to be sent to Masulipatam and Captain Edwards accordingly — agreed that

Captain

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Captain Edwards be desired to secure as much Grain as possible for our Garrison and for the Army — also that he be informed the Company are entitled to one moiety of all plunder, and Booty taken from the Enemy and that the other Moiety is to be divided among the Captors — Agreed that Mr. Gardner the Paymaster at Pugalore be appointed to proceed on the Expedition in the capacity of Commissary to receive into his charge and keep an exact account of all Grain &c. that may be taken and to divide it when realized, agreeably to the above mentioned regulation — but Captain Edwards must be enjoined to molest those only who appear in Arms against him for the other hand to protect the persons properties, of all who are willing to submit and live under the Company's Government —

The exercise of the discretional Authority given to Colonel Laing for the demolition of Negapatam in case he should be of opinion that it could not be defended against such a force as the Enemy might be able to bring against it; having been the Subject of

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of discussion and severe Censure and even a solemn protest from the Government General of Bengal, the President thinks it highly proper and necessary that Captain Johnstone just arrived from the Southward who was the Chief Engineer at Negapatam from the period of its surrender and whose abilities in his profession are universally acknowledged, should be examined with regard to its strength, and capacity of resistance if attacked by the French, in order that our Employers may be the better enabled to form an impartial Judgement of our conduct in this Instance and of the foundation of the censure which has been grafted upon it. The President proposes therefore that Captain Johnstone be called before the Committee which Majors Sadlier and Davidson agreeing to Captain Johnstone is accordingly called in and questioned as follows.—

Questions to Captain Johnstone — His Answers

Was the Fortress of Negapatam in a condition to make any considerable resistance against — No: it is not my opinion that it could have resisted any considerable force for any

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Questions by Captain Johnstone & his Answers,

against the Francois — any length of time.

The force now at Cuddalore It could not have resisted between 2000 and 3000 Europeans that force for any length of time.—

What do you think a Town opening the considerable length of time — Batteries, if active, they ten days?

might have possessed themselves of the place in that time.— The Enemy would have opened their Batteries within half point blank Musquetry.—

What Garrison was there at Negapatam?

I must beg to refer to the Returns — part of the 7th and 9 Battalions — the latter newly raised Men.

Does not Negapatam owe part of its strength to its being inundated at one season of the year?

Not the Citadel. — One side of that is embraced by the River and Lines were thrown up, but there it was very weak, and might be attacked all times of the year.—

If invested by a considerable Army could the besieging Army part itself so as to carry on the Siege and be covered from any Army without?

Ayes: the possession of the Pettah's and low Land would give great advantages — The entire Fort tho' destroyed would not so effectually be done as not

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Questions to Captain Johnstone

His Answers

not to great a distance to any Enemy.

Upon the whole was Negapatam in such a state, and so defended as not to be tenable against a considerable force, and not to be strengthened but at considerable expence?

It could not but by building a new Fort.—

The Curtains were very short, and the flanks of the Bastions at right angles to the Curtains & parallell to each other.

Captain Johnstone withdrawn.—

General Stuart delivers in the following Minute.

It was past eleven at night, before I heard from the President that Captain Johnstone was attending and I did not know a single Question to be put to him.—

I am of opinion that this is not a proper way to investigate the reasons for or against the Demolition of Negapatam; therefore I put no question to this Officer at this time.—

/Signed/ James Stuart

April 13th 1793.—

General Stuart's disapprobation of the manner of proceeding with respect to Captain Johnstone.

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The Secretary having searched the Records agreeably to a resolution of the 4th Instant has the honor to inform the Committee that the Officers to whom a passage to Europe was granted by this Government and afterwards disapproved of by the Court of Directors, went home not upon duty, but on account of their Healths.—

Agreed therefore, that accommodations be ordered on board the Honble Company's Ships homeward bound, for such of His Majesty's Officers as are ordered home upon duty; and that the Commanders of such Ships be paid agreeably to the following rates, recommended by the Governor General and Council and prescribed by the Company's orders to them.—

Viz.t

For the Commanding Officer	£185 — —
For the Lieutenant Colonel	105 — —
For a Major	85
For a Captain	85
For all other Commissioned and Staff Officers with Surgeons Mates	65 each

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Monday 14th April 1783.

At a Select Committee Summoned on Military Affairs present.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Major General James Stuart.

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

John Holland Esqr. absent at Bengal

The Minutes of last Committee read an approved.

Read the following Letter from the Select Committee at Bombay.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

at Fort St George

From Bombay - Sir Edward Hughes recd for Madras Maratta Treaty ratified Correspondence with Genl. Matthews inclosed —

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the pleasure to advise that the Fleet under the Command of Admiral Hughes now proceeds to the Coast of Coromandel consisting seventeen Ships of the Line compleatly refitted & all equipped

The Chaser arrived here the 12th Instant with your Advices of the 20th January & the Paper of Intelligence respecting the French Fleet - We had before received your Letter of 23d. December with its Enclosure.

The Plan of Operations We had before adopted puts it out of our Power at present to take a Share in the Southern Operations, but We trust

the

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the Efforts of our Troops in the Bidnure Country will favor your Operations in a manner equally effectual by dividing the Attention of the Enemy to two Such distant Quarters -

We have advice from Mr. David Anderson of the Maratta Treaty having been ratified at Boonah & that nothing remained but the Form of interchanging the ratified Copies -

This being the most safe Opportunity that will offer We transmit to the Governor General & Council in the inclosed Packet a Copy of our Correspondence with General Mathews since he left Bombay which We refer for your Perusal & will give you all the Information We possess relative to the Expedition If General Coote shall have retired to the Coast We request these Papers may be likewise laid before him, & that you will please to order Copies to be made in your Office to be transmitted to Bengal as Duplicates, as no good Conveyance by Sea will offer from hence for some time -

We have the honor to be
&c
Wm Hornby
Thomas Day -

Bombay Castle
18th March 1783

Agreeably to the last paragraph of the foregoing Letter the packet alluded to is opened and the Contents read, being a Letter to the Government

General

Ordered that Copies of the Correspondence with the Genl Mathews be taken & the Originals so recorded by the Bombay Presidency be forwarded to Bengal —

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and Correspondence of the Select Committee at Bombay with General Matthews & with Colonels Macleod and Humberston and Major Shaw -

Ordered that copies of them dispatches be made to be sent to Bengal by land and that the Originals be forwarded by a Vessel now ready to sail -

General Stuart Stuart delivers in the following minute -

In Committee April 14th.

General Stuarts minute complain of the Presidents unjust circumstances of Inactivity on his part, desires his Plan of operations be considered in preference to the waging a Paper war -

I have the honor to Observe to the Committee that tho' it cannot be expected I can have had time from half part 12 last night to take the proper Notices, even of the Eight Pages with which the two first pages of the Presidents Minute are entirely filled I cannot help saying a few Words on the outline of the whole performance, least I may not have time to more before the army moves -

I shall say nothing here of Colonel Pearces Examination upon the Presidents Questions, but take my time and place for that, Neither any thing more of the Three Returns or Means of Carriage with this Army - My reasoning on that head goes to the proof of things as I know they turn out from Experience, and not from poreing over paper Returns

Neither shall I add much to what I have already said on the impropriety of our being thus from hand to mouth as to fresh Provisions with this Army and the blame deservedly due to whoever ought to have foreseen & provided for the present time,

Remarking

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Bonar King only here on the singular reasoning of the President who seems to make no distinction between the times when the Out garrisons existed and which were the means of Collecting Cattle, and the Late & present times when expecting Troops where the Late Commandant Captain Scoulder could not avail himself of his situation because of certain restrictions. I say the President makes no distinction tho' he certainly must be informed from his indefatigable application to the Knowledge & improvement of the Countries which are ceded to him & under his chief management, that the only places when Cattle are now to be had are from those very Countries where tho' almost the Batticher can provide as as supposed, Yet the Assigned Chowries Annuldars appointed by the President & Either Cannot or will not relieve our present necessities in this way -

W.

I shall now hurry over all that the President observes on action and in action and the consequences applicable as they really are, beleiving his first day the 5th. My supposed fortnight ending the 4th his other fixed day the 15th. and their distance from the day which Myself had fixed, the 21st Instant -

See Minute copies of operations april 8th —

I do not know if after His there has been any Superintendant motion as suggested by the President about fixing as he means peremptorily this 21st Instant Nor do I care, how soon he carries it -

The Presidents old bad humour to insinuate blame to me for Inaction soon after Hyders death and his Arguments on their head, as I trust in their proper place fully refuted, However prodigious the

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the Memory of the President may be as I have said, yet my recollection & Judgement of all these matters so nearly effecting me are to the full as good on the Occasion as that of the President -

The Right Honble President gives himself more consequence with me or in my opinion, and pays himself a Compliment at my expence, which he has no sort of right to do even on any Supposition If he thinks that what he can say or do, will ever avail to urge me beyond my own Ideas of proper Action, And I trust that I have to the full as clear a Conception in every sense of those words as the President has.

The Presidents facetious expression; super- abundant Caution on my part concerning the Junction of Colo Langs force with that under my Command, & for certain purposes & reasons stated in the Plan of Operations laid before the Committee Naturally leads me to request of them to settle something with precision as to that paper, which is distinctly devided into certain heads, so as I may know what to trust to, And also that our Constituents may Know precisely where respon- sibility in all cases rests -

April 8th

The Crisis is the most important that ever occured and I have given in my Plan It neither serves for instruction nor rule to me to have the President's Lucubrations & Essays in general upon it I shall therefore desire not only to take the sence of the Committee upon that plan, Article by Article, but also that it be exactly ascertained with what

military

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Chief this Army is to proceed or if we are to March
without a Shilling and with all the Arrears due
as stated in that Paper

I cannot help in these Pleas observing on the
Presidents very singular Mode of discussing the
most important public Business exemplified in the

April 13th at Night arrangement of Matters in the last Committee;
It met at Eight in the Evening being Ninth Day

April 4th since the last Committee and a Week had intervened
from the former one The Select Committee being at

one Minute 24h the time real Government and efficient Public
Authority under the Honourable Company —

April 13th When this last Committee met at the unusual
hour I imagined it was in consequence of letter

of & importance received from the Admiral, that
Day arrived, but to my great Surprize our
precious time was taken up by examination of
Colonel Pearse upon a Matter of opinion on a
Movement of the Army which was known & agreed
not to take Place; & what is still more odd at past
eleven at Night Captain Johnston late Commandant

See Consultations Engineer at Negapatam was suddenly introduced into
the 13th April the Room, to answer certain Landing prepared
Questions of the President concerning the former
State of Negapatam, & of its powers of Defence, on
the Subject of which and the prospect of the
Demolition there is at this time very serious Difference
of Opinion between this Government and the
Governor General & Council of Bengal so far
indeed as to be the Subject of a Protest —

When we were on our Legs near
Midnight

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Midnight and ready to retire the President recollected she had received Letters from the Admiral an began to read them one of the Gentlemen desired they might be sent to record which has not yet been done.

The Contents of one Letter particularly Struck me whose the Admiral if Right by no recollect desires to Know if there is to be any plan of Action where the Cooperation of the Squadron was needed, and that it was at the Service of Government, this single Letter had it been first read would have removed all the Necessity of old Discussions. for this was the great desideration it is now removed and let us proceed to settle the time the other parts of a Plan of Conquest operations, without any more paper War which for my part (tho waged defensively) I am most heartily tired of indeed have not Leisure to continue

I offer this as an additional reason for requesting the Committee to enter into An immediate discussion of the Plan I had the honor to present in the 8th. Inst. and to let me know what money is to be issued for the use of the Army, the Cash Chest being reported to me (after payment of the Europeans in the Companys Service their Current Subsistence) to be almost if not intirely Empty I shall conclude with observing that the Army have undoubtedly moved on the 21st. Instant as mentioned in that paper whether the Admiral had arrived or not therefore the last words of the

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words of the Right Honble the President Minute which might better have been the first where he says that "the Arrival of the Admiral this day with his Fleet it is hoped will remove all "objections to Speedy operations against the Enemy, are totally unnecessary if expressed with any real publick good intention as to myself for I never had any objections to Speedy operations against the Enemy on the present or on any other occasion when directedly sound judgement the consequence of real experience in the Affairs of this Country and of the proper mode to Conduct of Military operations / upon this System I trust that the orders and instructions of this Government to me, will be planned for their own Credit and for the publick benefit; I shall make it my busine in the execution, to contribute towards both the objects.

J. S.

Resolved that General Stuarts Plan of operations be considered & determined on next Committee.

Ordered to be sent in Circulation, and it is agre that General Stuarts plan of operation be finally treated upon at the next meeting of the Committee which the President proposes shall be on Thursday the 17th Inst.

Read the following Letters from Admiral Sir Edward Hughes.

Superb.

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Superb at Sea the 8th. of April 1783.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Sir Edward Hughes
acknowledging Receipt
of Intelligence.

Since my last Letter to you by His Majesty's Ship Active, dated the 21st. January last, I am to acknowledge the Receipt of your Several letter of the 28th. December, 20th. 22d. and 29th. of January last with the Inclosures of Intelligence that accompanied them, for which I am obliged to you and have the honor to be,

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edward Hughes.

The Right Honble George
Lord Macartney K. B.
President & Govr. & Sr. Cs. of
Madras.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.
President and Governor &c. Select Committee.
Madras.

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Do. — intends proceeding to Madras with the squadron & to co-operate with the Army if desired —

I had the honor to receive by Captain Troubridge of His Majesty's Ship Active, which joined me off Ceylon the 9th. of this Month, Yours Letter of the 20th. February last with its several inclosures.

As yet I have seen nothing of the Enemy's Squadron, but by Prisoners taken Yesterday on board a Grab Ship late the Blake, I am informed Mr. Sufferen, with the greater part of their Squadron, is in Trincomale,

and

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and that the port of Madras is blocked up by two of the Enemy's Line of Battle Ships & a Frigate 91 is therefore my intention to steer along the Shore to Madras Road that I may have every information procurable of the Enemy's Squadron, of the State of Publick Affairs on this Coast, and to tender a Cooperation of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command with the army, in any measure that will distress the Enemy and serve the publick Cause effectually; if no Cooperation is intended on, in that case it is my intention to compleat the Water of the Squadron, now run short and proceed off Trincomalee with all possible dispatch, to seek the Enemy and cover the Arrival of our expected Ships: and in Order that no time may be lost. I request you will order every Boat of the Board, to be employed in watering the Several Ships of the Squadron -

I have the honor to be

Superbe at Sea &c
the 12th April 1783

&c
Edward Hughes

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
Governor of Fort St George.

My Lord,-

From Dr Anderson some French Prisoners may be removed in to custody that a Number of Seamen working in the Superb be imployed in His Majesty Service -

Some French Prisoners being taken on the two Vessels lately captured by the Squadron, which are an incumberance to us, I beg your Lordship will be pleased to direct the Fort Major to receive them in to his Custody, when sent to him, and as I have certain Intelligence

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Intelligence of a number of Seamen lod in the Suburb, I beg your Lordship will grant permission for such gangs Officers and Seamen to be Armed on Shore, as maybe found necessary for the purpose of impressing the Men now so much wanted in the Squadron; and that you will be pleaded to Order Officers of the Peace to attend them.

I have the Honor to be

&c

Edward Hughes

Superb in Madras
Road the 14th April 1783.

Letter to Sir E Hughes desires his co-operation with the Army against Cuddalore.

Agreed that the following Letter be Sent to Sir Edward Hughes in answer to his Letter of the 12th Instant.

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India,

Sir

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant,

Our main Army under the Command of Major General Stuart will march towards Cuddalore the 20th or 21 Instant, and we shall be glad of such Cooperation from you as may be necessary to facilitate the reduction of that place, and in particular We request the Assistance of such of your Transports or Storeships

produced

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Superbe at Sea

the 12th April 1783

&c.

Edward Hughes

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Governor of Fort St George.

My Lord,

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Intelligence of a number of Seamen lod in the Suburb, I beg your Lordship will grant permission for such gangs Officers and Seamen to be Armed on Shore, as maybe found necessary for the purpose of impressing the Men now so much wanted in the Squadron; and that you will be pleased to Order Officers of the Peace to attend them.

I have the Honor to be

Yr

Edward Hughes

Superb in Madras
Road the 14th April 1783.

Letter to Sir E Hughes desires his co-operation with the Army against Cuddalore.

Agreed that the following Letter be sent to Sir Edward Hughes in answer to his Letter of the 12th Instant.

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India.

Sir

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant.

Our main Army under the Command of Major General Stuart will march towards Cuddalore the 20th or 21 Instant, and we shall be glad of such Cooperation from you as may be necessary facilitate the reduction of that place, and in particular We request the Assistance of such of your Transports or Storeships

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protected by Frigates as can be spared for the
Conveyance of Stores and provisions.

how far the Assistance of the Squadron in
protecting the Operations of the Army before Cuddalore,
for any attempts of the Enemy to impede them by
Sea, may now be necessary, and be so far such
assistance can be given consistently with the other
important objects mentioned in your Letter of
proceeding off Trincomalee to seek the Enemy
and cover the Arrival of our Expected Ships under
convoy of the Bristol, the circumstances, rendevous &c
of which you are intreated to be left to your Judgement
But as we have received authentic Intelligence that
the French fleet passed Tranquebar the 5th. Instant
on their way to Trincomalee and were for 3 days
afterwards in sight of that port and as we conceive
that Mr. Suffren were he joined by the Ships lately
at this place which the judicious measure we have
taken we hope will effectually prevent will still
be inferior to your Squadron We offer it as our
opinion that he will not venture to detach any of
his line of Battle Ships for the relief of Cuddalore
and that your proceeding to seek him off Trincomalee
would be the most effectual Cooperation with the
Army at this Juncture.

Should it be convenient to you to come
on Shore we shall be happy to confer with you
on this

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on this Subject as whatever time you shall be pleased to appoint the proper orders for supplying the Squadron in the boats for watering, were given the moment we were ascertained of your arrival on the Coast.

We have the honor to be

&c

Macartney &c

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Agreed the Admiral be allowed to impress men in the Black Town.

The President is requested to give the necessary Orders for the reception of the prisoners Agreed that the Admiral be permitted to send officers and Gangs of Seamen for the purpose of impressing more in the Black Town for his Majestys Service and that application be made to the Sheriff for peace Officers to attend them.

General Stuart delivers on the following Letter from Captain Donald Campbell together with a Letter on his subject from General Matthews which he requests may be entered and begs leave to recommend that Captain Campbell may be mentioned to the Honourable Court of Directors in terms suitable to the important Service he has rendered.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c — Select Committee

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From Capt. Campbell desires Permission to go to Bengall.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

In consequence of the peculiar circumstance

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circumstances attending the surrender of Biddanore and Brigadier General Matthews having a pontical business on the Spot, that required immediate and constant attention, We intreated me with his Dispatches to the Supreme Council at Culcutta, with some Representations which he wished me to make to them in person -

I have therefore to request that your Lordship &c will be pleased to grant me permission to proceed to Bengal by the first opportunity -

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c.

Donald Campbell

To General Stewart

Sir

Captain Campbell who will have the honor of delivering this to you; and who after being in Irons four Months was released and proved the happy instrument of my reception into this Fort will inform you of every particular occurrence of the Success of our Arms, in this Side of India and in particular of the many and great Difficulties that our gallant Troops Surmounted in storming the Gaut - which was defended by 17000 Men and Sixty pieces of Cannon - I have to request that you will be pleased to grant him permission to carry my Dispatches to Bengall -

I shall be happy to hear from

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you and have the honor to be –

&c.

Rich. J. Mathews –

Hyder Nagger
January 20th 1783 –

Agreed that Permission be granted Captain Campbell & that Genl. Mathews Letter concerning him be forwarded to Bengall – –

Agreed that Captain Donald Campbell be permitted to proceed to Bengall, and that a Copy of General Mathews's Letter concerning him be sent to the Governor General & Council also that he be recommended to the Honble Court of Directors in our next dispatch

Letter from Colonel Ross of the 28 March again read together with his paper called confidential report –

Genl. Stuart's observations on Colr. Ross's letter under date 26th ult. –

General Stuart observes to the Committee that Colonel Ross is going with the Army, and that Situated as the Companys Affairs, and Finances are no expence should be incurred that can possibly be avoided – and the General adds that there is almost a moral certainly that there will not be a Seige –

Minute thereon

The Committee concur with General Stuart on the openion above expressed – they so far also concur with Colonel Ross as to be sensible of the attention at all times due to the security of this Fortress, and whatsoever expence that security indispensably requires the Committee are witting to supply on preference to all other demonds but they cannot regard in that light the various,

and

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and extensive charges, and projects recommended by Colonel Ross on the papers now under consideration, nor be of opinion that after the immense and almost inconceivable expences which the Company have been sent to on account of these fortifications it should still be necessary to disburse one or two Lacks of pagodas to put them in a proper State of defence — The President informs the Committee that he shall communicate some Remarks upon Colonel Ross's Letter in a short time —

Read the following Letter from the Gov.r General and Council —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President & Select Committee
at
Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Bengal — desires to be informed if a letter from the Gov.r to the Nabob 6th March 1782 has been sent home by the Nymph — an improper time to provide an Europe Investment —

We observe by your late Advices to us that you complain of a great Deficiency of Resources to pay off the Arrears due to the Army and to discharge the other necessary expences of your Government at the same time we take Notice with pleasure that you had realized the Sum of Pagodas 546,994 in the Course of 14 Months from the Revenues of the assigned Countries out of which the Amount of the Nabobs share and other charges paid as per

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Statement being Pagodas 127.691. had been deducted—

As we have made such considerable Remittances to you from this Presidency in Spice, Bills & Grain, and accepted Draughts on us to avery large Amount from you, we are the more concerned to hear that the Troops should still be so much in Arrears.— We wish that you had furnished us with an Account of the Appropriation of different Supplies which have come into the Publick Treasury, and we now request that you will order such an Account to be prepared and transmitted to us. We are the rather urged to make this Request, from a private Report which we have heard, that you have resolved on the Provision of an Investment for Europe, a Measure which however expedient or necessary it might be at a more favourable Time, is now, we conceive totally otherwise, as the Remittences made to you from hence of sent by Bills are at avery disadvantageous Exchange; if by Sea at a great Risk and some expence and being at all times raised with the greatest difficulty are only intended to answer your most urgent and indespensible Occasions besides as we have Cargoes now ready for loading all the Company's Ships in India which will not be required at China where they inform us that they have Cargoes for Eight Ships exclusive of the Queen and Northumberland

It is

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It is unnecessary to provide a further quantity of Goods for them

The Nabab Walla Jah has addressed a Letter to the Governor General inclosing Copy of one which your President wrote to him on the 20th. March 1782; Not having before seen this Letter we wished to receive to your Records to ascertain if it really existed there, but we have not yet been furnished with your proceedings to a later date than the 26th. January 1782 a Circumstance which is sufficiently accounted for in your letter of the 6th. Ulto. But as we are still desirous of Knowing the Fact we request that you will be pleased to inform us whether any and what letter was written to him by your President on that Day and whether a Copy of it was transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors by the Nymph.

We are Sir
&c.
Warren Hastings
Edwd. Wheler
John Macpherson

Fort William
20th. March 1783.

The Committee redily agree to furnish the Governor General & Council with an Account of the appropriation of the different Supplies which have come into the publick Treasury as to the private report which they say has urged from

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Item to make that request that we have resolved on
the provision of an Investment for Europe and the
observations which follow altho for the sake of the
publick Service the Committee cannot but request
the facility with which every respect that can be
an a constructing to the prejudice of this Government
finds credit with the Gentlemen at Bengal We
must at the same time Acknowledge our obligation
to them on the present Instance for having communicated
to us the report, and applical for evidence of it's truth
or falshood previous to their passing any resolution,
or Judgement upon it - The Account of the appropriation
of our publick Money will furnish that evidence,
and we are only sorry that they will find in it no
grounds for the present charge against us the fact
being that the Carnatic Army has so absorbed the
revenues we have obtained from the Nabobs Assignment
and the Circars and the expences of the Bengal detach-
-ment alone so considerable a part of the remittances
from thence, and the expences of Garrisons and other
indispensible military demands have so exhausted
every other resource that the report of an Investment
must have arisen solely from our Inclination to
afford a foundation for it -

Respecting the Letter to the Nabob of the
20th March 1782 which the Governor General and
Council inform us his highness had enclosed to the
Governor General and which not having before seen,

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they had wished to recur for to our records to ascertain
of it really existed there, the President informs the
Committee that having directed the Secretary to
refer to the records it appears that the Letter in question
(of the 20th March 1782) was actually transmitted
to the Gov.r Gen.l and Council with a Letter to them
of the same date which the President desires may
be now read, and it is still more remarkable that
a Copy of the same Letter is among the papers received
from the Governor General & Council with their
Letter of the 25th January No. 14 in their appendix
which are recorded as read at their Meeting in
Council the 6th January last and an answer
resolution for directing us to surrender to
his Assignment of the Carnatic is appa

Read accordingly - Letter to his highness the Nabob of the 20th March 1782. as entered in Country Correspondence Pag.s 35 and Letter to the Government General of the same date as entered in the proceedings Pagodas 824 Ordered that Copies of these Letter be sent to the Government General with our answer to their Letter;

as it appears that the Letter in question to the Nabob which the Government General had not seen until transmitted by his highness all tho as above Stated it is mentioned as Read at their Council the 5th January 1783 was not forwarded Seperately but with the rest of the

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Correspondence with his highness to the 20th march 1782 inclusive the Committee cannot help being apprehensive that the Governor General and Council had not perused that Correspondence when they came to the important resolution above mentioned with respect to their Question whether a Copy of the Letter of the 20th march to the Nabob was sent to the honble Court of Directors by the Nymph agreed to inform them that the Nymph sailed for England two Months before it was written but that a Copy of it was sent by the next dispatch after its date —

agreed that the Govr Genl be informed that the Nymph sailed two months before the Letter of the 20th march to the Nabob was written —

Read Letter from Messrs Gordon Gahagan and Howell Company's Surgeons with the Army and Mr. Schwarter Surgeon of his Majestys 15th Hannoverean Regiment as entered in M°B / complaining of distress for the Money and requesting their accounts may be distroyed the letter Mr. Schwartz representing also the Inadequacy of established regulation recommended by Mr. Baxley — Agreed that a General Order be issued during all the Surgeons on the field (Kings & Companys) to send their accounts made up to the 31st December last to the Military Secretary and the Committee will then consider and resolve upon them — Agreed also that Mr. Schwartz be informed that he must make up his Accounts agreably to the established regulation, and point out any particular circumstances that warrant an extra charge and the

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Committee will allow it as it shall appear to them to be just, and reasonable -

Read the following Memorial from the Surgion of his Majestys 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons received with his accounts made up according to Mr Baileys regulations and a Seperate Extra Charge in consequence of the extraordinary expence incurred by the uncommon Degree of Sickness that prevailed in that regiment -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
President and Members of Select Committee

Memorial of Doctor M'Cullark prays that his extra charges be allowed in account of the uncommon sickness of the 23d Regiment at a Time when all articles of Provisions &c &c were astonishingly dear -

The Memorial of John M'Cullark Surgion to His Majestys 23d Regiment Lt Dragoons -

Sheweth

That your Memorialist hath the Honor to present his Charges agreeable to the regulation adopted by the Right Honble President your Memorialist begs leave to submit to the Consideration of the Honble Board the extraordinary expenditure which his situation Subjected him to and which the accompanying returns signed by the Commanding Officer will prove to be moderate -

Your Memorialist begs leave to observe that a Charge made at the Time for a detachment of the 102d Regimt was admitted on account of situation he therefore hopes that altho the time is passed it will not be forgot that his

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his situation was worse His Number greater and his attention equal -

Your Memorialist further begs leave to submit to your Consideration that the Regulation he is bound by was made at a time when every article was reasonable and that the Contracting Surgeon sent his Patients to the Honble Company's Hospital which makes a very Serious difference -

Your Memorialist with the most profound respect Submits himself to the Justice of the Right Honble President and Board -

agreed that Dr. M'Cullark Bills drawn out agreable to the established Regulation as well as those for extra Charges, be destroyed - -

Doctor M'Cullark Bills being made out agreable to the established regulation for the Charges of the Sick of his Majestys Troops agreed that they be discharged, and that in Consideration of the Sickness which its well Known prevailed for some time in the 23d Regiment of light Dragoons his Bill of extra Charges be also allowed -

The Nabob having in many of his Letters Complained of the execution of a Jemidar which took place at Nellore in the Month of March 1782 the President purpose that a letter be written to his highness to inform him that Captain George Campbell who Commanded at Nellore at that time, and by whose order that execution took place, and upon the publick Service did not then allow to withdraw from Nellore is now here and ready to undergo the strictest Enquiry a Trial for his Conduct therein - to request therefore that his highness will -

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will inform the President if it will be agreeable to him that a Court Martial, or Court of Enquiry be held upon Captain Campbell for the Execution of the Jemadar as above mentioned and in that case that his highness will order the necessary witness to proceed to Madras as soon as possible — Agreed to and the President is requested to write to his highness accordingly —

agreed to & the Secret. requested to write accordingly —

Slaughter Cattle being much wanted for the Army, and there being a scarcity of them in the Countries near the Presidency from the great number already supplied the President purpose that orders be immediately sent to the Northern Settlements for providing at

The President propose that orders be sent to the northernmost Settlement of Masulipatam — Vizag Ganjam Ongole — for the provision of Bullocks for Slaughter —

Masulipatam 3000 Slaughter Cattle —

Vizagapatam — 2000

Ganjam — — — 1000

Ongole — — — 1000

to be sent to Nellore under the charge of careful people with such orders as may be necessary for their being conveyed thither in good condition — Agreed to And it is also resolved that publick notice be given by Advertisement that any number of Slaughter Bullocks delivered at the Presidency, at Pulicat or to the Deputy Agent with the Army shall on their being approved of by the persons also may be appointed to receive them be paid for at the Rate of 2½ Pagodas each on ready Money —

agreed to & also resolved to give publick Notice that any number of Bullocks will be received at the Rate of 2½ Pagodas each

The President lays before the Committee the following Extract of a Letter from Mr. Westcott —

To

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

President & Governor of

Fort St George

From Mr Wastell — has already provided at different Times 2100 Bullocks — desirous to be informed if any more are wanted —

My Lord,

I have now the Honor of acquainting you that the last drove of the Bullocks that have been purchased here, will leave this place in eight, or ten days, or as soon as they can be collected together, the exact number I cannot say, but I think upwards of Six hundred (600) — I have Spot now from purchasing any more, as it is not probable to get them after the 15th of april to Madras, with any credit to myself, or for the cattle to render any Service to the Army The Ground will not afford a mouthfull of Provender for them, and even if there were sufficient quantity of Fodder laid up in Store at the Several Stages, yet they will not be able to get any water between Ongole and the Kistna — I have since Mr Cutts's arrival delivered to him, a drove of Eleven hundred & Eighty four Bullocks (1184) another drove of six hundred (600) one on March of Seven hundred & four (704) and are now preparing of, I hope, at least, 600, in all Three thousand one hundred (3.100) —

Should it be your Lordships wish, that any more bullocks should be provided by Me, I would propose the Advances be made the end of May, and

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they be Kept at, and about Ellore, where I can procure by the time the Cattle come in, plenty of Straw, grass and water, as the Rains generally set in; in the beginning of June – Should your Lordship approve of this, let me request your Answer either from Yourself, or through Mr. Daniell who will advise me, of your Orders ——

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Westcott be directed to provide 2000 Carriage Bullocks for the Army, to be Kept at Ellore as he has recommended.

agreed that the quantity of arrack wanted for the Army be supplied from the Garrison store-

Arrack being at present extremely dear and quantity of Rum being expected from Bengal, agreed that the quantity now wanted for the Army be supplied from the Garrison Store-

Read the following Letter from Captain Edmonds-

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

My Lord.

From Capt Edmonds complains of the Venkatagherry Rajahs Behaviour towards Tully Baska Naig thinks the Latter ought to be supported-

I did myself the honor to write your Lordship the 18th. Ultimo concerning the Conduct of the Managers belonging to the Venkatagherry Rajaw towards Tully Waskar Naig since the taking the Fort of Nandevanum and a few Villages thereto belonging part of which were claimed by the Latter he having

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assisted with his Troops in the reduction, on his making application to me in consequence of the Jeremine of protection granted him by the Honble Select Committee and well Knowing the good consequence that must attend every instande of support Shewn there people in their present Situation / laying aside the propriety of this Mans claim / after saying as much as reason dictated on the Subject to the Manager of the Vencaghery Rajah Dequent they would make of our part of above mentioned Villages and that Tully Basker Naiger should take possesion of the other this they made a shew of agiving too — but it seem it was only to gain him for some purpose or other — As they have since turned the people belonging to Tully Basker Naig by force out of the Villages and given out that — that Sallack is granted by Government to their Rajah as a Pagshire — The Pullar mode no resistance but has complained of their treatment and says it is impossible he can continue longer on a friendly footing with them and has requested have to retire — Having received convincing proofs that it is not in my power to do him that justice I wish without using force I have requested him to content himself till I am honoured with your Lordships answer which he seems happy in doing. & Should your Lordship this proper to direct that the twenty five Villages Veuken from the Communm Circar be given to Tully Basker Naig to whom it will be an Object in his present destressed situation /

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It will be a great proof of the regard we entertain for those people and a sure means of securing their friendship, where as should this grievance remain unredressed the reverse will certainly be the consequence - I flatter myself Your Lordship will pardon the freedom with which I give my sentiments - and am with the greatest respect -

My Lord

Your &c.

Edward Edmonds

Ongole
6th April 1783.

Agreed that Captain Edmonds be informed that the Venkataghery Rajah can pretend to no further share of the Villages than may be proportionate to the Assistance he gives in reducing them, but that as no devision can be made at present he will keep the possession of the places he may take as he shall Judge best for the public service — Agreed also that Captain Edmonds be desired to intimate to the Venkata-ghery Rajah our displeasure at his conduct in retaining the Wrecks of Several Vessels stranded on his Coast after he has repeatedly been directed by the President to restore them to the right owners, and that by continuing any longer to keep possession of those Wrecks he will forfeit all claims to the Companys favour and protection.

General Stuart Lays before the Committee a Letter to him from Colonel Jones, stating, that in consequence of our Order from the Select Committee

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Gen.l. Stuart's lays before Committee a letter from Col.l Jones - was unable to secure the Person of Apparow -

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he had detached Major Lysaght with the 2d. Battalion of Granadiers to poised to secure the Jemidar Apparow and ordered Captain du pont to march with the 1st. towards Rajapour, and sent an express to Captain Ohara at Condapilly to send two Companies from his Garrison to my Laveram should Apparow attempt to pass that way, but that he had had notice in time to get clear off into the Nizam Country.

Minute thereon -

The General observes to the Committee that he Knows nothing of the Order mentioned in the foregoing Letter, in answer to which the General is informed by the Committee that the Chief and Council of Masulipatam have been authorized from the Revenue department to direct the Serving the person of Apparow -

Gen.l Stuart recommends Mr. Braden to be appointed a Cadet -

General Stuart recommends that Mr. Donald Briden a young man strong recommended be appointed a Cadet.

agreed to & that Mr. Grant & Mr. Bingham be appointed Cornets of Cavalry —

Agreed accordingly that Mr. Donald Briden be appointed a Cadet to rank after all the Cadets of this Season agreed that Ensigns John Grant & George Burgham be appointed Cornets of Cavalry, and to do Duty with the Nabobs Cavalry -

The Gen.l Stuart Lays before the Committee a letter from several Ensigns - complaining of some Imposition in the appointment of ensign Cowis —

The General Lays before the Committee a Letter from Several Ensigns - as entered in M.B. / Setting forth a supposed Imposture in the Appointment of Ensign Richard Cowis the person now acting an Ensign under that name not being / as they appear /

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The Honble Richard Bourke appointed

Genl Stuart is desired to order a Court of Enquiry to examine into the fact set forth in the above letter and to Communicate to the Committee their opinion and report on the same —

Minute thereon

Read memorial from Mr. Lawrence acting Lieutenant Fireworker (as entered in M°B) complaining of having been appointed an acting Lieut.t Fireworker of Artillery below several Cadets of the same (, who on the Bombay List removed to this Establishment and some Gentlemen appointed a Cadets in this Country —

From Mr. Lawrence complaining of several Gentlemen being appointed Cadets in this Country over him —

On enquiry it is found that Mr. Lawrence came out a Cadet in the Infantry and was by his own desire removed to the Artillery and of course came in the youngest of that Corps and there being no vacancy was appointed an acting Lieutenant Fireworker —

Minute thereon

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General Stuart lays before the Committee General Return of Camp Equipage, Carts Draught and Carriage Cattle &c &c from the 1st to the 15th March with an Endorsement upon the back of it in the following words which he desires may be entered in this place.

General Stuart delivers in Returns of Bullocks &c with no particular Endorsement

This Return in like manner as all the former ones, from the Quarter Master General, is made by my Orders from attention to the Honble Company's affairs, and for my own satisfaction; to Contribute all in my power towards controuling and diminishing the enormous Expence for Bullocks &c with this Army

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Manage as it is in the form of Agency Presented to
Government for that purpose

(signed) James Stuart

Minute thereon

The Committee only remark this endorsement
that the Commander in Chief has been already requested
to give his Observations on the best mode for supplying
the Army that the Committee have no Jnsinuations for any
particular Mode, that it is the right all are liable to
abuse that much must depend on the Commander in
Chief or to the prevention of such abuse that beside the
established mode of agency no other mode has occurred
to the Committee but that of a Contract, and that no
Contract hither to proposed had offered any security of
benefit to the Company, tho' vast emolument to
Individuals -

Read Letters received some time since from
Captain Keating, Collives, and Oldham the first
requesting to be appointed a Major by Brevet the same
having been granted to Captain Lysaght also is his
Junior, and the two last complaining of not having
been appointed to Battalion of Sepoys and requesting
to be appointed to the first Vacancies — Agreed that
these Letters be referred to the Commander in Chief and his
opinion desired on the representations they contain -

Letters read from Captain Keating, Collins & Oldham the former requests to be appointed a Major - the two last complain of not being appointed to Battalions —

To be referred to the Commander in Chief -

Read Letter from the Duty Agent enclosing
Abstract account of Arrears due to the Bullock Owners
with

Letter read from the Deputy Agent with account of arrears due to the Bullock owners —

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with the Army amounting to Pagodas.

To be referred to the Commissary General.

Agreed that the Account be referred to the Commissary General for his Examination and report

Read the following Letter from General Abbestie Governor of Tranquebar -

To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney

Governor etca &c -

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From Genl. Abbestie complaining of the detention & Seizure of a Vessel belonging to them —

My Lord,

Having been informed, that a Vessel Catteuttle called, my Property, under the Command of Nagooda Sigoo Merahi has been Seized, detained and unloaded at Madras, non obstant the Bill of sale being produced, and his being provided with passe ports from this Government granted the 9th September last Year;

her

I take the liberty to apply to your Lordship for Reparation -

This Vessel, whose Cargo consists in 18 Bales of Cotton 27 Small Games of Paddy 46 of Wheat, 28 Baggs of peace and 30 Small Games of Rice, was bound for this Settlement where we shall are in the greatest Distress for want of Provisions wherefore I hope, that on Receipt of this, Your Lordship will order her immedeately to be charged again and to be permitted to proceed to this Port. I have so much the more Reasons to expect Your Lordships Justice as We have here given Protection to the Lancaster bound for Madras, and notwithstant our present Distress for Rice

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for Orient, granted her Permission to remain without unloading her Cargo -

Your Lordships will therefore please not only because this Ship is my Property and has a Right to navigate freely, like all Ships belonging to the Subjects of my Sovereign, but even in Consideration of the good Harmony which Subsists between our respective Settlements, to order immediate Justice to be done, which I allways on my side shall be very willing to give -

I have the Honor to remain with great Esteem -

My Lord -

Your &c.

Abbestie -

Fort Dansbourg
the 4th April 1783 -

The Committee understanding that the Vessel claimed in the foregoing Letter is at present under the Charge of Mr. Antonio de Souza Resolved that the Content of the Letter be communicated to him and that he be desired to give the Committee whatsoever Information he may pos on the subject that an answer be written to General Abbestie informing him that we shall on our part to make enquiry into the Cause of the Detention of the Vessel and redress any Injury she may thereby have sustained as far as may be in our power -

Read the following Letters

To -

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

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Mr. Cooper requesting to be appointed Paymr. of Nellore —

From the length of near a Sixteen Years I have to the Honble Company, in the course of which period I have only once held an Employ that gave me Bread, & which employ from a Change of Government reverted to a Member of the Honble Board endeavours me, as I am at present destitute of a Maintaining having of Mr. William Turings Death late Paymaster of Nellore, to request I may be appointed to succeed him in that Office, If no application has been made for it by any of my Seniors in the Service —

Respectfully I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c.
Thomas Cooper

Fort St George
8th Decemr. 1783.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From &c. requests to be appointed Paymr. of Nellore or Madura — —

Prompted by my necessaties, which are become truely Urgent. I flatter myself will plead my excuse, for again requesting Your attention & indeed You to take into consideration my long & faithfull Services to the Honble Company.

I did myself the Honor my Lord & Gentlemen of addressing You by Letter underdate the 8th December last, requesting the Appointment to Nellore, as Paymr.

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as Baymaster of that Garrison; as no Answer was returned thereto, & Mr. Orams being sent there, I supposed thro' some mishap my Letter escaped your Notice. — In consequence I had the honor of addressing the Board as large in January following, Under Cover to the Civil Secretary pointing out the destitute Situation I was in, and Soliciting their Indulgence that I might be appointed to the Council of Ganjam in which there was then a Vacant Seat. — But as neither of those applications have had the wished for Effect, leads me to conclude those Letters have been overlooked thro' Multiplicity of business.

It is with real regret, I am under the necessity of observing, that on every occasion that Offers; the Unmerited on my Part. I have the Mortification to find most of the Appointments that have taken place (many of which I should most readily have accepted) within these Twelve Months past have been given to Gentlemen many Years under me in the Service —

Such hardships my Lord and Gentlemen I need not point out to You, as they cannot but speak for themselves —

Thus cruelly circumstanced, and frequently obliged to apply to my Friends for Assistance; I dread not, but you'll feel in its full power — I therefore hope you'll permit me the liberty of requesting this favor, As the Gentlemen holding the Baymaster ships both.

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both of Vellore & Madura, have been absent from their respective Stations upwards of a Year, & any Juniors in the Service; that you will be pleased to Nominate me to fill either of them Employ –

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your &c

Thomas Cooper

Fort St George
12th April 1783

Agreed that Mr. Cooper be informed that Mr. Oram was appointed acting Paymaster at Vellore in consequence of Mr. Turings death, and is now confirmed on that employ & that the Paymaster of Vellore & Madura have our permission to be absent for a time from their respective Stations, but that We shall attend to his claims when a suitable opportunity offers –

Read Letter from the Paymaster of the Army enclosing one to him from Captain Stevenson of the 30 Regiment of Cavalry requesting payment of his Contract Account to the end of December 1782 by Bills on Bengal – Agreed that the Arrears due to all the Commanding Officers of Cavalry to the end of December be discharged by Bills on Bengall at the Buzar Exchange on their producing Certificates from Mr. Jackson that their Grain Accounts are settled to the same period –

Read Letter from Mr. Charles Bromley as Attorney to the Executor of the late Captain Wood enclosing an account of Arrears of pay &c due to the Estate

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the Estate and requesting payment -

Some Advances having been made to Captain Wood of which there is no Mention on the Account agreed that it referred to the Accountant and that he be desired to inform the Committee of the Ballance of there be any due to the Estate -

Minute thereon

The Commissary General lays before the Committee Bills delivered to been by the Surgeon of the 73d Regiment from the month of February 1782 to April 1783 made out agreably to the regulation but the number of men charged for being in every month upwards of 700 the Committee refer to the last General Return of the Army delivered in by the Commander in Chief by which it appears that the 73d Regiment in the Month of January consisted of only 588 men including all the Sick in Quarter and Hospital and even including 115 men prisoners with the Enemy and 54 Invalids gone to Europe so that the whole Number that would have been justly charged is 419 — Agreed that for the present Mr. Horneman be informed that the number of men he has charged for Greatly exceed the Number of Men in the 73d Regiment as stated in the General return and that his Accounts must remain unadjusted until they are made up agreable to the real number, and return State of the Regiment according to the Returns -

The Commissary Genl. lays before Committee the Bills of the 73d Regt. wherein there appears an over Charged in the number of Men —

Minute thereon -

Read Letters from the Surgeon General, and from the Surgeon Major in the field the former stating

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From Surgeon Genl. stating that he has received Indents from Doctor Davis Indents for Medicines which he has declined his compliance with unless furnished the respective orders of the Committee for that purpose —

Letter from Doctor Davis complaining of the Surgeon Genl. for not complying with his Indents — Minute there on —

stating that he has received Indent from Doctor Davis for Medicines for different field hospitals and for a General Native hospital at St Thomas which Indents he has declined complying unless furnished with express Orders for that purpose — the latter complaining of the Surgeon General for not complying with the said Indents Agreed that the Surgeon General be directed to comply with the Indents of the Surgeon Major as far as the State of the Medical Stores and the Necessary demands from other Quarters will permit —

Doctor Bulman to be appointed to superintend the Expenditure of Europe Medicines —

The Committee having taken into Consideration the irregular mode at present observed with regard to the care and expenditure of Europe Medicines, and the want of regulation in that as with as every other Branch of the medical department, it is Agreed that as one (towards a reform (which they hope shortly to render more Complete) Doctor Bulman be appointed to the) and exclusive Charge of the Europe Medicines and medical Stores and that he Keep an exact Account of their receipt, and expenditure and lay the same before the Select Committee every Month and that Mr. Casemore the Apothecary be placed under his direction — Agreed that this Appointment be now Committed to Doctor Bulman that he may taken charge of the Medicines and make such Arrangements as he may think Necessary and that he be informed the Committee will shortly Consider of further regulations for Conducting the Business —

Doctor Bulmans appointment to be communicated to him

The Secretary

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Secretary lays before the Committee a Bill from the Paymaster for 1712 Pags due to the Estate of Lieutenant Savage Bowden – requests Bond be given to the executors – —

The Secretary lays before the Committee a Letter from the Paymaster of Balamcotah on the Coast of a Bill for 1912 pagodas received by him of the executors of Lieutenant Savage Bowden and which he the paymaster had promised should be paid to them by the Secretary on account of the President & Council or a Board give to these for the Amount with Interest at the rate of 8 p Cent — Agreed the Letter be referred to the Superintendant / to whom it ought to have addressed / and that a Bond be granted accordingly –

Bond to be granted –

The Secretary lays before the Committee several Bills sent to him by Mr. Ballger of Tranquebar / who is lately arrived here / for Money paid by him to our Officers who are prisoners on their parole at that place amounting to Pagodas 1402. 3. 10 –

The Secretary lays before the Committee several Bills of Ballger of Tranquebar for money paid our Officers who are Prisoners — —

Agreed that the Bills be sent to the Military Paymaster General to be discharged –

to be discharged by the Military Paymaster –

The Right Honble the President lays before the Committee a Bill from Mr. Philip Mowey countersigned by the Master Attendant for Repairs made to the Rodney packet amounting to Pagodas 488. 23. 20 – Agreed the Bill be referred to the Civil Store Keeper and discharged by Bills on Bengal –

Mr. Mowreys Bill for Repairs made to the Rodney laid before the Committee — —

to be discharged by Bills on Bengal — —

Read the following Letters

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

My Lord,

Herewith I have the Honor to transmit a Return

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From W. Hawkins with Return of the Stores in the Fort of Poonamalie unserviceable —

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a Return of Military Stores in this Garrison for the Month of March —

In taking an Account Remains I find a Quantity of Army Stores as per inclosed List which as I learn have been thrown in to this Garrison without any Account or Receipt given for them. They are reported to me by the Quarter Master Serjeant as unserviceable at present, this Very reparable — I request Your Lordships directions how they are to be disposed of and be leave to remark that we have not the means here of repairing them.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Dr
Wm Hawkins Mutiny Store

Poonamallee
2d April 1783.

From Mr. Woolf desires to be empowered to repair the Glacis of the Fort of Tripassore —

My Lord

The Glacis on the North West Angole of the Fort being in an unfinished State, Captain Vigors has represented to me that it is absolutely necessary something should be done to it, for that at present it would afford cover to an Enemy to the number of two or three hundred Men, I therefore have to request that Your Lordship will be pleased to give me Your Orders, whether the Work shall be carried on, or what has been done taken down again and received to its former state —

I have the honor to be with the greatest
My Lord
Your Dr
Robert Woolf Mayor

Tripassore
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minute there on

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Agreed that Storekeeper at Coonamallee be desired to send to the Military Storekeeper the Stores mentioned in his letter and that the Paymaster at Trespasore be directed to make no further repairs to the fortifications, and to send on his Accounts of the Money already issued for that purpose —

Read Letter from the Surgeon General as entered in Miscellany Book, strongly recommending Mr. Walker Assistant Surgeon of his Majestys — Regiment to be appointed an Assistant Surgeon on this establishment Mr. Barter being also well recommended for the same station it is Agreed that Mr. Walker and Mr. Barter be appointed Assistant Surgeons.

Mr. Walker and Mr. Barter appointed Asst. Surgeon at the recommendation of the Surgeon General —

General Stuart recommends that Ensign and Adjutant Pippet be ordered to Garison the major part of his Corps being Stationed there — Agreed to accordingly —

Ensign Pippet ordered to Garison at the recommendation of Genl. Stuart

Read Letter from Mr. Fonseca commander of the native volunteers of the Black Town Militia (as entered in Miscellany Book) enclosing an account for Cloathing them last year Amounting to Pagodas 641 : 18 — "

Mr. Fonseca lays before the Committee his Bills for cloathing the native Volunteers —

Ordered to lie on the Table.

to lie on the Table

The Secretary begs the permission of the Committee to enter the following representation —

The Secretary finds it absolutely necessary in justice to himself and more particularly

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Representation of the Secretary with a particular Statement of the number of Assistants on the Office insufficient for the current Business of the Office. Tho' aided by the attention ability & indefatigable Industry of the sub Secretary hopes any Delay in the Correspondence of the disposition to the Court of Directors will not be attributed to neglect, but to the true Causes —

To the Subsecretary, to present to the Committee that there is not a sufficient number of Assistants in the Military Department, to carry on the Public Business, as will fully appear from the Statement which he has now the Honor to lay before them

The Secretary has frequently mentioned to in this respect & his Lordships in Consequence directed him to employ Monthly Writers, the Secretary has accordingly engaged as many as could be procured which however fall very short of the Assistance required —

Fully sensible of the Indulgence of the Committee and their readiness to yield him every support in the task which he has undertaken and to which his Abilities were far, without such Indulgence his Abilities were far, inadequate. The Secretary has hitherto forborne to trouble them on this subject, but finding a further Accumulation of Business by the Requisition from the Governor General and Council to furnish them with Copies of your Proceedings and by the Orders from the Honble Court of Directors to transmit them always two Copies of our Dispatches — The Secretary fears it will be utterly impossible in the present Situation of the Office

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to execute in due time the various Business that now belongs to the Select Committee Department & he therefore requests the Committee will receive this Representation as a Duty which he owes to himself but still more so to Mr. Kingscote the Deputy Secretary / who superintends the detail of the Business, and whose indefatigable deligence and attention cannot be exceeded, / in Order that if there should be any failure or the Business should be written with less correctness than the Honble Court of Directors have been accustomed to Observe in the Dispatches from this Settlement, they may not attribute the failure to any neglect or inattention but to its real cause — the want of Assistants —

The Statement above mentioned of the Business in the Military Department is lodged in the Office —

The Committee are sensible of it truth of the above representation and it is agreed to request in the next General Letter the attention of the Honble Court of Directors to the want of

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of Assistants to carry on the publick Business
on the Main which the Secretary is desired to
continue his endeavors to procure monthly
Writers—