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Fort St. George 5th May 1783

We have acquainted the Governor General and Council of Bengal with our Resolution and Intentions respecting you.

We are &c

(signed) Charles Smith
Saml. Johnson

Fort St. George
Febry 28th 1781 –

Ordered to lie for consideration – in the mean time the Secretary is directed to refer to the General Letter from the Court of Directors relative to Mr. Hollond's restoration and to lay the same before the Committee at a future meeting –

Minute thereon

The President lays before the Committee Sundry Papers relative to the detection of a Correspondence carried on by a Moorman residing here with Tippoo Saib. —

a Moorman detected in corresponding with Tippoo – acknowledges the Fact —

The Moorman being called in and questioned as to the truth of what appears against in the Papers now read, acknowledges the Fact –

to be further examined

Agreed that he be further examined and the determination on the subject be for the present deferred. —

Mr. Molloy & Mr. Hammond appointed Ensign.

Agreed that Mr. John Molloy and Mr. John Hammond be admitted Cadets and appointed Ensigns, to rank after all the Cadets of this season, and those lately appointed —

Capt. Johnston requests payment of 1500 Pags. advanced Mr. Cochrane – and encloses a Bill of materials furnished by him. —

Read Letter from Captain Johnston from Capt.n as entered in M. B. stating that he had advanced to Mr. Cochrane acting Paymaster at Negapatam 1500 Pagodas to pay the Workmen employed in the demolition

demolition of that place, and also enclosing a Bill of Materials furnished by him on the same occasion —

A Bond to be granted for the Money lent Mr. Cochrane — the other account to be settled with the Paymaster of Negapatam —

Agreed that a Bond be granted to Captain Johnston for the money advanced by him to Mr. Cochrane on account of the Honble Company, with the Interest that may be due thereon, and that he be directed to settle the account of Materials furnished for the demolition of Negapatam with the Paymaster of that Garrison.

From the Nabob protests against the Committee for keeping his Country from him.

Read Letter from His Highness the Nabob, as entered in the Country Correspondence, protesting against the President and each of the Members of the Select Committee for withholding from him his Country & Government

A Demand made by the Commander of the Porpoise for victualling part of the 98th & 102d Regiments —

The Secretary acquaints the Committee with a demand made by Lieut. Simpson Commander of the Porpoise for Victualling part of His Majesty's 98th and 102d. Regiments which were sent on board that Transport to the Malabar Coast in November last.

Minute thereon

Agreed that enquiry be made of the Garrison Storekeeper and the Agent whether a proper quantity of Provisions was not supplied to the Porpoise for the use of His Majesty's Troops on board.

Read the following Letter

To

1854

Fort St George 5th May 1783

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Col. Nixon requests an adjustment of his accounts with the Company — a Balance due to him of Pags. 2851.

I take the liberty of enclosing for your informa=
=tion a Bond, and Bill of Exchange which compre=
=hends my pay, batta, and Money lent at Trichinopoly
till the end of the year 1782. and having received
Yesterday the sum of three thousand one hundred
and ninety five Pagodas by a bill on Vizagapatam
in part of the sum of six thousand and forty six Pagodas,
six fanams; I am to request that you will be pleased
to settle the Balance with the Interest thereon, so as to
secure it to me, in whatever manner you may think
proper.

I have the honor to be &c. —
(signed) Eccles Nixon

Fort St George
23d April 1783 —

John Huddleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir/

From Mr. Horsman. Requests his accounts may be settled & whatever is due to him be paid to Mr. Cockburn. ——

Upon my arrival in Camp, I made it my
business to enquire at the Adjutant, the nature of the
Monthly returns, which he gave me, to make out
my Accounts by and understood from him, that he
thought I wanted the state of the Regiment as it
appeared upon paper, accordingly returned the prisoners
& Contingent men — the whole making 166 — if you will
therefore be so good, as send the Accounts now in your
possession to Mr. Cockburn, he will take the
trouble

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trouble of giving you in others, which I hope will prove perfectly unexceptionable — The importunities of my Creditors are very distressing, I therefore hope that you will be so good as use your endeavours to enable Mr. Cockburn to get my Accounts settled, as I assure you I was under the most absolute necessity of permitting to empower him, or some other person of Credit in Madras, to draw for my arears, in order to pay off my most pressing debts —

I have the Honor to be &c. —

(signed) Wm. T. Corrman
Surgeon
73d. Regt.

Camp
19th April 1783 —

Minute thereon —

Agreed that Colonel Nixon be desired to make out his account with the Interest due on the different sums advanced to the Company, and that a Bond be granted to him for the Balance — Agreed that the Bills delivered in by Mr. Corrman be sent to Mr. Cockburne in order that they may be made out agreeably to the real state of His Majestys 73d. Regiment —

Read the following Letter from the Accountant enclosing the late Captain Woods Account with the Honble Company —

To John Hudleston Esqr
Military Secretary —

Sir/

I have received your Letter of the 23d. Instant enclosing

1856

From the Accountant enclosing an account Current between the Honble Company & the late Capt.r Robt. Wood ——

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enclosing an account of arrears due to the late Capt.r Robt. Wood - and in consequence of the direction therein contained have the honor to send you an account Current between the Honble Company and Capt.r Wood. on which Interest is charged on the sum advanced to him to provide Necessarys for the Company's Orecruits. he having been re-imburs'd as usual upon the arrival of the Orecruits that same Season ——

Fort St.t George
29.th April 1783 —

Sam.l Ss.o
(signed) Geo: Moubray
Accountant

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Accountant be directed to make out the Account omitting the Charge of Interest on the Money advanced by the Company. and that the Payment of the balance due from the Estate of the late Captain Wood be afterwards demanded of his Executors by the Military Paymaster ——

Read the following Minutes of the Committee of Stores ——

Fort St.t George - 5.th May 1783

At a Committee of Stores - Present
Lieutenant Colonel John Hennedy
Major George Maule
Bryan Scottney Esq.re ——

Major Maule acquaints the Committee that he has received a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Ross. at Camp. expressing a desire to have

1857 Fort St George 5th May 1783 -

a part of the Bengal Plank, for the purpose of Platforms for the 12 and 6 Pdr. now in the field -

The Military Storekeeper informs the Committee, that there remains 52 out of the 80 Pieces of Plank, aforementioned by Major Maule; but that they were so very short. - that he apprehends they can be of little service to Colonel Ross; and are moreover wanted for Sprung heads, Fuses, Jokes, Spindles, &c &c - for immediate Use both in Garrison and for the Army -

It is Agreed to submit the same to the Right Honble the President and Select-Committee and to Request their Orders thereon

(signed) " John Kennedy
" Geo Maule
" B. Scottney

As there is so small a Quantity in Store & 21 several Platforms now going by the Transports to the Southward, the Select Committee think that what is in Store can't well be spared but that the Engineer may be supplied at Pondicherry

1858 Fort St. George 9 May 1783

5th Sent to Bengal the proceedings of the Select Committee from the 12th to the 16th of January

6th Sent the following Letter to General Stuart —

To Major General Stuart

Commander in Chief

Sir,

To General Stuart, cannot anymore in spite of Major Cathcart to be Quarter master Genl: and Major Grattan to be Adjutant Genl: Genl Burn to join the army — the Gran Signors charge for Gunny Bags disallowed his assistance required in keeping the Provisions of the army —

Major Charles Cathcart of his Majestys 98 Regiment arrived here lately from Calcutta and informed our President of his having been appointed Quarter Master General of the Kings Troops by Sir Eyre Coote, and of his Intention to proceed to the Army in that Capacity — We understand also by private report that another Officer now on his way from Bengal has been appointed Adjutant General of the Kings Troops under the same Authority We think it proper therefore to inform You that having referred to Sir Eyre Coote's Commission of which we possess an official Copy and now enclose a Transcript thereof We do not find that he had any Power either expressed, or implied to make such Appointments

Our Army is composed chiefly of his Majestys, and the Company's Troops and their posts of Quarter Master General and Adjutant General are already filled by Company's Officers and have been so from the

Commencement

1857 Fort St George 5th May 1783-

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1858 Fort St. George May 1783

5th Sent to Bengal the proceedings of the Select Committee from the 12th to the 18th of January.

6th Sent the following letter to General Stuart —

To Major General Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir,

To General Stuart, cannot acquiesce in appt. of Major Cathcart to be Quarter master Genl. and Major Gratton to be adjutant Genl. Genl. Bruce to join the army — the Grain Keepers charge for Gunny Bags disallowed his assistance required in lessening the Expences of the Army —

Major Charles Cathcart of his Majesty's 98 Regiment arrived here lately from Calcutta and informed our President of his having been appointed Quarter Master General of the Kings Troops by Sir Eyre Coote, and of his Intention to proceed to the Army in that Capacity — We understand also by private report that another officer now on his way from Bengal has been appointed Adjutant General of the Kings Troops under the same Authority We think it proper therefore to inform You that having referred to Sir Eyre Coote's Commission (of which We possess an official Copy and now enclose a Transcript thing We do not find that he had any power either expressed, or implied to make such appointments

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Commencement

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Fort St. George 9 May 1783

6th Commencement of the new Fifth and any additions to the Abilities, or the conduct of those Officers We are ready to hear them, and if well founded, to appoint other Officers in their room but without such reasons We think it would be extremely unjust to displace them, and We need not inform You that to our Army there can be but one Quarter Master General, and one Adjutant General — but could the Custom of the Service admit of two We should not think ourselves authorized to burthen the Company with so much additional expence — We are much concerned therefore that it is not in our power to acquiesce in the Appointments in question being perfectly convinced of the merit of the Gentlemen on whose they have been conferred.

As You have suggested a desire of having the Assistance of Major General Braine We have required General Sir John Burgoine the Senior Flags Officer now here to direct him to proceed with Colonel Wangenheim and the detachment of his Majestys and the Companys Troops now about to embark for the Southward.

As soon as we can possibly find time We shall take into consideration the report of Messrs Holland and Moubray on the Army Grain Accounts

1860. Fort St. George 9 May 1783

6th Accounts — in the mean while We have resolved to dis=
=allow every charge made by the Army Paymasters —
for Gunny Bags which we consider as totally irregu=
=lar, and unwarrantable the Gunny Bags being as
much the property of the Company as the Rice they
contain, and the charging of either equally unjust to
them Captain Kearney it seems quotes the verbal orders
of the Commander in Chief in support of this
charge but no written order from the Commander
in Chief or from Government itself could authorise
a charge of such a nature. —

We think it right to communicate to
You our Sentiments on this subject and we earnest=
=ly request Your Concurrence & Assistance in our
endeavor to effect a reduction in the enormous ex=
=pences of the Army which otherwise it is impos=
=ble for us much longer to support. We have al=
=ready observed to You that it must be in the power
of the Commander in Chief to render the most essen=
=tial Service to his Employers on this respect and
We request that You will point out to us how
this important object can be attained, and what=
=soever measures and Arrangements You are
of Opinion will contribute towards it.

We

1861 Fort St. George May 1783

6th

Fort St. George
6th May 1783

We are
Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Sent the following letter to Captain Ed

To Captain Edmonds
Commanding at Ongole

To Captn. Edmonds to proceed on the expedition against Cummum

Sir

The Right Honble the President an
Select Committee have directed me to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of the 29th April and to sig
to you their desire that as soon as you shall be
joined by the detachment from Masulipatam
you proceed on the intended Expedition without a
moments delay — You will not fail to advise t
Select Committee from time to time of your View
and Intentions and every Occurrence in the course of
your Expedition that may be worthy of their notice

Fort St. George
6th May 1783

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

1862 Fort St. George, May 1783

6th

Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. &c. Select Committee Fort St. George

From Genl. Stuart the Carriage of the army much diminished to his Possession of Permacoil. The Enemy drive the Cattle towards Cuddalore requests money & Cattle may be sent to Chingleput. and Genl. Bruce & the Bengal Artillery men to Camps inclosing Genl. Order respecting Bullocks.

My Lord &c.

I have the honor of acquainting You that I came to this ground yesterday with the second line of the Army — the Europeans 1st. Brigade together with the 2d. Brigade have joined us this day, the 3d. Brigade as before mentioned remains at Madrantacum, and one Battalion at Atcherywauk to take charge of what we have been unable to bring up from the weakness of the Bullocks, & the intense heat of the weather. —

Alarmed & Vexed with the rapid diminution of our means of Carriage, such as to be now, by this days Report, only equal to 10 days for the fighting men in the Grain Keepers Department, I thought proper to give out in General Orders, what I have Now the honor of enclosing to You. and tho it does not encrease our means in that respect, Yet I trust it will tend to lessen the expence to our Honble Employers.

I have had a report of what is doing on the Top of the hill here, much labour & expence

ha

1863 Fort St. George, May 1783

6th " has been employed by the Enemy raisedly to destroy the old works, no Guns or Stores of any kind have been left but as the Choultry on the Summit is fortunately entire, I may venture to assure Your Lordship &c. that in 4 or 5 days at most we shall be able to make a Post there for 150 men at Arms with two 3 pounders tenable against any force reasonably to be expected to come against it, the Bottah wall is also tenable against horse, my intention is to leave a proper Garrison on the Summit, together with a certain proportion of the Cavalry which I hourly look for to arrive at Bongalore. Which I cannot too earnestly recommend to Your Lordship &c. to dispatch with the utmost expedition — The Choultry above mentioned will hold 1500 bags. —

I shall endeavour with the utmost dispatch to send an escort as far as Chittapet. so as the public & private followers of the Army may be completed from thence to the utmost of their power of Carriage, but I do not see a possibility to help myself from thence in regard to the Cattle without absolutely killing the small remains now left of Cattle — It is therefore that I press the sea to be Rice by sea to the place above mentioned — Tobacco supplied untill I know that our Ships are at their Destination.

1864 Fort St George 9 May 1783

6th Destination I shall think myself extremely happy. The Money is the other thing needfull, and I could wish it were sent to Chingleput, and forwarded to Coll. Pearse who will have my Orders to join us 4 or 5 days at furthest.

My intelligence from the Red hills confirms what we see, that there is a Detachment from Cuddalore employed in driving Cattle from the bounds of Pondicherry along the Sea side towards Cuddalore, but I hope to take every head of them within the bounds of Cuddalore. — Hyders Amildars have driven the Cattle belonging even to his Cowl Villages very far to the Westward, so that I wish Your Lordship &c.a would be pleased to send from the Presidency without loss of time, to the greatest extent possible, Slaughter Cattle which Colonel Pearses Detachment may bring with them —

I have heard that the Admiral was to leave the roads Yesterday, and I hope our Convoy for Cuddalore may soon after follow, bringing Lieut. Colonel Wangenheim 1600 Hanoverians and all the recovered of his Majestys troops with Major General Bruce, to which effect I have wrote to Major General Sir John Burgoyne

1865 Fort St George 7 May 1783

6th

Burgoyne, and I am to request of your Lordship &c
that the Bengal Artillery men lately arrived
may also be Embarked because with unfeeling con=
=cern I inform You that if the weather continues
so intensely hot, and if I am to judge from the
Numbers of Europeans daily falling down, our
Guns cannot be manned without this Reinforcement from
Bengal ——

Camp at Permacoil
3d May 1783

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c
Your Most Obedient
& most humble Servant
/signed/ James Stuart

Extract of General Orders by the Commander
in Chief Camp near Permacoil 3d May 1783

Ex

"The carriage of the Army Artillery
being of late greatly diminished, the Commander
in Chief, in order to ascertain what may infallibly
be depended upon and to prevent the expence of non
effectives, desires particular attention to be given by
the Commanding Officers of Corps and the heads
of Departments to the returns of Carriage cattle made
to the Quarter Master General particularly for the
last fifteen days ending the 30th of last Month,

and

1866 Fort St George 9 May 1783

6th and Orders that the Cattle under the description of sore backs, sick, or very low and not likely in a few days to get well, be immediately struck off the list, and be on the books no further than the 30th of last Month. their numbers to be ascertained in those returns — Mr. Jackson, or his representative, and Mr. Henwood they? Captain Bearsay, in their different lines of duty to see that this order be complied with. The Quarter Master General of the Army; acting for the — commander in Chief to make his report upon — the whole, and he will order the Battoes to put some lasting Mark on the Cattle so dis= = charged in order to prevent the imposition of Bullock Maskis attempting again to bring them into the Service"

A true Extract

signed/ Henry Malcolm
Adjt General

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

My Lord &c

From Genl Stuart — en= closing Genl Order putting the Corps Auxiliaire in possession of Permacoil his opinion in the measures of Govt respect. the Revenue.

I have the honor to send inclosed an Extract of the General Orders this day, & send whereby You will see that I lost no time in giving possession with my authority

1867 Fort St. George May 1783

6th authority in my power to the person recommended by the Right Honble President to take charge of the revenues here & on the Districts adjoining, and I shall continue to do so untill the Orders of Government direct to the Contrary —

Whatever is, or hereafter may be my own opinion Concerning, both the point of right as well as the present mode of managing the revenues and however strongly I am impressed with the illegal of the resolutions & acts of the Select Committee in respect of revenue or other matters, from which I have been excluded, & where I might have been Summoned Yet leaving the responsibility with Your Lordship &c. You shall never find my opinions Operate to Counteract even the appearance of public service

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c.
Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
(signed) James Stuart

Camp at Parmacoil
3d. May 1783

Extract of General Order by the Commander in Chief Camp near Permacoil 3d. May 178[illegible]

Ex. "The Right Honble the President having communicated to the Commander in Chief that

1868 Fort St. George May 1783

6th that Raggoram Pundit now with the Army, is appoint-
=ed the Aumil, on the part of the Company, for the Dis-
=trict of Arcot, on which, by the Aumils report, the
District of Permacool depends. The Commander in Chief
publishes to all concerned that he, or his deputy Surma,
Narrain pundit has taken charge of the district as
above, and that by order of Government, he is to be sup-
-ported therein - The Quarter Master General will give
directions to publish the same by tom tom in camp
and in Permacool pettah - In cases where Sepoys are
needed for the protection of the Village people appli-
=cation to be made to the Generals Secretary Capt.n
Murshead will send a report to the Adj.t General of
the detail of Guards given from the 20th Batt.n
for the protection of the Villages and it is left to
his judgement to determine the number according
to their distance from the Army."

Above Extract

(signed) Henry Malcolm.
Adj.t General

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

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the honour of transmitting
the

Capt.n Lonsdale Campbell
requests orders for relieving
the Commandant Pallons
by Capt.n for Campbell —

1869 Fort St. George May 1783

6th the usual monthly Returns of the Garrison of Nellore under my Command —

Captn. George Campbell arrived here Yesterday Morning, with an intention I conceive of resumeing the Command of this place but Your or[illegible] of the 24th Ultimo are so positive upon that [illegible] that I do not think myself authorised giving up the Command untill I receive Your Honours Orders for that purpose: & which I only wait for. —

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect

Nellore
May 3d. 1783

Right Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient & most humble Servant
(signed) Donald Campbell

To Committee of Stores to comply with the Indent from Masulipatam.

Sent letter to Committee of Stores (as entered in Miscellany Book) desiring them to comply as far as they are able with the Indent received from Masulipatam.

The following letter from Bengal to Sir Eyre Coote bearing the Company's seal and being marked "on the Service" was opened, and ordered to be forwarded with its enclosure to General Stuart

To Lieutt. General Sir Eyre Coote Ss[illegible]
Commander in Chief of all the Forces in [illegible]
India

1870

Fort St. George 7 May 1783

6th "

Sir

From Bengal to Govt. Coote - inclosing an order of Council for reducing off the Staff of Col. Pearses Detachment

Having Judged it necessary for the saving of Expence to Strike off all the Staff appointments of Colonel Pearses late Detachment with an exception of such only as You shall Judge necessary to continue for the benefit of the Service we enclose a Copy of our Minutes which we have published in General Orders here and request You will be pleased to give directions for their being carried into execution with the Corps which composed the Detachment.

We are with Esteem
Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servants
Warren Hastings
Edwd. Wheler
John Macpherson

Fort William
the 14th April 1783

[Signed]

Extract of the Minutes of Council 14th April 1783

The Board reflecting upon the length of Time which has elapsed since they requested the Commander in Chief to strike off such of Colonel Pearses Staff as he thought unnecessary and he having out of Deference to the Board declined to make any

Reduction

1871 Fort St George 7 May 1783

6th Reduction of it as Col: Pearse has no Longer any sepa=rate Command and as the Company is put to a consid=erable Expence by maintaining these Appointments

Ordered that the Staff of Colonel Pearse Establish=ment be entirely struck off from the Date of the Receipt of this Order at Madras excepting any particular Appointments of it which the Commander in Chief may still think it necessary to continue

Attest Copy

(signed)

Sent Letter to Capt.n Snow of the Honble Company's Ship Wenlock as intend in it informing him his Demand for Provisions for the Troops on board on board his Ship cannot be allowed until he delivers in to the Committee account of the Expenditure of such Provisions as supplied to his Ship by the Honble Company

To Capt.n Snow — on his charge for Provisions supplied the Troops on board his Ship

Sent the following Letter to Sir John Burgoyne

To Sir John Burgoyne requesting he will direct Major Genl Bruce to join the Army

Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Sir

The Commander in Chief being desirous of having the Assistance of Major General Bruce

1872 Fort St George 6th May 1783

6th " Resolved, We request of You as the Senior Officer of the Kings Troops now here to direct him to embark with Colonel Wangenheim and the Detachment of his Majesty & the Companys Troops now about to proceed to the southward in the Ships furnished for that purpose.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

/ signed /

Fort St George

6th May 1783

7th Sent the following letter to the Army Gran=
=Keeper -

Captain Hervey

Gran Keeper to the Army

Sir

To Capt. Hervey his charge for Gunny Bags not allowed

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You that finding by the Report on the Army Gran Accounts that You have charged the Company for the Gunny Bags received by You in Camp, and delivered out again for the public Service, they have resolved to disallow the said charge in every Instance, considering it as totally irregular, and unwarrantable; the Gunny Bags being as much the property of the Company as the Rice they contain and the charging of either equally unjust to them - the

Select

1873

Fort St. George May 1783

6th

Select Committee understand that You quote the verbal orders of the Commander in Chief, in support of the charge upon which they direct me to observe, that such order is obviously invalid, and that no verbal Order could authorise a charge of such a nature.

The Select Committee therefore positively direct that You forthwith pay back into the hands of the Superintendent of Grain Accounts, or of the Paymaster of the Army, whatsoever Sum or Sums of Money You have received upon ~~account~~ in consequence of the charge against Bags as are thought unserviceable, and regularly adjudged before their Loss is admitted

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
/ signed / John Huddleston
Secretary

Sent the following Letter to Mr. Wallace
Jackson with copy of the foregoing

To Mr. William Jackson
Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts
Sir

I am directed to furnish You with the

Fort St. George
7th May 1783

To Mr. Jackson — with copy of letter to this Army Grain Keeper, disapproving of this charge for Gunny Bags

1874

Fort St. George May 1783

6th the inclosed Copy of a letter now dispatched to the Army Pay-
-Keeper and to desire that You will pay the strictest
attention to the resolution of the Select Committee therein
communicated the subject of his charge for Gunny Bags.

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

Fort St. George
7th May 1783

Received the following letter from Major
General Stuart

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

My Lord

From General Stuart
answers for the Arrival
of the two Vessels in want
of Money — Intell of the
Fleet Remains unable.

Your letter of the 30th Ultimo with
the Copy of the Admirals Instructions to Captn. Thaley
only reached me this morning — My Spirits are kept
up chiefly by the hopes of your Lordships exertions.
All our Eyes, indeed our whole attention, is pointed to-
-wards Conjeevaram. The instant the Ships come to
Anchor, I make a movement with the whole Army
towards Kellenoor to cover the landing of her precious
Cargo, on the Strength of which depends our future
existence

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7th

existence / not to mention Operations / untill the
Provision & Store Ships come to their destination.

I had heard of the 20000 Pagodas at Chingt
-put, and gave orders for it being escorted here — But
alas! this is really nothing. One Months pay to the
Black Troops in their Army, is considerably above double
that Sum, and the poor Sepoys / six Months in Arrear /
are now paying the highest usury for what they
borrow to purchase Ghee and Buzar Stuff to make
their dry Rice go down — I hope your Lordship will
have sent by this time at least the 70,000 Pagodas, &
what more you can to be sent by first. to be forwarded
to colonel Cowper, who will remain on his present
Ground, only untill I know of the Resolution being
arrived at Conjeeveram. And this above would remove
in a great measure my dislike about Bullocks
and Rice

The Money over & above the old claim. 70,000
Pagodas will I trust be doubled, and in readiness to
send by Commodore Halliday. This with Ghee Rice
and Money. I hope in God to be able to act almost
independent of Sea Operations. It is to this point that
all my leading Measures or Movements now tend

I have this day heard from Scotland
Peace of the 4th last being off the Lizard

1876

Fort St. George May 1783

7th the 3d. and of the Bomb Sloop joining the Admiral with accounts of Sir P. Parker. But Col: Fearie had not received the 20000 Pagodas from Chingleput which surprises me ——— I have given notice concerning our late and future intended movements to Colonel Fullerton, or officer commanding to the Southward And have desired Mr. J. Sullivan to open the Letters in case of his being at any considerable distance

This Bell fort will, in a more compleat form, be as tenable as ever, and in a very few days, our small Guns are up and a new Union hoisted. — If I see the Resolution to morrow or even in a few days hence at Conjeveram, I shall put 5 days provisions for the Black Troops of this Army on the Top ——

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
(signed) James Stuart

Camp at Permacoil
May 5th 1783

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

My Lord &c.

From General Stuart.
detachment brings Cattle
to Camp ——

The preceding is the Copy of my Letter of yesterdays date to the Right Honble the President

&c &c

1877 Fort St. George May 1783

7th

Upon repeated Intelligence that Tippoo's Aumal=
=dars in correspondence with Mons.r De Bussy were
collecting Cattle betwixt Gingee and Vickeravande
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=tion and I ordered a Party composed of the Body Guar.
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Camp at Permacoil
6th May 1783

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Most humble Servant
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Major General Stuart Commander in Chief
Sir

To Genl. Stuart with examination of officers men, back & stores sent by Sea for the use of the Army.

Our President communicated to you
in his letters of the 30th Ultimo and 2d and 5th
Instant our proceedings and determinations relative to
the

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Fort St. George May 1783

7th "

the Supplies of our Army, under Your Command. together with such other particulars as You might be desirous or interested to know — We are now to inform You that the Active Frigate and the Resolution sail'd this day for Bengal. On board the first are about 72 Convalescents and six Officers.

The Artillery Men lately arrived from Bengal, whom our President informed You, in his letter of the 30th of April, it was intended to reinforce You with, are embarked on the Resolution, which also carries 1000 bags of Rice 1300 bags of Horse Gram, and 300 barrels of Musket ammunition —

The Distribution of the other Troops will be as follows —

	Ships	Privates	Officers
On board the	Isis	120	6 including Lieut Butler
	Chaser	50	5
	Pondicherry	230	15 including Capn Wangenheim
	Harriet	100	4
	Minerva	100	4
		600	34

These will proceed as soon as they are ready which we imagine will be about Saturday next, to the Southward of Cuddalore, as You desired — The Storeships will carry (to the utmost extent of their Tonnage) the different Articles which You have indented for in their proper proportions

and

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7th

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and

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7th

and the remainder will be sent without delay by another conveyance —

We have ordered to be provided and sent as many Massula boats as could possibly be stowed on board these different Vessels. and letters have been written to Mr Cochrane to procure more in his Neighborhood —

There are but two flat bottom'd Boats in the ditch of this Fort and they are much too large to be sent. Major Maule informs us that there is not sufficient time to have smaller ones made —

We forward to You a supply of Cash 20000 Pagodas by the Resolution, which we think a safer conveyance than by Escort to Chingleput, to which place we sent You 20000 pagodas on the 1st Instant the receipt of which as the Army has not Yet been acknowledged — By the Convoy under the Isis we shall send You a further supply - but we have much to lament upon this Occasion the unfortunate impropriety of the Bengal Government having consigned the Money intended for Public Service to the late Sir Eyre Coote instead of this Presidency as by this means we are deprived at this most critical Juncture of a resource which with every possible exertion, we are much afraid it will scarcely be in our power to replace —

Fort St George
May 7th 1783

We are
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servants

(signed)

Macartney &c.

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Fort St. George May 1783

7th

To Major General Stuart

Commander in Chief

Sir

We transmit to You the Copy of a Letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal to Sir Eyre Coote, enclosing an Extract from their Minutes of the 14th ult. April, & We desire You will conform thereto

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

/ signed / J. Macpherson &c

Select Committee

Major General Stuart.

Commander in Chief

Sir

We have received Your two Letters dated the 3d Instant inclosing copies of General Orders one relative to the Bullocks of the Army & the other to Rugoram Pundit the Amuldar whom we had directed to proceed to his Station —

We do not think fit to enter into any discussion with You upon the subject of the Acts & resolutions

General Stuart with
copy of Letter from Bengal
enclosing three Minutes
of 14th April

Fort St. George
7th May 1783

To Genl. Stuart, on
his opinion of the Acts
of this Government relative
to Revenue desiring him
to transmit Copies of his
Letter to Col. Laing among
with to Chingleput.

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7th Resolutions of the Select Committee which You are bound to obey but we must tell You once for all that with respect to Your Seat, Our proceedings being founded on the Special Orders of the Honble Court of Directors, it is highly unbecoming of You to Start a doubt of their Legality — All the other points of your letter have been fully answered in our Dispatch of this morning by the Resolution —

We must observe here that You have not Yet sent us the Copies of your letters to Colonel Long, nor of Your other correspondence, with we desired You to communicate to us — We must request that You will transmit it to us without delay, & hope that in matters of this kind it will not be again necessary to remind You,

We are
Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servants
(signed) J Macartney &c
Select Committee

Fort St. George
May 7th. 1783

P.S. We now Dispatch 10,000 Pagodas to Chingleput

Dispatched the following letter to Bombay &
resolved on in Committee the 28th. April.

The Honble William Hornby Esqr.
President &c Select Committee at Bombay
Honble Sir & Sirs

To Bombay — covering of the Inquisition against Courtalon — requesting they

We have the honor to inform You that

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they will reinforce Genl. Matthews, and knowing of the Death of Genl. Coote:

7th

Sir Edward Hughes arrived here with his Majestys Squa=
=dron the 12th. Ultimo and sailed the 2d. Instant to seek
the Enemy at Trincomalee having continued here 'till that
time to the Water of the Squadron:

The Admiral has left with us his Majestys
Ships Isis. Active. and Nayade. and the Transports Pondi=
=cherry Harriet & Minerva to assist the operations of our
Army which is now on its way towards the Enemy at
Cuddalore — Our whole attention is now turned
on this important expedition the success of which we
trust will frustrate the efforts of our national Enemys
and destroy their hopes of establishing themselves in
this Country. You will see therefore that it is not at
present in our power to assist. or cooperate with Genl.
Matthews as we could wish You will We doubt not
make the greater efforts to reinforce him from Your side,
for as his success greatly contributed to turn the scale in
our favor. so the final Accomplishment of our hopes by
a speedy and honorable termination of the War still
depends in a great measure on his being effectually sup=
=ported— As we conclude General Matthews will furnish
You with a Copy of a letter We have lately wrote him
to him it is unnecessary to enlarge upon the subject here
We hope the Hanoverians of the 15th. Regiment that
were left at Johnna when the Brilliant was wrecked

there

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7th there have arr this reached Bombay in which case We take it for granted that You will have sent them to reinforce General Mathews. — We are extremely concerned to inform You that Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote arrived here extremely ill in the Ship Resolution and died the 27th Ultimo being the 3d day after his coming on shore —

Fort St. George
7th May 1783

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

8th

The Anne & Amelia taken up to carry Stores to Cuddalore.

In Order further to secure provisions for the Army on the present important Service it is agreed that the Ships Ann and Amelia be taken up for the Company and that she Desent with the utmost Expedition to the Southward and that a quantity of Rice equal to the Cargo be delivered here to the owners on shore. The Right Honble the President is requested to take such Steps and give such Orders as his Lordship shall Judge necessary to effectuale the Purpose of this Resolution.

The President desired to give orders respecting the Expedition to Cuddalore.

Sent letter as entered in Country Correspondence 56
to the Rajah of Calestry No 54 desiring him to pay
Attention to what ever Captains Campbell or Edmonds may
communicate to him and assuring him that ample

Re the Calestry Rajah
desiring him to cooperate
with Captain Campbell —
compensation &c. made
for the battle.

Compensation

1884

Fort St George May 1783

8th Compensation shall be made him for the Cattle drawen away for the use of the Army —

Dispatched the following Letter to the Resident of Tanjore.

John Sullivan Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

To John Sullivan Esq
Approving of his conducting
to raise Sebbundies —

The Command of the Forces to the Southward having devolved upon another Officer We wish to avoid entering into the subject of your difference with Colonel Lang — it will be sufficient to You to know that We are perfectly satisfied with Your conduct and unremitting exertions for the good of Your employers.

We are persuaded You will endeavor to cultivate a good understanding with Colonel Fullarton, and an unreserved communication of Sentiment on every subject connected with the public Service

As the Tanjour Sibbendy are at present employed as regular Sepoys We consent to Your raising Sibbendy for the purposes of Revenue but We must desire You will not raise a man more than may be absolutely necessary for that Service.

We are
Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Macartney for
Select Committee

Fort St George
8th May 1783

and

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8th

Received the following letter & enclosures from the Resident at Tanjore

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

Fort St. George

From Mr. Sullivan, with copies of a letter from Anjengo and of one from Col. Lang —

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordships the accompanying letter from the Resident at Anjengo as also a second copy of one I received a few days past from Colonel Lang —

I have this honor to be with

Larical
May 4th 1783

great respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedt
& faithfull humble Servant
(signed) John Sulivan

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

My Lord

On the 15th instant, at night, the Austrea Imperial Ship, Captain Dubhamon came to an Anchor for a few Hours in this road — She left Trieste the 6th October, & brings Advice, that, on the 12th

1886

Fort St. George May 1783

8th. 12th. December, the day of her departure from the Cape, Twelve Dutch Ships were there with the Regiments of Luxemburg & Le Mans - the Troops very sickly - I could not learn whether they are Ships of War or Indiamen, except that none of them are of the Line, nor could I procure any other Information of Importance

I have the honor to be with perfect respect

My Lord

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

J. Hutchinson

Angengo
17th. April 1783

To John Sullivan Esq.

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform You that I opened a Battery of three eighteen pounders Yesterday Morning against this place & at 12 at Noon there was a tolerable breach which was instantly Stormed by Capt.n Maitland at the head of 100 Europeans & 4 Companys of Grenadier Sepoys, there was 100 put to death in the Fort and Ensign Godfrey with the Regular Cavalry pursued amongst those that smoked out & gave an exceeding good Account of 300 of them - our Loss is so trifling that it is not worth Mentioning not a European was hurt - The Killedar is an old Acquaintance of mine & a Subject

of

hurt

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8th

of the Nabobs unfortunately he was saved & his Family I shall send them to Trichinopoly Prisoners he was so very insolent that he would not receive a civil Message from me, but fired on my flag I was even with him, for I would not receive one from him the moment he sent out our Troops Stormed I hope it will have a good effect & save me the lives of Money. This place has a tolerable good wall and thick Rampart (Stone) had it ditch & Glacis equal to Caroor it is a Preferable Fort but it has none worth a Name I am sorry to tell You we are much disappointed here with regard to Caddy My information for certain was 10000 Collums and I I doubt believe it will turn out above 1500 there is not the Quantity of grain in this Country that is in general believed, & Trimlrow assures me it will take 5 Days to Collect Sufficient to carry us on I request You will inform Government of this business as I realy am much indisposed I find the Hot Weather rather too much for me I shall write again tomorrow —

Our Seapoys begin to took up again I doubt despair of bringing them to what they were formerly they say. yesterday was the best day they have seen for a Considerable time as to the Europeans I need not tell You that they Glory in Killing black fellows their publick cry when they got in was to revenge the death of Mr Stanly —

I have

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8th.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your very obedient and
Humble Servant
(signed) Ross Lang

Aravaicourcy
17th. April 1783

Received the following letter from the Com=
=manding Officer at Nellour.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Governour —

My Lord —

From Captain Campbell. the price offered for cattle inadequate — has written to the Polygars for cattle waits for order to resign the Command

In consequence of the Honble Select Committees Orders respecting Slaughter Cattle being again repeated in a very earnest manner Yesterday I sent for the Renter of this District to know the reason their honours former Orders upon that head was not as Yet complyed with. To which he replyed that the Cattle in this District were in general so superior to the price Mr. Cram the Paymaster here allowed for them that inha=bitants were very unwilling to part with them and that it required some time to find out the Kind wanted so as to bet as near as possible to the price allowed for them and that his utmost endeavours should be exerted to =

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1888 Fort St. George May 1783

8th

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Humble Servant
/signed/ Ross Lang

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17th April 1783

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Governour —

My Lord —

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In consequence of the Honble Select Committees Orders respecting slaughter Cattle being again repeated in a very earnest manner Yesterday I sent for the Renter of this District to know the reason their honours former Orders upon that head was not as yet complyed with. To which he replyed that the Cattle in this District were in general so superior to the price Mr. Oram the paymaster here allowed for them that inhabitants were very unwilling to part with them and that it required some time to find out the Kind wanted so as to bet as near as possible to the price allowed for them and that his utmost endeavours should be exerted to —

District

complyed

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8th Comply with the Honble Boards orders as soon as possible —

I am informed of two principal Polly gars in the Cuddapah Country, who have been acting in concern with our Friends in that part, & have taken a greate quantity of Cattle from those belonging to Tippoo, and now lying with their plunder near Calvay a Village belonging to this District supposing they would be willing to dispose of their Cattle at a much easier Rate than any we could possibly procure from the Inhabitants here, I have wrote them that if they would let the Company have them at the price generally allowed by them, that I should be glad to take them, and as I expect their Answer in a few days, I hope for Your Lordships directions respecting this Business I have acquainted Mr. Crawford of it, who I believe also writes upon the Subject — I have also acquainted Captain George Campbell who arrived here some days ago, of the above transaction to that no stop may be put to the Business in case I should have resigned the Command, as I only wait the Honble Committees Orders for so doing & proceeding immediately to the Presidency —

Nellore
May 5th 1783

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect
My Lord
Your Most Obedient & most
devoted humble Servant
/signed/ Donald Campbell

(Encl)

1890

Fort St. George May 1783

From Mr. Brown, on the 8th
subject of Cattle—

Received Letter from the Paymaster at Nellour with
Nearly the same Information as is contained in the foregoing—

Sent the following Letters

To Colonel Arthur Owen—

Sir—

To Colonel Owen with
Copy of Genl. Stuarts letter
and demanding the Money
under his charge—

I am directed by the Right Honble
President & Select Committee to acquaint You that
the all possible exertions of this Government have
been used to raise the Sum indispensible necessary
in the supplys of the Army at this most critical Juncture
They have not been attended with Success in the President
has this Moment received the enclosed letter from General Stu-
art, whose requisition it is totally out of the power
of the Government to comply with unless assisted with
the Public Treasure which is in Your Custody I am
therefore directed once more to demand it from You,
& to declare that incase of any failure in our pre-
sent operation from the want of the public Money
now in Your possession Such failure must be impu-
ted to You withholding it. & You must be considered
as responsible for the Consequence—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(signed) John Gleadleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
May 8th 1783

To

1891 Fort St. George May 1783

8th

To Major General Bruce

Sir

To Genl. Bruce, concerning his Pays —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th Ultimo and to inform you, that a General Order is issued upon the subject of its contents.

With respect to your Allowances, it has been agreed by the Select Committee, that you shall be put upon the same footing as Major General Sir John Burgoyne Vizt. that you shall be allowed the British pay of a Major General and an aid de Camp & Secretary with 17s ⅌ day each in addition to the other allowances which you are to draw as Colonel, according to the statement some time since published in General orders; this however can only be allowed until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known, as the Government here has received no Authority from them to make Allowances to any Officers beyond what they are entitled to form the rank they hold in their respective Corps

Fort St. George
8th May 1783

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

1892 Fort St George May 1783

8th Dispatched the following letter to Colonel Fullarton

To Colonel William Fullarton

Commanding the Troops to the Southward

Sir

To Col: Fullarton authorizing him to destroy Carroor, and other of the Enemys Forts.

Having judged it expedient to destroy the Fortifications of Carroor We empower, and desire you to carry that measure into execution as soon as it can be done without Inconvenience to Your operations - and We give You the same authority with respect to any other of the Enemys Forts that may fall into Your hands.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

(signed)

Fort St George
8th May 1783.

Received the following letter from Sir John Burgoyne

My Lord Gentlemen

From Sir John Burgoyne ordering Genl. Bruce to join the Army —

I last night had the honor to receive Your letter of the 6th instant, desiring me to order Major General Bruce to proceed to the Southward with the Troops now ready for Embarkation — I had previous to the receipt of your letter ordered Major Genl. Bruce to the Southward

1893 Fort St. George May 1783

8th Southward, with the Troops that are now going there, having received Major General Stuart's commands for that purpose —

May 8th 1783

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient &
Very Humble Servant
(signed) J Burgoyne
M. G.

Proceedings of the Committee sent to Bengal —

Sent to Bengal the proceedings of the Select Committee from the 18th to the 23d of January

9th Received the following letter from Vizagapatam with the Account therein mentioned

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

From Vizagapatam with an account of Grain exported from that District

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Delays of the Rajahs Officers at the Sea Ports have unavoidably put it out of our Power sooner to comply with Your Lordship &c Orders for sending You an Account of the Grain exported from this District which we now enclose, for the periods You desired —

Vizagapatam
29 25th April 1783

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient & humble Servants
(signed) Claud Russell
H. Y. Crawford
Chas. Maclane
[illegible]

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9th

The following letter was written by the Town Major at the desire of the President to Sir John Burgoyne

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.
K.B.

To Sir John Burgoyne. concerning the cloathing for the things Troops to be sent to the Southward—

Sir

Major General Stuart having written to Government, that the Cloathing, Stores & Necessaries wanted for His Majesty's Troops Serving with the Main army, and to the Southward (Colonel Lang's Army) Should be sent by a Sea Conveyance, and that as proper Persons remain at Madras in Charge of the Cloathing the Officer Commanding His Majesty's Troops at the Presidency will give orders for the above purpose. So Soones the particular Ships on which the Cloathing can be embarked, are known, I am desired by Lord Macartney to ask You, Sir, whether You have received any intimation on this Subject from the General, and when the Cloathing, he desires to be Sent, will be ready, that His Lordship may provide a Conveyance for it Accordingly

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient &
Very humble Servant
(signed) Wm Sydenham

Fort St George
9th May 1783

Revised

1895 Fort St. George 9th May 1783

9th

Received the following Answer

Major Sydenham

Sir

From Sir John Burgoyne
Concerning the Cloathing
for the Kings Troops

I have received no orders from General Stuart relative to sending the Cloathing either to his Army, or that to the Southward. You will please to inform my Lord Macartney that I have caused to be landed & properly stored all the Cloathing which arrived from England in the Bombay & great part of it is spoild and has been Sold for the benefit of the underwriters by Auction, according to instructions from England. What remains is ready at a Moments Warning to be sent to the Army Wherever his Lordship pleases

May: 9th 1783

I am
Sir
Your Obedient Humble Servt
(Signed) J Burgoyne

Sent the following letter to Captain Donald Campbell

To Captain Donald Campbell
Commanding at Nellore

To Capt. D. Campbell
Mr. Brown written to on
the Subject of Slaughter Cattle
To resign the Command of
Nellore to Capt. George
Dallas

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the
Governor

1896

Fort St. George May 1783.

9th President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the President of the 6th Instant and to acquaint You that Mr. Cram has been written to upon the Subject of it, who will settle the Business with You.

You will already have received the Select Committee's Orders with regard to the resignation of the command of Pulloor to Captain George Campbell.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

/signed/ John Hodgeston

Secretary

Sent the following Letter to Genl. Stuart

Major General Stuart

Sir

We beg Leave to remind You of what passed at our Committee at our meeting the 19th Ultimo in relation to such of the Company's Officers as at present by their own Inclinations or by their Inhability unemployed, while they nevertheless continue to hold their Rank to the prejudice and discouragement of other meritorious Officers who are both willing and able to serve.

We are

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

/signed/

Genl. Stuart concerning the Company's Officers at present unemployed.

Fort St. George
9th May 1783

Received

1897 Fort St. George 9 May 1783

9th Received the following letter from Col Owen

To John Huddleston Esqr

Secretary to the Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Col: Owen concerning the Treasure under his Charge declines delivering it up —

Sir

Your letter of Yesterdays Date, Addressed to me, by Direction of the Right Honble President and Select Committee I did not receive till late last Night. Take the early opportunity of answering it. — I remark its Contents with attention & the purport of a Copy of Genl Stuarts Letter of the 5th Inst. that Accompanied it. — No one feels more sensibly than I do for the Necessity of the Army, or for the inadequate Resources of Government, which it seems precludes them from affording full Assistance of Money, for the Military Service at this Critical period. — In my former Letter of the 2nd Instant I stated Reasons, which hinderd me from parting with Bullion I have in Charge they continue to Operate unlike for without being Guilty of a positive breach of Trust, as making myself responsible, to all Intents, and purposes, for the Security I have in hand, I cannot comply with the Order of the Right Honble President and Select Committee, and deliver up the Treasure, Your Letter refers to. —

The Responsibility lies over me, by the Right Honble President and Select Committee, Attempting, to make me answerable, for any failure of our present Operations, for want of

supplies

9th sufficient Funds, in case I with hold the four Chests of Treasure, is more than I can bear, or than Justice, and Equity, can lay to my Charge? —

Was any Adverse Stroke to result to our Arms (which God forbid) From the Deficiency of a Sum equal to the Treasure in my hands, the Responsibility I apprehend would be traced much further back, than to the Line of Conduct I have adopted on this Occasion —

The Faith of Government, which is the very Spring of Supply, and Support of Credit, was pledged to the late Commander in Chief, last Year for the Repayment of the Lac of Pagodas borrowed of Sir Edward Hughes, for Public Service, out of the first Remittances, which Should arrive from Bengal, — the promise of Government, in which Implicit Confidence was placed, has been forfeited, large Sums of Money have been Repeatedly Received from Bengal since and the Debt Yet Remains undischarged, which is the Reason, that the Gold Alluded to, has been Shut up —

It is next to a Miracle that the Bullion I have in Deposit is not at this very Minute Coining into Pagodas for the use of the French at Cuddalore, the very uncommon Escape from such a Loss, as the Ship Resolution (which had it on board) experienced, authorises my asking, how the present Service would have gone on, or who would have been Answerable for the Consequence of the Want of Cash, if the Capture of that Ship had been Sustained by us — Heavy Responsibility, awaits the Party who had it in his power, and did not Cover the Resolutions expected

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9th Track to this Coast, and afterwards refused every Security Government had to offer for the late Generals' Debt, the Acceptance of which, would have Authorised me, to have lodged the Bullion in Your Treasury —

The Presidency of Fort St George and the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, are clearly the parties, who are answerable for the present pecuniary Wants of the Army, the first should have Adhered Strictly, to their Agreement, and the other lend his unshaken Credit, to Support in time of Distress the exigencies of the State.

Was I fortunate enough to Command the Army on the present Service even with an Empty Cash Chest which Situations are by no means Invaluable General, was in the face of the Enemy, often reduced to. — I should meet Consequences, and Responsibility, with Confidence, for Situated as our Affairs are, both by Sea, and Land, I should think myself Certain of carrying my point, and look Forwards even to the possession of the Enemys Military Funds. But as an Individual, simply in Charge of a Sum of Money, by mere Casualty come into my possession I cannot suppose, because I will not part with it, till Lawfully Authorised, that I am answerable for the Issues of any Military Operations Dependant on Governments Want of Cash. —

I Mean not by the Above, to cast the most Distant hint, that Lieut. Stuart does not indispensably Want every, the most extensive possible Supply of Money, that can be procured. — The Government may not have in possession. what

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what the pressing Demands of the Army, fully Require, Yet if my information is Correct, a considerable Sum, is at this Minute in the Treasury, ready for Service, and I trust, the Arrival of the San Carlos, will in a very few Days, bring an additional Sum Lacs of Rupees. —

General Stuarts exertions from the Tenor of his Letter, which by Order, You Enclosed me, Reflect the highest Honor on him, prepared as he is for Enterprize, and watchful to take the very first advantage of the Arrival of his Supplies, at the head of a Gallant Army, inured to Fatigue, and Lordship of every Description, provided his Supplies and Stores are Covered by Sea Cooperation, Our Cause cannot Shrink, fail meeting with Success,

Permit me to request You will be pleased to lay this Letter before the Right Honble President and Select Committee, as soon as Convenient, and Believe me to be with Respect,

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

[signed] Arthur Owen

Fort St George
9th May 1783
Bobbock. A.M.

Sent the following Letter to Col: Owen in answer to the above.

To Colonel Owen

Sir

Your Answer to my Letter of Yesterday having been laid before the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee

To Col: Owen concerning the Money borrowed by Sir Eyre Coote from the Admiral and Secured by the Treasurer under my Charge

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Committee, I am directed by them to Set You right concerning a Transaction which You have connected with Your Detention of the Companys Money at a Juncture when that Detention may be of the utmost Prejudice to its Affairs. The Faith of this Government was not pledged as You assert for the Repayment of a Lac of Pagodas borrowed by the late Commander in Chief from Sir Edward Hughes out of the Grant Remittances which Should arrive from Bengal. This Government was neither Party or privy to this Transaction which was carried on a part and without its knowledge or Authority between the Admiral and Sir Eyre Coote, tho a considerable Remittance did arrive after the Transaction had taken place but before the Departure for Bengal of the Commander in Chief, and without Such Assignment yet he, to whom You say that this Faith had thus been pledged, tho he demanded this money and mentions his own Engagement with the Admiral that it Should be paid off out of the first Supplies, did not undertake to alledge any such Engagement on the part of this Presidency, or any Authority from them to make it: Nor for the Discharge of the Bond which was given to him as the Lender of this money to the Presidency, has a Demand been ever made either by him or his Attornies from the Day it was given to the hour of his Decease The continued exigencies of the War have alone prevented the Discharge of the Companys Bonds. The Merit of those Bonds whose Opulence has enabled them to make or procure for the Company any Loans at a time when money might be employed

9th employed to more advantage, is common to all who have made such advances here for some time past, and who might consider as an injurious partiality any other preference in the Discharge of the Public Debts than what their respective justifies, or where an Absolute Agreement with Government accompanying the Loan forces an Exception to the General Rule. Government had not in the present Instance an Opportunity of making such Agreement: and a Promise, which was not given, and of which no Performance has been demanded cannot therefore have been forfeited. and I am desired to observe to You that however the Faults of Government as well as of all other Servants of the public should be open to the Inspection & Censure of all Men, it may be an inconvenience to the Common Weal, as well as an injury to the Individuals to whose Charge it is committed, to ascribe to them, upon Assumed Facts, a guilt which they have not incurred, as an aggravation of this imputed Guilt it has been asserted, that a Letter had been received by this Presidency from the Governor General and Council of Bengal to repay this money to Sir Eyre Coote or Sir Edward Hughes out of the first Remittances from thence tho in fact no such Letter has been received It is possible however that such may be their Intention in favor of those eminent Persons You must suppose it indeed to be so for otherwise Sir Eyre Coote himself to whom this Remittance was consigned, could not without a Breach of Trust, depart, in such an application of any Part of it, from the purpose for which it was intrusted to

him

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9th hour. Nor can You, who by Your own act alone, have Substituted Yourself to this Trust, have acquired a greater power, than the Principal had, over it. But Such an Intention will equally operate on the further Remittances from Bengal. The Purposes for which You now prevent the application of the public money to the public Service will be out of such funds equally will remain as from the present. And You will not have to Seek for a better Refuge from the responsibility of withholding Treasure, which You acknowledge to have come casually to your hands, than by observing that the Evil to the public would have been as great, if the public Enemy had seized upon it. The measure = sure to the Representatives of Sir Eyre Coote from Such Delay, if any can be but temporary. To the State the failure of an Expedition which has for its Object the Expulsion of our National foes, and of which the Success may depend on immediate Supplies, may be on Level of permanent and future Consequence. Your allow that heavy Responsibility must await the Party who has refused every Security Government had to offer for the Late General's debt, the acceptance of which, You say, have authorized You to have lodged the Bullion in the Company's Treasury. This Security likewise offered to be given to the General Representatives which thus is deemed sufficient for one Party, cannot be insufficient to the other, and what would have authorized You in one Instance must have authorized You in both.

You have indeed wished to devise, from the Circumstance

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9th Circumstance of the Bill of Lading for this Treasure being filled up in the usual form of being delivered to the Consignee or his Assigns, an Objection to Your delivering it to this Presidency who are not the Assigns of the late Commander in Chief. But this Objection does not seem to have made duplicity into Your mind, as You declare, upon satisfaction being given to the Admiral, Your willingness to give up the whole and make consequently no difficulty as to such a part of this Consignment as may exceed the Amount of his Demand upon the General, tho' this Presidency are no more his Assigns as to that part than to the Remainder. To this Legal Objection indeed if it had weighed upon You, another might have been opposed on the Authority of the Attorney General of the Company that by possessing Yourself of this Treasure before a Probate of the late Generals Will has been taken out or Administration granted, You have made Yourself an Executor of Your own Wrong. Nor is the Defect of being an Assignee which You charge upon this Presidency supplied in Your person, who acknowledge that this Treasure came into Your possession by mere Casualty. A possession of Property so acquired does not authorize the Continuance of it against the Demands of those to whose Constituents it avowedly belongs, nor can it constitute a Right to make Conditions as to the application or distribution of it previous to its Delivery to the Representatives of its Owners. I am further desired to observe to You that Your Information of the State of the Public Treasury is extremely incorrect indeed, if it leads to any Idea that it contains any Sum in the least adequate to the

Demands

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9th

Demanding and pressing Engagements of the Army, and Your hopes that the Sanbarbe will quickly furnish a Supply to that Treasury might not only have been frustrated by the Delay in her Arrival but by similar Objections to those which You have advanced and of which You have Set the Example of the Purveyors not answering the Description of being the Generals Agents, to whom or to whom this Consignment is likewise most probably made.

The Captain of the Sanbarbe may on his part with equal Plausibility, think it a Trust and Duty in him to retain the whole of such Supply for the Disposal of the Admiral.

The proposal of sending the Bullion in certain proportions to the mint will not answer the present purposes of the Service while You preserve Dominion over it, because in Such a Cir=cumstance it will not serve as a Deposit for Advances of Specie or Grain which might be procured on its Security, and which are to be sent with the Troops and Stores now bound for the Army.

This Presidency therefore Sir calls upon You once more to deliver to them immediately the Treasure in Your possession in failure of doing which, they will consider it their Duty to expose to this Employers the imminent Risk to which You thus expose their Service, and that of the British Nation connected with it.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(signed)

Fort St. George
May 9th 1783

This Morning arrived from Bengal his Majesty's Ship Sea=horse

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9th Sandor and the following letter was immediately sent off to her Commander —

To George Murray Esqr.

Commanding his Majesty's Ship San Carlos

To Capt.n Murray — advising of the death of Gen.l Coote, and demanding the Treasure on board his Ship —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Committee to acquaint You with the melancholy News of the death of the death of the late Sir Eyre Coote K.B — the Board having been informed that there were Four Chests of Treasure just on board the San Carlos by the Governor General Council of Bengal which are the Property of the Company and which the Board have reason to suppose are addressed to the late Com = mander in Chief I am directed by them in consequence of the late Sir Eyre Coote Decision to request that You will please to order the Delivery of them to the Bearer and to no other Person / and he will take Charge of them to me —

10th Received the following letter from Capt.n Murray.

Chas. Freeman Esqr.

Fort St. George

From Capt.n Murray declining Delivering up the Treasure on board his Ship

Sir

The four Chest of treasure put on board the San Carlos, by the Council at Bengal are to be Deliver = ed to Sir Eyre Coote or his Order & not Directed to the Coun = cil at Madras —

I am Sir
Your humble Servant
Signed Geo. Murray

San Carlos
16th May 1783

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Col: Nixon requests a Bond for the balance of his Accounts. —

10th.

Received letter from Colonel Nixon as entered in My Secretary Book enclosing his Account: and requesting a Bond for the Balance. ——

Received the following letter from Major General Stuart —

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

From General Stuart sends to Chingleput for Rice the Carriage of the Army very inadequate Intelligence of the Enemy

My Lord &c.

The preceding is the Copy of my last Address to You. since which I have had the honor of a Note in Duplicate from the President dated the 2d. Instant Acquainting of the Admiral having sailed that Day, and the Provision & Stores Ships might be expected to sail as tomorrow and perhaps the Ship for Conjeeveram sooner, in this uncertainty I immediately at every risk of our Carriage Cattle dying resolved to send a Convoy to Chingleputt for a further Supply. it marched this Night with every care that I could possibly take concerning the Forriage by fixing the Spots where & how long to halt. Colonel Pearce will return with this Convoy to Camp, and I shall think the Public and myself very unfortunate indeed if the Resolution is not at Anchor at Conjeeveram by the time the Convoy returns, meaning the 14th Instant The Army mean while is a dead Mass applicable to its moveing bodely, because the Public and Private Followers are also gone to fetch up. This circumstance will afford Superabundant proof

of

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10th. of the difficulty attending the movements and operations of an Army such as this with such scanty means of Carriage and the small quantity of Rice which from Mr. Sanniers Report to me has been thrown into Chingleputt since I marched on the 21st. this I believe to the utmost of the Agents power will also evince the necessity there was to use all the Carriage of the Army in throwing all the Supplies in our power into that place previous to moving on that day 21st. Ultimo The President informs me also of Your being pleased to shorten the Date of Bills on the Court of Directors in order to raise Money for our use. I trust a Supply will be sent us by the Return of the present Convoy the 11th. from Chingle= =putt. I have desired my Correspondent at Madras to pay into the Treasury what remains of any Arrears of Pay due to me. —

I have intelligence from Allamparvah, Con= =gemeer & Pondicherry that 12 Sail were seen passing from the former Place the 6th. and 20 Sail from Pondicherry the 7th. & that the Flag Staff was crowded, every one being certain of our Fleet. —

I have sent to Chingleputt to be forwarded to Madras five French Deserters, also two Sepoys lately belonging to the 12th. Battn. Capt. Hughes then last two tho they brought their Wives and Families. I did not care to hurt them here and have sent them to their old Battn. The Party lately at the Red Hills retired the night of the 5th. when I sent for Battle, imagining I was coming round them

they

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10th they are now behind the River three Miles from Villanova
The Deserters agree that there are 3000 Effective Europeans,
besides the Sick and the Sepoys, and that Monsr. De Bussy has
had a Return to his Letter from Monsr. De Suffrein that
he will come to his Relief at Cuddalore tho' he should fight
his way thro' our Fleet, But Sir Edward Hughes will doubt-
less keep him in sight and cover our Provision Vessels. Ships.
however no time shall be lost in unloading them & to put every
thing on my part out of Sea Hazard - I have sent a Note
to the Town Major with an Indent for Guns &c for Bermuda
which I beg may be sent to Bonjamee in any separate Vessel
while we are to give assistance, but the Resolution is
not to be detained on that or any Account - I have not heard
from the Southward these ten days - The Report prevails among
the Black people that Tippoo is either Sick or unfit for Business.
a Jewel of some Value was sent to Monsr. De Bussy
from him a few days ago in Return for the French Kings
Present -

Camp at
Bermacool May 8th 1783

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c
Your most Obedient & most
humble Servant
(signed) Jams. Stuart

Sent the following letter to General Stuart

To Genl. Stuart concerning Stuff for the Majesties Frigate Ceres sent to Bengal -

Major General Stuart Commander in Chief
&c &c

Our Packet letter will have conveyed to

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10th to You, the Sentiments of the Committee with respect to a Distinct Staff for His Majesty's Troops — If there were no other reasons, but there are many very strong ones, the new expence to the Company would be alone sufficient. Not however to dwell upon a point already decided, I must express my concern that an Officer whom I respect & regard so much as I do Col: Cathcart should experience any disappointment — I shall esteem myself happy to find an opportunity consistently with the rules of conduct which govern me, to promote his wishes & shew him every mark of attention —

Were Col: Davis to resign his employ, I should most willingly use my best endeavor that Colt. Cathcart should succeed him as Quarter Master Genl. without any distinction whatsoever of Kings or Co.s Troops, which distinction in my opinion, ought ever to be avoided as much as possible — I have always held the same opinions upon this subject, and as they were not taken up, upon slight grounds, I think nothing is likely to change them, but my being better taught from home — I can have no improper Motives to sway my Judgement, in matters of this kind, which if it would admit of a bias would from the line of life in which I have been bred, more easily take the other turn, but I look merely to the Public Service devested of every prejudice or partiality —

Mr. Thompson of the 98th seems very desirous of joining the Army — He is strongly recommended to me & is highly deserving of Countenance & Attention —

I have

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10th

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) Macartney —

P.S. We send You 10000 Pag.s by this Escort —

Received the following letter (from Major General Stuart

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

President & Governor &c.a Select Committee Fort St. George

My Lord &c.

From Gen.l Stuart will send people to Congeneer to answer the Signals from the Ships

I have a few hours ago received a Note from the Right Hon.ble the President of the 5th with the particulars of the Cargo of the Resolution and the Signal from Capt.n Halliday for the Active —

In consequence I shall immediately send a small party to Congeneer to cover the man who makes the Signal agreed to be repeated on our part which will I hope give the means to convey my letter to the Commander of the Active to inform of our situation (as described on the preceding letter) and that it will be the 14th or 15th before I can take the proper position previous to unloading the Ship desiring at the same time if she is not too much crouded, that the Europeans may remain on board untill then. I have also told him of the Admiral having passed Pondicherry the 7th. The Winds have been

See letter 5th Instant

Southerly

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10th Southerly these two days so that I scarce expect to hear of the Letter and Resolution arriving before Monday or Tuesday next ——

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Bermacool 9th May 1783

I have the honor to be &c
[Signed] James Stuart

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

From Genl Stuart
will not know if to
forward the public Commn
unless 2000 Pagodas
a Lack may be sent him
sends a party to bring
mer proposes taking this
Solely from the Reso
lution for Bermacool.

The priority is what I wrote to the Select Committee Yesterday and I have now to offer as an apology for mentioning the Note there taken notice of, I beleive I did myself the honor of acknowledge the Receipt & answering the same My extreme hurry and anxiety to have every thing ready without delay, for thus I expect to answer Your wishes and give You a better Return for Your exertions in support of this greatest of all objects to our Country than by loosing one moment in matters of Form, & I beg leave to offer this once for all as my apology for past & future hurry convinced You will admit of it & that Your Heart & Head will cooperate to the utmost of the means in Your power to carry on this most important Service It will do You credit and on my part I shall not fail on every occasion public and private to do Your Lordship justice both in the Representation and in the use of the Means You will thus afford me ——

The Party with the Flag Staff &c went last night to Conjeeveram and as I have ordered one of them instantly to return when they saw the Ships, I conclude they are yet not at this Station, my people will remain three days concealed

in

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10th in a small tope near the Place. I had indeed mentioned to the Town Major to send an Invalid Haveldar who is also a Cattamaran man in the Ship, and to come here with the letters I suppose this will be the case because even in our next position no flag with the Army can be seen at Sea.

The twenty thousand Pagodas were received few days ago, and I concluded Mr. Welch had mentioned it in course — I have had accounts of 10,000 Pagodas being at Chingleputt and to be sent on to Colonel Pearce, but I must wait for the 20000 by the Resolution before I can order even one Month's pay to the Black Troops, because some ready cash ought ever to be in the Chest both for current Pay to the Company's Europeans and for the expence of Pioneers, working Parties &c &c for the daily duty in the Trenches. Let me therefore earnestly implore your Sendings a Lack instead of 50,000 by the Isis — I am sincerely sorry for the locking up of our Cash. I trust whoever has it will for the public good have it mean while coined so as to be immediately in circulation —

I have just received the Dispatches from the Select Committee in date the 6th & 7th & shall at the first possible leisure from public business that will admit of no delays answer particularly what is required, but I offer the same apology to them as to your Lordship that if the business in action goes on, they will not take amiss a little delays in the writing business, for it often happens & will happen that I can not give my attention to both at the same time —

I have

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10th

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your most Obedient &

Most Humble Servt

[signed] Jam.s Stuart

Camp at Permacoil
May 10th 1783

The 300 barrels of Musket Ammunition said to be
in the Resolution must necessarily be sent back in her to
Madrass to come to us the next Trip as we have no means
of land carriage for it. I have some thoughts of taking
two of the iron 18s from the Resolution to put into
Permacoil the other two may return with the Ship next
Trip but cannot be transported with us on Bullock Carriage

[signed] J. Stuart

11th

Two Boats lent to the Nabob

Received Note from the Nabob requesting
of two Boats to land some Articles for his own Use,
which request was immediately complied with.

Received the following Letters and enclosures
from the Resident at Tanjore —

From Mr. J. Sullivan, with
Letter from Anjengo advising
of the Arrival of the Fame for
at that place, with Accounts
of the Fleet under Command
Bailey —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose a Letter from
the

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11th. the Resident of Anjengo to Your Lordship

I have the honor to be with great

respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient &

faithfull humble Servant

(signed) John Sullivan

Anjengo
24th. April 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship that yesterday the Fairford Company's Ship arrived here on her Passage to Bombay — She sailed from England the 12th. September with the Fleet consisting of Ten Indiamen & three Store Ships under Convoy of His Majesty's Ship Bristol — The Fairford parted Company in order to prosecute her Voyage the 19th. ultimo. in the Latitude of 8 S.o — Longitude 77.57 E.t of G.n Captain Baldare says it were the Intention of Commodore Burney to fall in with the Coast to the Northward of Madras — Two thousand Hanoverians are on board — Both Soldiers & Sailors in good Health

I have the honor to be with great respect

Anjengo
13th. April 1783

My Lord

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) J. Hutchinson

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11th

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

From J. Sulivan Esqr.
transmitting Letters from
Anjengo with Intelligence
of the military operations on
the other Coast.

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit two Duplicates and one original Letter from the President of Anjengo to Your Lordship

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient Servant

Sharcal
5th May 1783

/ signed / J. Sulivan

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord

I have just had the honor of receiving Duplicate of your Lordships letter of the 23d Ultimo — the Original is not yet come pass — And agreable to Your Lordships direction Copy thereof shall be transmitted to Bombay —

— The only information of the least moment that has lately come to my knowledge respecting our Operation on the Coast is the fall of Baila, a Fort of Tippoo Saibs situate between Mangalore & Mount Dilly, which was carried by

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11th by Assault & the Garrison put to the sword — Our Loss consist of Captain Brown on command of the detachment Lieut. Hamilton Scot & 20 Sepoys Private killed —

— Captain Murray with 500 Musquetry & two Field Pieces is stationed a short distance from Cola River, which lies about twenty miles south of Tellicherry, with the intent to obstruct the further Progress of the Enemy, who are encamped on the opposite Banks of it their Force upwards of Five thousand. —

The Enclosures are Triplicate of my dispatch of the 15th & Duplicate of my last of the 17th instant

I have the honor to be with profo respect

Anjengo
21st April 1783

My Lord

Your Lordships most devoted
humble Servant
(signed) J. Hutchinson

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

From J. Salmon Esq.
enclosing copy of letter
from Tellicherry — with
Intelligence from the other
Coast the Enemy enter the
Tuckmiapaty Country —

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose your Lordship a Copy of a letter which I have just received from the Chief of Tellicherry the Hurcarah who brought it was at Calicut on the 17th April where the Enemys Force consisted of about 3000 foot & 700 Horse. he left Pallacatcherry the 23d and

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11th saw there about 400 foot & 20 horse. he heard that the Store of Paddy & Rice in the Fort was very considerable. he passed there Coimbatoore the 25th and heared there were about 600 foot & 15 Horse there, the Paddy & Rice in the Fort did not exceed 10000 Gallums & in the neighbouring villages there was said to be 4000 —

By a letter from Captain Gibbons Steam that Colonel Lang arrived on the 29th Ultimo before Dindigal where he had ordered the Light Infantry to join him from Madura that Corps would want the Sum of 20000 Pagodas in part of the Fifth months pay advanced to the Sepoys since the Army has been formed under Colonel Lang —

A Considerable Body of the Enemy entered the Trichinopoly Country some days since, they have burnt many villages and driven off numbers of Cattle the Detachment stationed in the Tanjore Country to protect the repair of the Amunt, retired to Trichinopoly on intelligence of their approach, and I fear the hopes we had formed from that work, which has already been attended with a considerable expence, will be frustrated —

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient humble Servant

/signed/ John Sullivan

Madrass
6th May 1783

Sir

I have rec'd Your favour of the 13th inst.

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11th & agreeable to Your desire immediately acquainted General Mathews with its Contents Mangalore Surrendered to the General the 9th Ultimo who is now putting it, in a proper State of defence. The Prince of Cherricha it is said has Sub=mitted to the General; but Caimanore (Mopla Govt) Seems determined to make a Vigolours defence, & the Governor has been very Pressing with the Southern Moplas, to prevail on Tippoos People (who took possession of Calicut abt a month ago) to join them & advance against this Place in order I Suppose to prevent us from sending Any Troops from here Should Caimanore be attacked, they have accordingly advanced within about 15 miles of us. the Major part of the Garrison of Pallacatcherry it is said is with them, If Colt Lang takes that Place, it will restore Peace & quietness to this Part of the Coast, have a good effect on the Malabar in general, & open the Communication between You & us what General M: is about, or means to do, I know not for I seldom hear from him, He perhaps is acquainted with Tip motions but private letters from Nagur & Mangalore [illegible] nothing about him I suspect he has found it necessary [illegible] Stop at Syringapatam Private letters from Bombay mention that the Treaty with Madajee Scindy has at length been ratified at Poonah - Sir Edward with 17 Sail of the Line, left this the 1st Instant for Madrass, Out of 520 Men he left here dangerously ill, he has left only about 50, the rest (about 30 excepted) were returned aboard the Fleet fit for Duty —

I have

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11th

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) William Freeman

Pallicherry
11th april 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Select Committee

My Lord Gentlemen

From S.r Sulivan Esq.r
inclosing copy of letter from
Col.o Lang advising of the
Fall of Dindigul

I have the honor to congratulate the
Committee upon the fall of Dendigal it surrendered to
Col.o Lang on the 4th Instant as Your Lordship &c. will
perceive in the accompanying Copy of a letter from Colo
Lang.—

I have the honor to be with

great respect

My Lord Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &

faithfull humble Servant

Karikal
May 9th 1783

(signed) John Sulivan

To John Sulivan Esq.r

Sir

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that
the lower Fort of this place was taken by storm this morning
at

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11th at 4 of lock after having made a sort of a breach - the upper Fort asked bowle in immediately & I was in possession of the whole by 10 of lock - the upper Fort is very strong & had the people been obstinate I must have lost a number of people, but Aravarcourchy was too strong in their minds —

Dindagull
4th May 1783

I am
Sir
Your Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) R. Lang

Sent the following letter to the Marquis de Bussy

The Marquis de Bussy Commander in Chief of the Forces of His Most Christian Majesty

Sir

To the Marquis de Bussy proposing an Exchange of Prisoners —

A letter which I have had the honor of receiving very lately from Monsr. De Suffrein, assures me of his desire for an exchange of prisoners conformably to those Sentiments of Humanity which incline all European Nations to lessen as much as possible, to Individuals, the Calamities & inconveniences of War —

He mentions & I make no doubt from your universal character, that you, to whom all powers from His most Christian Majesty, are now delegated in India are impressed with the same sentiments — And I therefore on the part of this Government with the concurrence of Sir Edward Hughes, Commander

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11th in Chief of his Britannic Majesty's Ships in these Seas, have
the honor to propose to You, that the Respective Prisoners
of both Nations on India be exchanged, without delay, on
the same terms on which exchanges are made in Europe —
Such of the prisoners made by us as we have sent to Bengal
shall be sent for in order to be ready to be restored to You on
the acceptance of this proposal, for Your procuring those Priso-
ners taken from us by the Dutch Arms, whom Mr Suffrein
declares that nothing but necessity could have induced him
to deliver to the Custody of Hyder Ali — The Prisoners who
have been sent to the Isle of France have all or most of them,
I am informed proceeded to Europe where their Exchanges will
no doubt be regulated, and which supersedes the necessity of
taking them into Account here — I presume that Your Excellen-
cy will think it reasonable that the Cartel should extend
to the Dutch as well as French Prisoners in our hands Every
attention shall in the mean time and in all Events, continue
to be paid to such of our Enemies as by the Fortune of War
have fallen or may fall into our hands

I have the Honor to be with every Sentiment
of high Consideration

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11th May 1783

Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Macartney

Sent the following letter to Captain Halliday
of his Majestys Ship Isis.

Captain

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Captain Halliday

of his Majestys Ship Isis

Sir

To Captain Halliday with copies of letters to and from Captn Murray on the subject of the Treasure on board the San Carlos desiring he will order it to be landed

We have the honor to enclose to you a Copy of a letter written by Direction of this Presidency to Captain Murray of his Majesty's Ship San Carlos, and of Captain Murrays Answer on the Subject of Treasure belonging to the East India Company committed to his Care by the Govornor General and Council of Bengal, and consigned to Sir Eyre Coote for the Publick Service. Sir Eyre Coote being deceased we, as the Representatives here, of the Company to whom this Treasure belongs, have demanded it in order to apply it to that publick Service for which it was intended But Captain Murray has not delivered it to us for no other Reason that he alledges, than that it was not directed to the Council of Madras but to be delivered to Sir Eyre Coote or his Order: a Reason which as it cannot be so delivered would, if conclusive leave the possession of this Treasure for ever to Captain Murray. As Captain Murray has not certainly any View of such an Appropriation, he may have waited only for Directions from that Authority, to which he conceives his obedience due, before he parts with this Consignment. That Authority is vested here in You, who being charged to cooperate with the Land forces upon the present intended Expedition against our National Enemies, are fully sensible of the Importance of Supplies for carrying it on. The Army is in the greatest Distress for want of Pay: nor have we any

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11th " any immediate Prospect of furnishing any adequate Relief, unless we obtain it by the Exertion of Your Authority over Captain Murray in the present Instance. We therefore request that You will please to order this Treasure to be immediately lodged in the Treasury of this Presidency, whose Requisition to You will be an ample Indemnification to You and to Captain Murray for Your respective Compliance with the Object of it.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

/signed/ Macartney Hn

Select Committee

Fort St George

May 11th 1783

Sent the following letter to the Paymaster of Nellore.

To Mr William Cram

Sir

To Mr Cram to purchase Slaughter Cattle concerning the Company's duties &c. to send the Cattle & Money to the Presidency.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the President of the 4th Instant.

They approve of your purchasing the Slaughter Cattle therein mentioned, and desire that it may be done without delay and at the lowest price possible. When the Company

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11.th price is mentioned You will please to take notice that it is meant as a check to prevent that price from being exceeded, but not that such a price is to be paid for all the Cattle purchased, it being probable that a great part of them may be worth considerably less than what is called the Com=pany's price. If they cannot be got without ready Money, ready Money must be paid for them, but the Select Com=mittee rely on Your Address and Management to endeavour to procure them on credit as they have at present occasion here for every Pagoda that You can collect

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

/ signed /

P. S. You will send the Bullocks up without delay as also whatever balance of money there may be in Your hands

Fort S.t George

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12.th Received the following letter from Captain Haliday of his Majesty's Ship Isis.

The Right Honble & Honble the Governor & Presidency of the Council Fort S.t George

From Capt.n Haliday declining ordering the Treasure on the San Carlos to be landed

& My Lord & Gentlemen

I am honored with Your letter of Yesterday and have not the least doubt of the Difficulties You labour under

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: 12th : under, and also the distress of the Army for want of pay; but as the Treasure on board the San Carlos was consign- -ed to a particular person, on his order, and that person, demand, I do not conceive I have any authority to order the delivery of the same, and that it becomes a matter of civil concern more than a Military one, I shall do myself the honor to wait on the Governor to day, when I shall have an opportunity of explaining myself more clearly.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient, and
Very humble Servant
/signed/ Chas. Stuart Halliday

Ships in Madras Road,
12th. May 1783

Sent the following letter to General Stuart.

Major General Stuart Commander in Chief

Sir

Your letters of the 6th. and 8th. Instant have been received. The Supply of Slaughter Cattle, which You mention, has been very seasonable, and it is to be hoped that more may be procured in the same manner from the Enemy's Country. To derive assistance from their Resources, being a double advantage which could be procured only by an early march towards the Enemy's Country, they have hitherto drawn Re- -sources from Pondicherry and its Neighbourhood. Your arrival there

To Genl. Stuart on the subject of Supplies sent to the Army unable to get possession of the Treasure consigned to Genl. Coote - The Signals to be made by the Ships Consent of the Enemy as given by two Courtiers - or his not permitting to transmit Copies of the Order to the Southern Army - enclosing Letter to Col. Bufsy & Copy of one to Capt. Halliday

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there may therefore add to your supplies and be an Increase of their Difficulties the Necessity of sending Rice from hence to Chingleput by Land in large Quantities is superseded by those which are Sent by Sea to a more forward Station. We flatter ourselves that the Active and Resolution have reached You before this time as also the Supplies of Cash by Land — The Resolution carried 20,000 ₹ and 20.000 10.000 ₹10,000 in the whole 40.000 ₹ more have been transmitted at different times to Chingleput. 40.000 ₹ more are ready to be Sent by the Sea, and will be put on board this Night This is all that it has as yet been possible to procure, part of it being borrowed in Small Sums of 1500. 2000. 3000 ₹ &c — upon our Presidents private Notes As to the five Lacks of Rupees mentioned to You already Colonel Owen has not consented to deliver them to — The other five Lacks which arrived on Saturday in the Sanbarlos are still on board and the Commander of her says that they are to be delivered to Sir Eyre Coote or his Order, and not to the Council, so that upon that ground they could never be delivered — We are however using our best Endeavours to procure Possession of them Whatever we receive is solely devoted to the Military Service The Convoys have not been ready as soon as there was reason to believe, However the Isis Chaser, Harriet, and Bonetta sherry together with the Ann & Amelia will probably be ready to sail to morrow night and in the course of the week the Sanbarlos, Nicad and Minerva will follow as also that Snow Lindsman

Minerva

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12th Indiamen they will all proceed to the Southward of Cuddalore as You desired where You will continue to communicate Your Instructions to them. Being to Windward, they will easily sail down to such place as You wish, in case You should mean them to disembark even to the Northward of Cuddalore. The Commander of Each Convoy of Supplies for Your Army will hoist the same Signal as was ordered for the Active Vigt a Yellow Flag at the Foretop-Gallant Mast head which You will please to answer with an Union Flag and a pendant over it. The Union and Pendant to be hoisted on a Flagstaff.

Two Deserters arrived here a few Days since and two more Yesterdays. The Account of the two Latter is that they belonged to the Detachment on the Road-Hills which consisted of 200 or 300 Europeans and 500 Sepoys. They say the Number in all of the French force is about 2500 to 3000 Europeans and above half of them Sick, not a great many Sepoys and very few Horse. The two former Deserters gave nearly the same Account, but Such People must be indifferent Judges of Numbers. They had fallen in with the Camp, and said You could not have less than 30,000 fighting Men.

We observe that tho' we wrote to You on the 26th day of last Month to send us Copies of the Letters or Orders You had already transmitted to Colonel Lang or Commanding Officer of the Southern Army and of such

12th. such others as You should thereafter write, and we afterwards repeated the same to You in our letter of the 7th. Instant Yet You have not sent us any such Copies tho it appears by Your letters of the 6th. Instant that You had then already sent orders or letters there, Such a Conduct will reduce us to the Necessity of revoking the Power we had given to You in relation to that Army; and of prohibiting the Officer commanding it from paying any Attention to Your orders, unless confirmed by ours. We are answerable for the movements of our Armies and must be acquainted with them — Inclosed we send You a Copy of an Letter to Captn. Haliday on the subject of his Destination We also send You a Duplicate of an Presidents Letter to Mr. Bolts relative to a Cartel which we desire You will forward to him by a proper Opportunity — We hope to send You Rupees 10000 more = 50000 Pagodas

Fort St. George
May 12th. 1783.

We are
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servants
(signed)

Sent the following Letter to Captain Haliday

Captain Christ Haliday
Commanding His Majesty's Ship Isis &c.

To Captn. Haliday with Instructions to proceed with the Stores Ships to Cuddalore

Sir

Our President having informed us that the Isis, Chaser Barrett or Pondicherry Vessel Amelia, will be

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12th be ready for Sea in the course of tomorrow, with the Troops, Stores & Provisions on board, We request that You will proceed with them to the Southward of Cuddalore, but not further to the Southward than Porto-Novo — As soon as You have passed Cuddalore You will endeavor to communicate with General Stuart or some of his People on Shore, by Signal Viz.t a Yellow Flag at the Main top Gallant mast head to be answered by the General from Shore by a Union Jack & Pendant on a Flag Staff — as settled in Your letter to our President of the 4th Instant a Copy of which was sent to the General. — You will then fix the proper place for the disembarkation and for such other cooperations as may best promote the Service — You will please to direct that the San Carlos should take under her Convoy, the Minerva & such other Transports or Vessels as may be soon ready & proceed in the same manner & with the same instructions —

We hope You will return us the Corps and Transports as soon as unladen, under a proper Convoy to be again employed as before —

We have the honor to be

Sirs

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

/signed/ Macartney

Sel.t Committee

Fort S.t George
May 12th 1783

Received the following letter from Col: Owen

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To John Huddleston Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Col: Owen, — consents to deliver up the Treasure consigned to Sir Eyre Coote, on condition that the Admiral's Bond for one Lac of Pagodas be discharged —

Sir

Your Letter, Dated the 9th Instant Wrote by Order of the Right Honble President & Select committee respecting the Treasure in my posession was not delivered to me, till Yesterday Noon the 11th — That Subject I had previously Weighed, and Considered in all its possible Stages, and Attendant Consequences, and taken my line Decidedly thereon, — this Government, has repeatedly thought proper to Demand, that I Deliver to their Order, the Bullion I have in Charge — On Reasons, Stated in my former letters, of the 2nd & 9th Instant. I have refused Complying with its Requisitions, Be assured, I have well examined the Grounds, and high Authorities, in posession, for such my Refusal, shall either stand Acquitted by the Right Honble President &c Members of Government's Superiors, or if Wrong, must expect Severe Censure.

The Points of Law with all their Studied profuse explanations, expressed in Your last letter I could without the Assistance of Counsel easily refute; But, not being on a Defence, entering minutely, at present on their Investigation would be unprofitable, tending rather to perplex, than further the Service. — My Line of Conduct, during, the most

Arduous

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12th " Arduous Scenes of the present Carnatic War, has not been confined, to what could be termed, barely, my duty In Whatever form Opportunities have presented, of Serving the publick Cause, those I have Uniformity, to the extent of my Abilities, eagerly grasped at, for in such a time of Peril to the State, the Servant who shrinks from Accidental Responsibility heading Cautiously just within Cover of Order, on the Courts, may in most Cases, be justly Styled, but the more Shadow of a Citizen: or a Soldier — Thus much premised, I am happy at an Opportunity, that at present Offers of applying the Above Language to practice, rendering myself amenable to more, than I could in a Court of Law Justify, for the Grateful Satisfaction of being useful to the Service —

Five Lacs of Rupees (in Gold) I have in Charge Consigned, by the Honble Governor General, and Council, to the late Lieut. Genl. Sir Eyre Coote K.B. or his Assigns, of which, by Law, I cannot be Authorised to give over one Rupee, to the Right Honble President and Select Committee —

Capt. Murray of His Majesty's Ship Isis Carlos, has also five Lacs of Rupees on board, under exactly Similar Description — From the Authority of Government You State to me, that the Army is in great want

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12th. Want of Money, that the Military Service may be Materially impeded, if even the five Lacs in my Custody are withheld. I have communicated these Your Dears to Captn. Murray, to whom the Service is much indebted, for the Share of Responsibility, he is Willing to partici=pate with me, in liberating immediately, for the Service of the Army, (contrary to the Letter of the Law Applicable to the Case, and Circumstances in point,) as much as possi=ble of the Ten Lacs in Charge. —

The Orders of the Honble Supreme Council, have Authorised the Lac of Pagodas due to the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, by the late General Sir Eyre Coote to be discharged out of this very Money, that effected, by the Right Honble President and Select Committees Negoci=ations to and which will be Necessary, the Remainder of the Ten Lacs in Question, shall be immediately Delivered over to the Orders of Government. The late Sir Eyre Coote's Bond is in the hands of Mr. Alexr. Cuthbert with Special powers to him and Mr. De Souza to receive the Money, and grant proper Discharges = Mr. Cuthbert Agrees for expediting the Service to Receive such a proportion of the Billion, in payment of the Bond, as will Appear pr. Agency to turn out One Hundred Thousand Pagodas Thus this Business can be Transacted in one Day, and in Consequence thereof, the Right Honble President and Select Committee put to morrow in possession of the Five Lacs and a half of Current Rupees more or less, the residue of the Ten Lacs to

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12th in Charge —

The Right Honble President and Select Committee have in Your Letter of the 6th Instant been pleased to attempt making me responsible, for Failure, Attending our Military Operations, If I withheld from them the Treasure I have in Deposit, and in Your last letter of the 9th Instant I am called upon one more, to Deliver to them, the Treasure in my Possession in failure of Doing which, they will Consider it their Duty to Represent to their Employers, the eminent risque to which I thus expose their Service, and that of the British Nation Connected with it: —

I place the greatest Confidence, that when this matter is examined before so Respectable, and just a Tribunal, It will appear, I have Acted with the Strictest propriety —

As this Case requires instant decision I request You for the information of the Right Honble President and Select Committee, that on no other terms, than that of the Bond being Discharged, will, at present any proportion of the Ten Lacs, be parted with, but should Government Assent the above Arrangement, the whole will be kept in Deposit till the present holders are lawfully Authorized, to pay it according to the Tenor of the Bills of Lading, and in case the Right Honble President and Select Committee, do not Comply with the above Specified Requisitions I am, Contrary to my Inclination, reduced to the Necessity of protesting against the Decision of the Right Honble President and

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Select Committee, and shall hold them responsible, to their Employ=
=ers, - also to the highest of Powers, their King, and Country,
for not possessing themselves immediately, of the Sum of
Five Lacs and a half of Rupees, on an Average, - when by
their Accounts, the Military Service of the British Nation
may be reduced to great Disgrace, for want of even a less Sum=

I am told in Your letter of the 9th Instant, that
You are Directed to put me right concerning a Transaction
which I have connected with the Detention of the Company's
Money, at a Juncture when that Detention may be of
the utmost prejudice to its affairs - that the Faith of this
Government was not pledged as I Assert, for the Repayment
of a Lac of Pagodas borrowed by the late Commander in
Chief, from Sir Edward Hughes out of the first Remittance
which should arrive from Bengal &c. I should not have
taken the liberty of advancing such an Assertion, had I not
proofs, ready to be produced, to our Superiors, that the faith of
Government had been pledged to the late Commander in
Chief, for the Repayment of the Lac of Pagodas to the Admi=
=ral Sir Edward Hughes, out of the first Remittance received
from Bengal, after the Loan took place. -

The Right Honble President, it Appears also is Acquainted
with the Orders of the Honble Supreme Council, respecting
the Repayment of the said Lac of Pagodas. But the matter
of Essential Moment to the State at present is, Govern=
=ment are Offered, possession of Five Lacs and a half of

Rupees

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12th Rupees, to be transfered to them, on every Ground of equity, Reason Attention to the exigencies of the Service, and Conformable etc., to what is known by me, to have been the Views and Instructions of the Honble Governor General and Supreme Council of India, relative to the case in point. — Any Refusal of Acceptance of said Funds as before explained, with all Consequent Risques to the Service from future Detention of the Treasure, the Right Honble Pre= =sident &c. Member of Government must be Answerable for.

I shall hope to be honored with an Answer to this Letter in Course of this Day, and am, with Respect,

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
12th. May 1783

/ signed / Arthur Owen

Returned immediately the following answer

To Colonel Arthur Owen

Sir

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee, to whom I have communicated your Letter of this Day's Date have desired me immediately to acquaint You in answer thereto, that they are ready to receive and give Receipts for any Part of the Company's Treasure arrived in the Resolution and San Carlos, which may

To Col. Owen, — agree to receive the Treasure, and to discharge the Admirals Bond — the opinion of the Board on his Authority for the dispatch of the Treasure. —

12th may be offered to be delivered to them. If You conceive that You have sufficient Authority for detaining, contrary to the Desire of this Presidency, any part of such Treasure for the purpose of discharging a Bond granted by the late Sir Eyre Coote to Sir Edward Hughes, You must suppose Yourself sufficiently authorized to recover such a part without the Consent of this Presidency; and You can deliver to them the Remainder for the Public Service. The Requisition to them, which Your Letter contemplates, to make a Requisition to You to discharge that Bond from that Fund, either implies an Authority in them to dispose of the Same in which case they require the whole to be delivered to them, or the Requisition You make and the Requisition You desire must be equally superfluous, and of which the Event is not to operate upon their Conduct or Yours. If You are justified, as You say You are, in detaining any part of the Company's Money, without the Consent of this Presidency, their subsequent Act can be necessary to Your Justification, and consequently their Consent or Participation cannot be deemed necessary for it; for it furnish You any by You; nor can the Refusal of it furnish You any just ground for withholding the Remainder, to which it Seems in any light You assert no Claim — That Company's Treasury shall be open at any hour You will please to give notice for delivering the Same.

You will please to observe that it does not appear that the Right Honorable the President is acquainted with the

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the Orders of the Honorable Supreme Council to this Government respecting the Repayment You mention. If the Instructions which You mention to be known to You of the Honorable Governor General and Council relative to the case in point be communicated to this Presidency They will pay all due attention to them. They are willing also to receive these proofs which You assert that You have ready to be produced. that the faith of Government had been pledged to the late Commander in Chief for the Repayment of the lac of Pagodas to the admiral Sir Edward Hughes out of the first Remittances received from Bengal after the loan took place. But it cannot be the faith of this Government. for after a deligent search in the Civil and Military Offices here not the least Traces of such an Engagement can be found. —

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
May 12th 1783

(signed)

Received the following letter from Captain Edmonds

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform You that I have just

... Captain Edmonds
... Fort of Dupand given up
... Troops requests orders
... to Commun & the
... of St. Stewart to be
... major

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12th just learnt the Fort of Dupand is given up by the Commum people to an friends Pop Naigue, Jully Basker Naig & Side Mahomed Cawn who have been before It with their Troops about ten days. I understand there was a good deal of grain in the place and have requested it may not be made away with, but can place but little confidence in the management if so irregular a set having no check over them — I expect the return of the Detachment from Masulipatam about the eleventh and as every prepara=tion is made I shall be happy to be honoured with your orders to proceed against Commum Immediately also to appoint Lieut. Geo. Stewart as Brigade Major to the Detachment

I have the honor to be with much respect

Angole
8th May 1783

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Edward Edmonds
Capt. Comdt.

Received the following letter and enclosure from Genl. Stuart

To John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary to Select Committee

Sir

Be so good to acquaint the Right Honble the President & Select Committee that willing to the utm of my power to conform to their wishes in the Communi of

Form Genl. Stuart with copies of his letters to Vellow receives no accounts of the Store Ships —

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12th.

of my correspondence I now transmit the latest letters written by me to Captn. Cuppage Commanding at Vellore; it was meant to have been sent in the Packet of Yesterday, if the time had permitted ——

You will please inform the Committee that hitherto I have no accounts from Conjeveram & that I look for the Convoy from Chinglepett to arrive in Camp the 14th. ——

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
/ signed / Jams. Stuart

Camp at Permacoil
12th. May 1783

Captain Cuppage

Sir

I have Recived Your Letter of the 15th. april and have Communicated the Contents to the Committee with whome. I wish You now to Correspond for the Dispatch of whatever You think is neded at Vellour such as the Repairs of the Chitterbury or other Tanks where of You have wrote me I am glad to observe Your Sucess in Collecting Sheep and other Cattle, were it possible for You to escort them half Way to us it would be a great Relief. You will write me upon this or if that Could not be done to send them to Tripasore and from thence to be Sent to Chinglepett I cant help expressing my surprize that with the natural Consequence of such a place & Garrison as Vellore no method Can be found by the Contribution of the Coul Villages

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Villages to increase Your Store of Grain Captn. Flint at Wanda=
=wash Kept up his Store in that way. If this cannot be done now
that the Carnatic is in fact abandoned excepting that the Pollygars
Keep Cack what is due to the Circar, because they are not
pushed I say Vellore in Every possible view becomes a Burthen
to us. In my idea there needs neither Guards nor Escorts for this.
You have only to Send to the head man of the Village to
tell him You will take the whole unless he Sends a part —
— I have wrote to You formerly to Save as much as You can
by Dress Batta but have had no answer of what has been
Saved or what issued, and therefore in every future letter I desire You
will put in Cypher the quantity of Rice remaining in Store
and the medium daily issue — The Advance of the Army is
at Permacoil of which place we took possession as I believe —
Yesterday, we are moving on to the Southward in proportion as
our Ships with provisions & Stores advance. You will as before
mentioned represent Your Wants with all occurrences to Govt. and
Send a Dupplicate to me to the Army which will be found
upon the move to the Southward. You will endeavour to have
the quiethest & best Intelligence of every thing passing in the
Mysore Country and of the movements of the Enemy in that
Quarter If You have any thread of Correspondence with the
Man at Tyagar tell him that now is the time to take merit
and to make his fortune in giving up that place by the direct
proposal to me now that we have taken possession of Permacoil

Camp 1 of Pallar
27th April 1783

(Signed) Jamd. Stuart

P. S. to the Duplicate dispatched from Permacoil 7th May 1783

The

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12th. The preceding is the Copy of my last letter. I wait here only for the progress of our provisions by Sea the Admiral was off Sadras three days ago You should send me the latest news from the Mysore Country and intercept the Convoys which may come from thence to the Northw.d of Gunjye and Tyagar. of this I should have early notice that I may take measure accordingly In accord with such a garrison and plan You should keep all the Country in readiness in a position in Subjection and fill Your Grain Magazines also. I have intercepted a supply of Cattle already on the Gunjye Road to serve 4 Months

(signed) J. Stuart

13th. Received the following letter and enclosure from Col: Owen.

To John Huddleston Esq.r
Secretary to the Select Committee
Fort St. George

Sir

Your letter of Yesterdays Date, is this Minute received — The Situation I am placed in respecting the Bullion in charge, and the Exigencies of the present Service will not admit of time being taken up, -on what either the Right Honble President &.a Members of Government, or I may advance, on Suppositions Grounds, Inferences Drawn or implications to be Understood —

this

From Col: Owen, is willing to deliver up the Treasure in his charge, on condition the Admirals Board be discharged enclosing Extract of Letter from Govt. Genl. on the subject —

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This Presidency must know, that their Paymaster received the Lac of Pagodas borrowed by the late Sir Eyre Coote, from Sir Edwd. Hughes, and that the same was expended on the Honble Companys Military Service,

For the information of Government, I enclose the Accompanying Extract of a letter from the Honble Governor General, and Supreme Council, to the late Sir Eyre Coote, Dated so long ago, as the 26th August 1782

The Right Honble President & Select Committee, being completely Masters of this Subject, in every Stage, that has occurred here, — also of the Honble Governor General and Supreme Councils Requisitions that the Admirals Bill should be Discharged — The plain Question I require an Answer to, Yes, or No, is as follows —

Will the Right Honble President &c. mem=bers of Government, go hand and hand with me, for the Public Service — Affording me What, I shall think com=petent, for Covering, my Casual Risque, of either Paying the Admiral, or Transfering over any part of the Ten Lacs, to the Order of this Government, their Authority for taking up the late Generals Bond, out of the Funds Arrived on the Resolution, and Sans Carlos — On these terms the residue of the Ten Lacs, after the Bond is payd, shall be at their dis=posal, their Refusal of this most equitable Demand, will Lock up the whole Ten Lacs at present from the Service, and for all Consequences attending the Detention of the Bullion, this Government must be Answerable —

I have

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I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

/signed/ Arthur Owen

Fort L.t George

13.th May 1783

12 o'clock Noon

Extract of a letter from the Honble Governor General and Supreme Council. to the late Sir Eyre Coote K.B.

Dated Fort William

26.th August 1782

We request, that You will Repay the Accounts out of the first Supplies, You receive, any Sums which You may have borrowed from him, for the use of the Public Service. —

We are with Esteem

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servants

/signed { Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson

true Extract

Arthur Owen

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Tuesday
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At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President
Anthony Sadleir Esqr & Morgan Williams Esqr
Major General Stuart absent on service
Alexander Davidson Esqr indisposed.

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Mr Williams takes his seat in Committee —

Mr Williams being arrived at the Presidency, in consequence of his having been appointed a Member of the Select Committee in the room of Mr John Holland, he now attends the Committee, and the usual Oath of Secrecy being administered to him he takes his seat at this Board accordingly

Read the following Dispatches from the Southward

To the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

From Col: Lang — taken Possession by Storm &c: exculpating himself from the Censure of this Committee enclosing copy of his letter to Genl Matthews —

My Lord & Gentlemen

I had the honor to acquaint Your Lordship and the Gentlemen of Committee with the fall of Cavoor on the 3d Instant I have now the honor to acquaint You of this place having been taken by Storm the 17th first having effected a breach, in which 400 of the Enemy were killed and wounded — Your Lordship &c will no doubt think it extraordinary that I have not been before Tindigal on this, but I must assure You that want of Rice is the reason. I am now moving on with ten days for my fighting

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Men and not a handful for my public followers. — I am sorry by Your last letters to find that I have fallen, Your displeasure, I only hope that You will not condemn me till You have seen the Council of War held by your orders. — By which You will find that the Southern Army is not able to cope with Tippoo's whole force, besides other Matters which I shall lay before You. for my own Justification I will prove to You that I have acted like a faithful Servant, to my employers and as an Officer that knows the People he commanded and what could be done with them. in the mean time I take the liberty of enclosing You a Copy of a letter which I wrote Genl. Matthews the 13th. in which may perhaps be Satisfactory

I have the honor to be with the

Camp at Aravacurchy utmost Respect.
25th April 1783

My Lord Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
/signed/ R. Lang

To General Mathews —

Dear Sir —

Accept my most Sincere Congratulations on Your various Success, and my best wishes for their Continuance. was it in my power to contribute thereto be assured my utmost efforts should be exerted: not only in Conformity to my own Sentiments but also to those of Government who

who have pointed it out to me as a principal object and may pro=
=bably have given You hopes and expectations It becomes me
as the best judge of affairs here to explain matters When
I landed to the Southward early in October last I found a scene
of confusion & discord throughout the provinces the Small de=
=tachments that had at different times been sent into the
Field had as often been Cut off by a superior force or
after of the Revenues & produce Garrisons without Stores or
the means of Subsistence Troops without pays or Confidence
more to me to mutinies than Field days Sepoys exposing
their Families that & finances reduced to the last extremity
Such Troops as Circumstances I Collected and by throwing every
advantage in power (slender as it might be) in their pay by
degrees removed their former impression and I now Confess with
pleasure Desertion has been unknown amongst us. now for
their Consideration, than one means of gratifying them
After Securing the Garrison of Tanjore and Trichinopoly
with a quantity of Grain I proceeded Westward with my people
seven Months in Arrears, the man indeed to move upon a pro=
=mise of money forth coming upon the fall of Cavoor This
place I found much stronger than had been represented however
after an active opposition I gained a Lodgement on the Court
of the Glacis, with the loss of upwards of 100 men. half of them
Europeans out of the small number I had with me. The
Enemy got off in the Night, but our Expectations were
every way disappointed, and made our progress a matter
of the most serious Consideration. Upon a Council of
War being held of which I had the orders of the Board, it was

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unanimously Determined that neither our Force or resources were at present sufficient to penetrate further Westward. Until means, and Reinforcements should be Collected, in Conformity to my own plan I advanced further when I met opposition little expected and a Force in the Field at my heels to relieve the place, but steadyly to my first object, breached, Stormed and made the Garrison pay dearly for their defence - We still Labour under all the difficulties of want of Subsistance and Money, and have little hopes from any Conquests we are equal to of procuring them for besides the Enemy that follows us, we know of a still more formidable Body near Palliacherry that of itself is too strong for one force under the various obstacles that present themselves, I am now living from hand to mouth, and obliged to move in search of provisions, the my force does not exceed 400 Europeans Infantry, 3000 Sepoys, and 4 or 5 00 Nabobs horse, a burthen to one than otherwise Our Fleet passed Porto Novo the 12th. Instant and from private information I Conclude that the Grand Army has moved towards Cuddalore and then I shall be ordered to Cover or join them nor do I see how they can subsist, without our procuring them the means You will probably from this account how far I am Capable of making a diversion in Your favor and I shall in future with the same Candor inform You of every thing that may happen me our future Operations in the meantime Believe me.

Dear Sir

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18th April 1783

Dear Sir

Your very truly & Obedient Hble
(signed) Ross Lang

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

From John Sullivan Esq. with Copies of letters to & from the Rana of Mysore's Ministers & to Col: Lang — On Col: Langs ceding Carroor to the Ranas ministers — On his Negotiations with the Poligar of Worriar-holleam Varrialoo request-ing permission to proceed to the Presidency —

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordship &c the translate of two letters received from Tirumul Row the Minister of the Rana of Mysore, with the Copy of my Answer & of a letter which I addressed at the same time to Colonel Lang. —

Had the Colonel done me the honor to have Consulted me on the important measure of ceding the Fortress of Carroor immediately to Tirumulrow, I certainly Should not have thought myself at leberty to have advised the Cession particularly by so public an act as that of displaying the Colours of the Rana, who being in the power of the Enemy may possibly pay the forfeit of this overact in her friends. I should too have thought it necessary to have waited untill a part at least of the Stipulated lack had been paid for tho no precise time was fixed in the bowle for the pay-ment of the first lack. I had obtained a promise from Tirumulrow that it should be advanced on the fall of the first important fortress and I think it my duty to inform Your Lordship &c that I never in the most distant manner gave him to expect that the Mysore flag Should be displayed at so early a period, or that he was

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to act in the Conquered Districts in any other Character then as manager for the Company untill the ratification of the Commissioners Bonds Should be received from the Supreme Council, and untill the General Situation of Affairs Should render it advisable to announce the Alliance with the Rana. —

Colonel Lang will no doubt explain to Your Lordships &c. his reasons for having taken so decided a Measure without any Communication with the person to whom You had entrusted the Negotiation, and for the profound Silence he has observed on the Subject of Tirumalrow's failure, and of the Objects to which his Attention is now directed —

I would not Suffer this Conduct on the part of Colonel Lang to deter me from Continuing my enquiries or from Communicating to him Such information as the application of Sixteen months has enabled me to obtain, but that in the ignorance I am left, my enquiries might be directed to the West, while Colonel Lang Should be marching to the North, or I might be pointing out Resources in Situations to which he had turned his back — +

I have not been less disagreeably circumstanced with respect to the Polygars of Warriarpollam and Arrialore than in the Negotiation with Tirumalrow —

Your Lordships &c. have been acquainted in Several letters, that I had established an intercourse of Confidence with those Polygars & that I had particularly recommended to them not to take any Steps that might Commit them with the Enemy, untill we had the

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When Tippoo Saib marched into the Mysore Country early in the last month, the Opportunity Appeared to me favorable and I applied to Colonel Lang by Letter of the 7th March, to order a Detachment of Sepoys then encamped near the Cavery, to Cross into Worriarpollium. but Col. Lang did not think it Advisable to comply with my application as Your Lordship Hon will See in his letter of the 8th Ultimo fortunately the attention of the Enemy has been for Some time devoted to Col. Lang's army, the Polygar of Worriarpollium has availed himself of their Absence to liberate himself from the Yoke of Tippoo Govern-ment, and upon a Call from me he has sent his Son Hfamely into this place, having first seized on & confined the few people whom the Enemy had left in his Country. — The Ariallore Poly-gar has not been So fortunate, his Correspondence with me has I fear been discovered, as he was Conveyed Some days since under a guard, without the limits of his District. his Brother who has not fallen under Suspicion has sent to assure me that he will do every thing in his power to assist the Company & for from the promises made to me by the Principal —

Your Lordship Hon can well Conceive the advantages which we may hope to derive from having those Polygars in our interest at a time when the Main Army may So soon be expected to arrive before Cuddalore the family of Worriarpollium now with me, is a Security of the Strongest kind for every exertion on the part of the Principal. but if Tippoo Saib or the French should Send a detachment against

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Deprived in this manner of every meand to give efficacy to my Negotiations & in a very impaired State of health occasioned by Continued anxiety from disappoint- = ment where I expected Support, I beg Your Lordship &c. will indulge me with permission to proceed for a few days to the Residency, as well for the benefit of my health from the Sea Air, as that I may be able to look into the state of my own private Affairs. I beg to assure Your Lordship &c. that I will most Chearfully leave them & every other Concern to attend to the execution of Your Commands, the moment You shall judge it necessary. —

I have the honor to be with the Greatest Respect. —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &

Most faithfull humble Servt.

(signed)

Tanjore
25th April 1783

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Most faithfull humble Servt.

Tanjore
25th. April 1783

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+ Tirumaleurayen, born at Tyreng apatam presents his Salam to John Sulivan Esqr. april 10th. written at the River Side

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side at Caroor.

Your letters, which You have sent me I have Joyfully received. When we marched against Caroor, all the troops in the Fort of Caroor & its Suburb, at Sangagiri & Paramally - con=sisted of 1500 men. Sibendi people 300 Gutti people 300 Sibendi Seapoys 40 - & 70 horses —

At the approach of our troops 500 Kandasari people - & 300. Sitterakal people took Care of the Fort - the rest vizt 1000 Kandassari people 300 Sibendi / European - 2 Topasses & 2 Guns likewise some Sibendi people defended the Suburb / Pettu / The Subuadar Subaun Ayengar - was in the Suburb. All the Inhabitants were ordered to retire. Ay=engar remained with his family in the Suburb. This man got some Inhabitants together & sent them to Kudittal where our troops then were I spoke with those people & sent them back with a letter. —

They, being conducted by our Collieries, arrived at Caroor that same night. My letter was delivered to Ayenkar - This very Ayenkar acquainted me daily with all things belonging to the Fort, which news I imported to Col: Lang. —

The Sibindi people, who defended the Suburb had form been in the Company's Service, along with the European they foug one day But the 1000 Kandasari, people who were in the Fo did not fire One Shot, which Col^l. Lang knows very well — The next day our people made a breach in the wall, the Europe=an was wounded - the Sibandi people run into the Fort - Kandasari Ayengar remained in the Suburb, because he was not a fraid of our people with whom he sided. Col^l. Lang permitted

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the Seapoys to plunder the Suburb — Said the people who hurt me, and here in the Suburb to whom I have entrusted You Col: Lang, then 3 days to give bowle, therefore it is wrong to plunder them people —

The Col: replyed I have taken the Suburb by Storm. How can I know & Distinguish the People who were fighting from those who have not been fighting This Saying the Col: went to the Suburb & desired me to stay in Camp — The Suburb and desired me to stay in camp — The Suburb was plundered Ayenkars house likewise, but he Escaped by running up to the Glacis of the Fort — the people. Seeing that the place was plundered, dispersed When Ayenkar came into the Fort the Baikshi charged him with all their misfortunes & put him into Prison — Five principle people of the Kandayan men — were confined, being put in Irons — The Accomptant of Ayenkar was treated in the Same manner — all these things are well known to Col: Lang. —

When our people attacked the Fort the Baikshi & Guttie people defended the place — the Kandayan people came to me to the Amount of 250 — Stated the Col: that I intended to keep these people & to Send them into the Country. The Guttie people made a Sally in which some of them & our people fell — but those people who were on our Side in the Fort, did not come out, the Killadar perceiving their good Will towards us. Sent them

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them out the Fort through the Northwest Gate to Langa= =gavi - Ayenkar was carried away with ropes about his Arms - the fate he met with is not Yet known - Some of those people, who had been turned out of the Fort came into our Battery & told the Story. by which means Coll. Lang was informed of all those transactions -

Friday when I came to Sunnappa reddy; pollam some of the head people came to me - whom I introduced to the Coll. Those people said, that there was a Fort Southward called Willeanne, which was at the border of the Poly= =gar people & that if it was not taken no provision would be brought to our Camp - Moreover they said, that all the 100 people who kept the Fort were on the interest of their Old Master, & that, if a Coul was sent them they would deliver the Fort to us. I considered this piece of News & sent Letters & a Guard of my own to that Fort - The people within gave the Key of the Fort to my people - This affa I explained to the Coll. requesting a Guard of Seapoys to garrison the Fort

The Coll. assured my request telling me th I might put in my own people Accordingly took 50 Sebendies & made a man called Subarow, Killadar - Th Small Forts belonged to Willeanne which I ordered to b demolished The Enemies horse are about Carroor plunder & Playing waste the Country -

In the Fort of Carroor there was the b

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of Anudana Sette, as I formerly wrote You /Mr. Sulivan/ But Anadana Sette Settaramo Sette Guru mierte Setter have ban there. But Seeing the Suburb plundered they went to the Fort - & from thence to Sengiegeri. —

The letters which You wrote me the 24th 25th instant fall into the hands of the enemies horse - to day the Mercurrah arrived —

I have 11000 Kalam of Paddy at present. I shall deliver it According to the Colonel orders. —

As the Suburb & the Country round about has ben plundered it is impossible to raise money. I have sent off to Polygars as soon as I get the Money, I will pay it. —

All what I have delivered to the Company in Paddy Rice Thus far I keep an exact Account of. whatever You have begun go on with it there is at present in the Country about 10000 Cullum of Paddy ready to be cut. But the Enemies horse are plundering of the Coll. as I have Requested, would give 5 Companies of Seapoys, we might Collect that Paddy - But the Coll. has not yet given me an Answer to my Request — I intreate the Coll. to supply my Sebundi people with some Powder in order to cover & Collect the grain, but he referred me to You Such is the Condition we are in at present -

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Translation of Tenmalie rayen April 18th at Ara-
-vakurichi -

I have received all Your letters which have
yours

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rejoiced me - The Fort of Arawakurichi was taken by us April 7th at Noon - The Kilidar Amildar & some Merchants were taken Some escaped - none of the Hircarrah has been taken - Whatever was found in the Fort has been plundered, as at Caroor - As the Enemies Seapoys & Horses, who were encamped at the river Side of Ambaravadi, Saw that the Fort was taken, they retired Westwards at the distance of 4 Miles. The Inhabitants who fled, are not yet come back If the enemies horses retire some what further, the Inhabitants will come - & the Affairs of Government will take place - Some of the Polygars are come to us - But my mind is uneasy, Seeing that the Engagement, which we have made with the Company, is not Strictly observed. The Commanding Officer of our Camp is not quite friendly to me - The reason is this, He demanded the Lack of Rupees at Caroor according to our promise. My reply was as follows. My Master has appointed Some merchants & managers to pay the promised Lack of Rupees - These people came for that purpose & sent their Servants to our Camp who Said: As Soon as You take the Suburb we will join Your people of all this I gave full information to the Col.l But the Col.l delayed his going to the Suburb till the next day - These people who were ready to come waited for us near the Ditch of the Fort - & as none of us appeared, they were detected & taken prisoners by the Killidar when the Killidar quitted the Fort, he took them along as prisoners. This is the reason of my not having performed my

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my promise - as the horses commit ravages. the Inhabitants
are an afraid of returning to their houses However in Collecting
Paddy Stops - Tho' I have done what I could - There is an
harvest of 7000 Kalam in the Country I requested of the
Col: to afist me with a Battalion of Seapoys, promising
to Collect 10.000 Kallams of Paddy He Consented at first
but after two days he marched with the Camp. Represent-
-ed to him to stay 10 Days, in which time I might get
10000 Kallam of Paddy & 10000 Pagodas - He answered
that it was impossible for him to Stay. I required 400
Kalam of Rice which I procured that very night about
7 o'clock - As the Enemies horse are near the harvest &
Money have been lost. -

The Inhabitants likewise addressed the Coll.
promising to procure 10.000 Pag. & 10000 Kalam of Paddy,
in case the Coll. would Stay 10 Days longer - the rejected
their request & proposal — However I endeavor to pro-
-cure money by all possible Means that the Company
may get Money & that our Credit may be established But
not being assisted by the Commanding Officer, it will
not do

It is a blame, or fault, that I have not been able
to pay 1 lack of Rupees as soon as Carour was taken

The Enemies horses are encamped here about &
I have no Sebendi - I begged of the Coll. to let me have
some Seapoys. but he refused to do it otherwise we
might get some Paddy out of the Country - The Coll. said,
If our Seapoys must go to fetch Paddy, what are You for -

Mr.

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- Mr. Sullivan has Spoken to me in a different manner from what I see now in Your Conduct. -

When I left Trechinopoly I came near Caroor Sent off 6 Harkars to Coombettoor to fetch the Jewels - Two of those Harkars have been Killed - Four arrived I took great pains to find out those people who were intrusted with the keeping of the Jewels & I heard that they were at Daraburam Now from Aravakurichi to Daraburam there is a dist of 3 Kadams or 30 English miles the Enemies horse are roving about - If the Jewels are brought by the South Side, they will fall into the hands of the Polygars. who will find a letter wen in our Camp -

I have Represented all this to the Coll. who Absolutely refuseth to let one have any Sepoys I told him that My Masters honour would Suffer that Mr. Sullivan would be Angry with me The Coll. replied As to the Payment of the first Lack of Rupees we see all this Work what Security Can You give us that the other nine Lacks will be paid. What way or Method Can You propose I answered I will find means to Collect it from the Country. ——

The Coll. Said How will You get it from the Country Seeing that the Enemys horse are every where. —

I replied I will do what I can and what I cannot do. My Masters must pay -

The Coll Said Our Camp wants money I will write to Mr. Sullivan If he can Supply us, well & good If not, I must return to Trechinopoly - Such things happen

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here — All means are used to Drawn us —

As I have not been able to pay the first
Lack. I cannot Open my Lips — & this is the reason why
I Dont write You daily though I am much inclined to Do it —

If the Commander hates me What can be
done.

To Trimulrow

I have received Your letters of the 16 & 17th
Instant —

When the Mysore Colours were hoisted in
Carroor & the Management of the District was placed in
Your hands, I expected to have heared that You had ad-
vanced money for the Support of the Army — that had in
so public a manner proclaimed the alliance between the
Company and the Ancient Family of Mysore: instead
of this Your letters inform me that Your friends were —
Alarmed because Cowle was not sent to them by the
Colonel. that they were Suspected by the people in the
interest of the Enemy: that they were imprisoned & Carried
away when Tippoo Garrison evacuated the Fort. That after
we took possession of the place, the Enemys horse plunder
the Country and that when our Army marched from Carroor
Your Friends could not Stir for fear of being Cutt off by
the Enemy —

I will not Dispute any of those Circumstances
with You, but You must allow me to Say that a man of

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Your Ability & experience Should have foreseen that many such circumstances would fall out in war, and that You should have provided against them. —

'A failure of engagements in the first Stage of any business, but particularly in one of the kind You have undertaken must necessarily cause Doubts & distrust as to what may follow and Such doubts may have very bad Consequences with respect to the interests of the Rana. to a man of Your wisdom

Trichinopoly 23d April 1783

I need not say more —

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To Colt. Lang Commanding the Southern Army

I have had the honor to receive Your Letter of the 17th. & transmitted a Copy to the Select Committee —

Tho I have not been favored with any Communication from You relative to Tumulcotta, Since he joined the Army the Circumstances of hoisting the Mysore Colours in Garoor gave me to hope that he had Satisfied You by the performance of the promises he had respectively made to me of advancing one Lack of Rupees upon the reduction of Garoor His own Letters have given me the first information that he had not fulfilled his promises, and that the friends upon whose assistance he had relied were themselves deprived both of fortune & liberty —

Desirous the benefit of your information by the Silence You have observed, and Circumscribed by a wish for the Colours which You hoisted, I found myself much embarrassed the enclosed Copy of a Letter which I now address to Tumulcotta

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well too well explain this tho it but faintly expresses my disappointment —

I will continue by every exertion in my power to assist the Army with money, and that no delay might happen during my Absence I have requested of Major Bruce to receive such money as may be collected from different places & immediately to advise You and forward it as You may direct —

The impaired state of my health makes it necessary that I should try a change of air, and I am now in my way to Nagapatam.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) John Sullivan

Tanjore
25th April 1783

The Committee have as yet received no Com
= munication from Colonel Lang of his reasons for
putting the Mysore Agent in Charge of the Countries,
& for hoisting the Mysore Colours, but Mr. Sullivans
observations on the subject shew the measure to have
been impolitic, and premature —

Minute thereon

Agreed that Mr. Sullivan be informed that
he has our permission to come to the Presidency, but
that We hope no motive less urgent than ill health will
induce him to avail himself of it as We consider his

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present to the Southward of essential consequence to the publick Interests at this critical period.

The President to settle with Capt. Fenwick for the hire of the Success Galley -

The President informs the Committee that Captain Fenwicke of the Success Galley is willing to freight that Vessel to the Company to carry Arms and Gunpowder to the Army for 2 months at 6000 Rupees for month payable by Bills on Bengal one months freight to be paid if the Vessel should be taken Pondgony to the Southward and the President recommends that his Offer be accepted - The Committee agree to take up the Success Galley and the President is requested to adjust the matter with Captain Fenwicke - The Secretary lays before the Committee an account received from Captain Snow of the expenditure of the provisions sent on board the Winterton in England for his Majesty's Troops, from which it appearing that the whole Stock was expended, Agreed that Captain Snows Bill for Allow. Sugar &c. furnished by him to his Majestys Troops on their passage amounting to £ 134-19-4 be discharged by Bills on Bengal, and the amount carried to the head of the 16th Hanoverian Regiment for extra charges -

Bills on Bengal granted to Capt. Snow for - Sundries furnished to the Troops &c. on board the Winterton.

From Mr. Brown on the Revenues of the Tinnevelly District -

The President lays before the Committee letters from Mr. Brown of the 20th March 2d and 28th April containing a full and clear statement of the situation in which he has found the Revenues in the Tinnevelly Country and recommending several immediate arrangements

agreed

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Minute thereon —

Agreed that the letter be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Assigned Revenue.

The President informs the Committee that he is under some difficulty with respect to the Nazir from the Rajah of Travancour, whether to accept it an account of the Company or return it to the Rajah, but having refused a similar Nazir offered by the Rajah of Tanjour the Pre=sident inclines to prefer the latter — The Committee re=quest of the President to determine the point as his Lordship may judge most proper.

The President's Sentiments on a Nazzer presented to him by the Rajah of Travancour.

Read the proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue of the 14.th and 21.st April and 5.th Instant / as lodged in the Office / together with Copies of Petitions from the Renters and Inhabitants of Pullicat also petition from two of the principal Inhabitants of Chinglepute, complaining of grievous oppressions committed against them by the Commandant Dubash. —

Proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue on Complaints preferred by the Inhabitants of Pulicat and Chinglepute —

The Committee having perused and considered

Minute thereon —

the proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue, together with Mr. Irvins letters to the Right Honble the President entirely approve of both and it is agreed that the following letters be written to the Committee of Assigned Revenue and Mr. Irvin —

To Charles Oakeley Esq.r

&c Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

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To the Committee of Assigned Revenue concerning the Conduct of the Tinnevelly Renter the Complaints of the Inhabitants of Pulicat the conduct of Mr. Sullivan regarding the Tinnevelly Renter and the Rammad Contracts

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter with extracts of your proceedings of the 19th and 21st. April and 5th. Instant also Copies of Petitions from the Renter and from the Inhabitants of the District of Pulicat.

The Select Committee observe with great satisfaction the attention you have paid to the Affairs of the Tinnevelly Country and entirely concur with You in the opinions You have expressed upon that subject.

They regret with You that the conduct of the Tinnevelly Renter should have been such as to render necessary that Interference in the management of his Farm which is not with the System they would wish to establish in all the Assigned Countries, but the loss already sustained by the Renters flagrant abuse of his trust, and the actual situation of the Revenues in the Tinnevelly District leave no other alternative - the Select Committee have therefore resolved to invest Mr. Rowan with the Authorities You have recommended should be given to him together with Instructions conformable to your opinions, on the other points stated in his letter

The Committee observe with great concern the continuation of the Complaints of the Renter & Inhabitants of the District of Pulicat on account of the seizure of their Cattle - The Commanding Officer at Coromandel & Tripassore

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well be written to again upon the subject but the Committee are apprehensive it will not be possible to put an entire stop to the evil which the War Continues To remedy it in the present Instance as far as is practicable the Select Com=mittee desire You will come the exact number taken to be ascertained and paid for at equitable rates out of the revenue - the Bill from the Inhabitants of Setwar will be referred to the agent in order to be of the Bullock. at reasonable rates

The Select Committee concur also in the satis=faction You express with the explanation given by Mr. Sulivan of his motives for interfering with the Trichi=nopoly Renter, and in the whole of Your reasoning on the subject, conformably to which Instructions will be sent to Mr. Sulivan, and authority given him to fulfill his promise to Kissenrow as far as can be done with propriety by - appointing him to act as Canongoe until the arrival of Nukerpenrow at Trichinopoly and afterwards as his deputy.

The Select Committee concur also in Your opinion of the Impropriety of Vencata Soubeya's conduct in not having first acquainted Mr. Sulivan with his Complaints against Mr. Palk and they desire You will cause a letter to be written to Vencata Soubeya on the Subject. —

Respecting the Affairs also of the Ramnadpo=rum Country the Select Committee will write to Mr. Sulivan as You recommend, and when the situation of Affairs will permit they will order a Body of Troops to be stationed

there

there for the better Security of the Revenue but from the good character of the Officer who commands at Ramnadpuram, his long experience in the Affairs of that District, and his exertions during the present War. the Select Committee think it might be prejudicial to remove him at present from that command or to supersede him in it — We shall however desire the opinion of Mr. Sullivan on the subject.

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed)

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Cayley Irwin Esqr.

Sir

Our President has laid before us Your letters of the 20th March, the 3d and 19th April and 1st Instant.

We observe with great concern the distracted state in which You have found the Tinnivelly Country, and the loss of Revenue already sustained by the misconduct of the Renter, his Incapacity and failure in his Engagements — having fully considered Your representations upon this subject and taken the opinion of the Committee of Assigned Revenue upon them — adverting also to Your great distance from the Presidency which may in particular cases render it inconvenient and Detrimental to wait for orders from hence

and

To Mr. Irwin — investing him with discretionary Authority in the management of the Revenues of the Tinnivelly District, the Country to be placed to your Advantage for farming the Revenues to adjust the Polygars Tributes — to dismiss the Shanadars — to employ some of the Rebels Servants — Mr. Preston Pay to come on the conduct of the Madura Renter & approving of his Conduct —

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and above all reposing the utmost Confidence in Your Inte-
-grity, and Zeal. We have resolved, and do accordingly hereby
invest You with discretionary power to act for the benefit &
Security of the Revenue as exigencies may require, and to adopt
the measures of Your own Judgement in all cases where You
shall be of opinion the publick Service would be impeded, or
injured by Your waiting for orders from us. and in
particular We empower You to take into Custody the
persons of the Renter and his Servants if You shall continue
to think that measure necessary in order to discover the
secreted efforts of the late Tremoliere Moodely. and to
secure for the Company the Sums which both the
late and present Renter have embezzled of the Publick Re-
-venue.

The losses which the misconduct of those men
has occasioned, and of which we can only hope that a part
may now be retrieved by Your Exertions, make it necessary
that We should look forward and endeavor to guard against
such consequences in future.

From what You have already discovered, and
informed us of the conduct of Tetrapha Moodely it is plain
that he possesses neither Capacity, nor Integrity, and as
he has indisputably forfeited his Covenant by a failure
in the express conditions of it We empower You to cause the
same to be annulled, and the Farm taken from him
leaving the measure entirely to Your discretion and We desire
that if You determine on carrying it into execution, You
unite

will cause our reasons for it to be publickly declared / at such time as You shall judge most convenient / in order that the Inhabitants may see that it is founded in Justice, and that it may operate as an example in future to all who may become Renters, or contract any other Engagements with the Company.

If You should resolve on this measure We desire You will make publication that proposals will be received by You for renting the Tinnivelly Country for the Phasely Years 1193 1194 and 1195 subject to any orders relative to the Assignment which may come from the Court of Directors and as You recommend that the Province be divided into twelve farms We authorize You to advertize it in that manner, and You will send the proposals to us, or to the Right Honble the President, with Your Sentiments on each taking Care to be very particular in ascertaining, and communicating the real Character, and circumstances of the persons who may offer You will advise us of the names of the several Districts that We may issue advertisements here also for the several farms From the time of Tumbaypa Moodelys Could buy annulls till a new one shall be granted to others, You will take care to appoint proper persons to secure the Revenue, as Renters

As it would appear that the Irregularities committed by the Polygars have arisen in a great measure from the Arbitrary demands made upon them by the Renters for an indefinite Tribute We have resolved that the Farms shall not include the Polygars Peishcash, but be entirely distinct, and separate from

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from it - this You will accordingly publish in Your adver-
=tisements, and We authorize You to come to equitable adjustment
with the poligars for their respective Bellomes and for their
current Tribute, receiving from them separately what You can
prevail on them to pay, and endeavoring to conciliate them
by such concessions as You may judge suitable to the
times, and to their Circumstances, and also to the consideration
of the important advantages to be derived from the making
them permanently our friends, and attaching them to Govern-
=ment from Inclination as well as duty. You will observe
The above paragraph relates to those Poligars who pay a
Tribute & are more properly Zemendars such as Cuddle
Bomma Nayk &c but does not extend to those who are merely
watchers & from circumstances ought to depend upon the
Renters - In accounting with the Renter for the rent already
due You will of course make a reasonable allowance
for losses proved to have been sustained by the depredations
of the poligars. By what You have stated of the conduct
of the Shenistadar he appears to be altogether unworthy
of holding an Office of so much trust and Importance
and unless he shall have returned to his duty and given
You entire satisfaction as to the cause, and manner of
his absenting himself, We desire You will dismiss him
from his Office, and appoint a proper person in his room
subject to our Confirmation

We entirely approve the protection You afford-
=ed to Manaravil Pillah against the violence of the Renter, whom

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solicitude to have him delivered into his hands is a strong presumption of his guilt It will now be unnecessary to keep Mamavarel pillah under restraint, but it is proper that he should give Bail agreeably to his Offer for what it shall appear he is indebted to the Center — We hope this man will endeavor to merit the Company's favor by making to You a full disclosure respecting the management and effects of Tanjore and Tabapah Moodelys.

With regard to Your recommendation on the subject of the late servants of the Nabob it is far from our Intention that any of them should be left destitute Those among them on whose fidelity You can rely We are willing should be employed in Offices adapted to their abilities and that such of the rest as are in indigent circumstances should be allowed a monthly stipend for their support We must here remind You that the charitable Allowances in the Tinnevelly Country were not struck off, but have ought to have been disbursed by the Center We suppose therefore that in the Nabobs Servants whom You allude to the pensioners are not excluded as they were to be maintained from this Fund.

With regard to Mr. Proctors Allowance he is to receive it as at first settled to the time he was relieved from his Office by Your Arrival at Tinnevelly Before this letter reaches Your hands We hope You will have received from Mr. Proctor his accounts in which You will be careful to admit no charge against the Country except what shall clearly appear to You to have been actual

actual, and unavoidable Expence.

The circumstance You mention of the Madurate Renter having charged the Grain delivered to Captain Gibbings at 17 Gold fanams for Cullum while the price in the district was only 10 or 12 fanams. requires that Investigation. if after such Investigation You shall find it true We desire that You will not only insist on the difference being carried back to the Companys Credit, but inform the Renter that on proof of his being guilty of any similar act of delinquency in future he will be considered as having forfeited his bowle and with it all claim to the Companys favor and protection.

We approve of the conduct You observed at the Interview with Catabominaigue and in particular of Your answer to his request of the Assistance of the Companys Troops - the presence of the southern Army in Your neighbourhood with We hope facilitate the success of Your negotiations with him, and the other Poligar Chiefs for the payment of their Bellances, and the Settlement of their Current Peshcash -

We are well pleased to find that You have been able to render considerable Assistance in Money to the southern Army, and doubt not but You will continue Your Exertions for that purpose. -

After what We have now written it is scarcely necessary to say, that We approve of the steps You have hitherto taken. This letter will afford You convincing proof of that approbation. of our reliance on the rectitude

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of Your Intentions, and of our earnest desire to give You the means of carrying them into effect —

The objects intrusted to You are of infinite Importance and we have nothing more at heart than their successful accomplishment —

We enclose letters to Captains Beleiff & Gubbings advising them of the additional powers now given to You and are

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servants

[signed] Macartney Hn

Select Committee

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Agreed that Captain Patterson the Commanding Officer at Chingleput be ordered to send his Dubash forthwith to the Presidency to answer to the Complaints preferred against him — also that Captain Patterson be asked if he has regularly given receipts for such Cattle as may have been furnished by the Inhabitants of Chingleput. or which he may have taken from them for the publick Service and if he has omitted to do it, that he be informed it is our positive Orders that receipts be immediately given to the Inhabitants for every head of Cattle which he may have taken, or received from them, in order that the same may be brought to account, and Justice done to the publick, and to the Individual.

Capt. Patterson to send his Dubash to the Presidency and to inform the Board if he has granted receipts for Cattle —

Read also Petition from the Vackeel of Bomrauze representing his Masters distresses and praying the discharge of the Sum due to him for provisions furnished the Army is settled by Messrs. Holland and Moubray amounting to

From Bomrauze - requesting payment for Cattle furnished the Army

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Pagodas 24.854. 39. 20

Minute thereon

Agreed that Bomrauge be informed that credit will be given him for the amount.

Mr. Navis to be paid from the Secret Service Money.

The President acquaints the Committee of some particular circumstances relative to the employing of a Mr. Davis on secret service for which he has given in a Bill for pags. 293. 16. 16. – Agreed that the amount be discharged from the Secret service Money.

Read the following letter from Capt.n Lushington.

From Vellore – calling for the Garrison, requests money to enable them to lay up a Store

My Lord

I have the Honor to acquaint your Lord= =ship the 28.th Ultimo that I had recommended to the Renter of this place to recruit his Sebandies to 200 Men. since which he has made two successful trips to the Westward & thrown into this Garrison upwards of 900 Gallums / or 43200 Measures of Paddy / & last night went off for a third trip. the greatest difficulty I had was to procure carriage Bullock. but have now increased my number to near 300 & are not molested I hope in 20 or 25 days to lay in upwards of 5000 Gallums I have likewise purchased all the Rice I could get at 10. 11. 12 & 13 Measures the Rupee & shall continue as long as I can spare money or untill I have Your Lordships directions to the contrary. The Renter has been as for as Sawtgur & Agram appointing proper persons to ma= =nage the country for the Company having Sebandies in

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in the different Villages for the collections. As he has been at agreat expence in raising these Sebundies & carriage of the Grain I have agreed with him for 1000 Pagodas worth of Paddy at the rate it is sold in the Country or untill I have Your Lordships orders. With what I have purchased since the 12th. Ultimo & what the Renter has sent on, will be sufficient to serve the Garrison one Month, & as there is a great probability of its continuing at 12 or 13 Measures the Rupee for some time hope Your Lordship will supply me with money to buy it up. I send by the bearer an intercepted Packet from the Mysore Country as I cannot get any person to read it here & as it may contain intelligence of consequence have thought proper to forward it to Your Lordship.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordships most Obt.
humble Servant
/ signed / John Cuppage

Vellore
2d. May 1783

Minute thereon

As Mr. Ogilvy the paymaster of Vellore is about to return to his station the Bazeeps will the Renter will be transacted by him It would appear from the above letter that Captain Cuppage intends to pay Rayavachoti 1000 Pagodas for Paddy to that amount as if he even a Renter paying regular Rents for his Farm and of course the Paddy his own property — Agreed that Mr. Ogilvy be directed to enquire into

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and explain the circumstance and to call upon Rayavracherie to send the accounts of his Management and Collections to the Right Honble the President — also to enquire whether the Grain brought into Vellour and sold there is the pro= =duce of the Rent provided, and if so what is become of the Government share of it — and to examine and report on the repairs that it may be necessary to make to the Chittelbury Tank.

Read the following letter from the Chief & Council of Masulipatam

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

From Masulipatam on Surgeons Bills from the out Garrisons — with copy of letter from Mr. Ince respecting his duty as Acting Fort Captain —

My Lord & Gentlemen

We find it necessary to acquaint You with the difficulties we frequently meet with respecting the Monthly Bills for Medicines and other Disbursements presented by the Surgeons of the out Garrisons to the several Paymas= =ters and as on one hand we are unwilling to subject the Company to any greater Expence than may be absolutely necessary on this account and on the other We cannot consi= =der ourselves as qualified to Judge of the propriety of several Charges mentioned in a Surgeons Bill we beg leave to Suggest to Your Lordship &c. the expediency of Your appointing

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appointing Mr. Arthur Sinclair belonging to this Settlement, an the Senior Surgeon in the District to act as Surgeon Major wi an authority to Check all the Bills and Indents of the other Sur=geons in the District previous to their being complied with and holding him responsible for the propriety of such Bills and Indents as he may Countersign — We have reason to suppose that such a mode would lessen those Charges at any rate, it would be an authority to us for complying with them —

Herewith we have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter which we have received from Lieutenant James Turner acting Fort Adjutant of this Garrison and request to be honored with Your Commands whether he is to receive pay as such or not —

We have the honor to be
very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen
J. Daniell
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thomas Barnard
Alexr Pringle

Masulipatam
17th April 1783

(Signed)

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be permitted to appoint Doctor Arthur Sinclair to act as Surgeon Major in the manner they have recommended, but that they be told at the same time that they are to reserve and that we expect them to exercise a Judgement of the propriety of the Charges made

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by the different Surgeons in their Returns as Mr. Sinclairs Signature affixed to an irregular demand will neither authorize nor excuse their compliance with it —

The President lays before the Committee the following letter from his Majesty's Naval Storekeeper

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

My Lord

on Mr. Smith
ting Godowns for
Majesty's Stores.

I beg leave to represent to You that the Godowns appropriated by the Company for the reception of the Kings Stores are all full, & that there is a large quantity landed from the Naval Storeships lying open in the Fort, for want of some place to secure them in. I did not intend to trouble Your Lordship on this occasion, but on making application to Mr. Jones (in whose department I was informed it lay) for Godowns, he referred me to You. Many of the Articles are very large & will take much room as they consist principally of Cables from 22 Inl to 10, and Cables & Hawsers from 10 p.r Inl to 4. I take the liberty of mentioning these circumstances as small storehouses cannot contain them I am therefore to request Your Lordship will be pleased to give directions for Godowns being granted to His Majestys for this service, and on the return of the Squadron, I will take the earliest opportunity of clearing them, that the Company may be put to as little inconvenience as possible —

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My Lord

Your Lordships Most Obedient
& Very humble Servant
/signed/ Wm. Smyth
Naval Storekeeper

Minute thereon — Agreed that the following answer be returned by the Secretary

William Smith Esqr.
Naval Storekeeper.

To Mr. Smith informing him that there are no Godowns to spare —

Sir

The Right Honorable President having laid before the Select Committee Your letter desiring to be furnished with godowns for Your Stores, I am directed to inform you that there are now belonging to the Company to spare — The Company are themselves at this Moment to hire Godowns for their own Stores at a very high price & find some difficulty of procuring them at any — Their business upon this article is at present exhausted, as they have not room for the Europe Goods now on float in the Indiamen before the Fort

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
/signed/ John Huddleston
Secretary

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Agreed

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Agreed that Mr. Martin and Mr. Ross Botham late
Mess.rs Martin and Ross Botham appd Ensigns
Covenants in his Majesty's Service & strongly recommended by Sir
John Burgoyne & Colonel Floyd, be admitted Cadets and appointed
Ensigns to rank after all the Cadets of the last Season. —

Ordered, that a Bond be granted to Colonel Nixon,
A Bond granted to Col: Nixon for the balance of his Account
bearing Interest at the rate of 8 ₱ Cent from the 1st Instant
for three thousand and seventy eight Pagodas twenty six Fanams
and fifty five Cash, being the balance of his account with the
Honble Company.

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Received Letter sent by the Rajah of Tanjore to his Vakeel as entered in Country Correspondence N°8 acquainting him that he has fulfilled his Engagement with the Company in supplying them with 100,000 Pagodas & 100000 of Paddy. desires him to State to the Governor the necessity of placing a Battalion of Sepoys to protect the workmen in repairing the Banks of the Anniecut that he had begun it himself but his people were molested by a small party of Horse. wanders the Select Committee have not yet taken notice of the conduct of Tondaman in usurping the District and Fort of Theenamully and sends an Account of the Collections made by Tondaman in his / the Rajahs Country

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore

Sent to Bengal Continuation of the Proceedings of the Select Committee of the 24th January

14 Received Letter from Mr. Lord as entered in Miscellany Book, stating the hardships he has undergone by his Accounts / being adjusted and

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11th and requesting they may be discharged —

Received the following Letter from Genl Stuart with Copies of private and Official Letters from him to Colonel Long comprising from N 1 to 9 as lodged in the Office

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

From Genl Stuart inclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Col Long Col Fullarton Mr John Sullivan & Mr Cockrane & expressing his Concern lest he should be suspected of any Intention to counteract the Plans of Government — will move towards Hillsmore as soon as the Cattle shall be in a Condition to march & proposes to send Orders to for John Burgoyne to join the Army with his Regt the remnant of his Horses are properly trained —

My Lord &c.

In the Letter which I had the honor to receive from you dated the 7th of May you are pleased to observe that I had not sent the Copies of my Letters to Colonel Long nor my other Correspondence which you are desired me to communicate and to transmit it without delay and hoping that in Matters of this kind it will not be necessary again to remind me upon this and supposing it was my duty to send the Copies of my Correspondence. I beg leave to refer to my last Letter to shew the impossibility by myself or my Confidential Secretary in Matters of this Sort to obey your orders so quickly as you desire them — I say supposing it was

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It was my duty because I conceive that if any
Suspicion or doubt is entertained concerning
the Nature of my Correspondence as if contrary
or counteracting the Resolutions of the Board
of which I am a Constituent Member. they
might apply to those with whom such supposed
Correspondence might have been held in order
to found Suspicion; and untill such proof is
had it might be presumed in Candour as well
as in regard to the Station which I have the
honor to fill, that my Conduct and my Corres-
pondence would be in conformity with the
Resolutions of Government whatever my own
private Opinion might be

Such has been and ever will be
my direct Line and on the present Occasion
I cannot avoid repeating a passage in the Letter
I had the honor to address to you from the
Camp South of Pallar the 28th of April, whose
Intention the Reason why I did not then enter
into any discussion concerning the Southern Army
or of the Correspondence, so as to solicit it; yet

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"& I took occasion then to assure you and now
repeat that" in spite of Suspicion my inclination
as well as my duty will ever lead me to obey
the Orders of Government"

I say my inclination because
from my Rank and Situation in life I can
Scarce desire any Greater or more honourable
Station than what I presently enjoy and from
my knowledge of the world with the necessity
of Subordination to Government and of leading
example on my part my wish my inclination
and my duty keep pace together. however
freely & frequently my Sentiments
in my private as a Member of Government
may differ from that of the Majority

I now take occasion to present to
you of my own accord the private Correspondence
as well as what may be construed official
with Colonel Lang Colonel Fullarton or
officer Commanding also with M.r Sullivan
and the Honble M.r Cockran it being all that
to my knowledge from a Search of two days
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11th among my papers I can find the Copies of nor do I believe I ever had any thing of any consequence concerning the Cooperation of the Southern Army but what is inclosed with the List from № 1 to № 7 being from March 18th to yesterday —

I trust therefore My Lord &c. —

that this exhibition will tend to remove all Suspicion Concerning my harbouring the Smallest Idea of Counteracting the Plans of Government and that in future you will be pleased to honor me with your fullest Confidence in every respect assuring you that it shall be my Study to Continue to deserve it

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) James Stuart

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P.S. Colonel Campbell writes from Chengleput that the active and Resolution sailed the 1/2 tide blew fresh at N.W. the last night and yet I have no Accounts of their arrival at Conjemier I look for the Convoy from Chengleput with Colonel Pearce to join us this tide if I find the Cattle in Condition for immediate work I shall

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I shall move the whole Army towards Kellmore with the Left about 8 miles from Conjeveram & shall lose no time in landing the Troops & in unloading the Resolution so as she may quickly return to us from Madras we cannot at this Crisis have too much to the Southward

I purpose sending Orders to Major General Sir J. Burgoyne to have His Majestys 23 Dragoons in readiness to join us so soon as the Condition of their horses will admit of it. Where they are now within a Fortnight March of the Presidency & Trust this measure will be agreeable to your Lordship &c. They can at any time come to Pennacoid where I shall leave a sufficient Garrison and from the Army in due time I shall send the proper Escort. I. S

Received letter from M.r Cockrane as entered in Miscellany Book advising that the Lancaster Snow had left Trincomalee before he received

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The received the Order for detaining her

Received the following Letter from his

Majestys Naval Storekeeper

John Hudleston Esqr.

Sir I am favourd with your letter in

Answer to my requisition for Godowns for

the Kings Stores. I am sorry it cannot be complyed

with particularly as the Cattles are every day

receiving great detriment from being exposed

to the extream heat of the Sun & Carriages

constantly passing over them — I should not

have made the Application but was informed

by my Predecessor in office that the Company

always Appointed those places and indeed

I considered the Interest of both to be reciprocate

as without Stores the Squadron cannot keep the

Sea & therefore Supposed that the essential

Articles that will enable them to do it would

have been some object as well as the Companys

European Goods —

From the Naval Storekeeper a much Concerned that he cannot be Supplied with Godowns for the Kings Stores as they are greatly opposed to the other inconviniences

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Wm Smith

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Naval Storekeeper.

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Ito Send the following Letter to Colonel Owen

To Colonel Arthur Owen

To Colonel Owen offering him an indemnification for the whole or any part of the Campanys Treasure remitted by the Revolution and San Carlos will repay the Lack of Pagodas borrowed from Sir Edward Hughes on the receipt of the Treasure

Sir The Right Honble the President and Select Committee direct me to acquaint you that they will indemnify you for any casual Resque to which you may conceive yourself exposed in consequence of lodging in the Companys Treasury the Bullion remitted here by the Governor General and Council in the Revolution and San Carlos or any part thereof. of which indemnification this official letter written by their Authority will be to you a Sufficient Testimony.

They desire me also to inform you that the letter of which you have inclosed an Extract from the Governor General & Council of Bengal to Sir Eyre Coote relative to the Repayment of monies borrowed from Sir Edward Hughes out of the first Supplies had never been communicated to them; and that the Copy you inclose of that Extract is the first that has been laid before them — They have determined in consequence of the said letter to order the Lack of

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11 of Pagodas borrowed from Sir Edward Hughes by Sir Eyre Coote to be repaid upon receipt of the Ten Lacks of Rupees which came in the Resolution and San Carlos; and upon the Company's Bond given for that Lack to Sir Eyre Coote being delivered up to them as well as an Official Copy of the said Letter or Extract

I have the Honor &c.

(Signed)

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Received the following Letter from Colonel Owen

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To John Huddleston Esq.
Secretary to the Select Committee
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From Colonel Owen consents to lodge with the Company's Treasury the Ballance under his Charge after having discharged the Debt due to the Admiral

Sir

Be pleased to acquaint The Right Hon.ble President and Select Committee in Answer to the Letter I have received from you of this date, wrote by their Order which States they refuse indemnifying me to the extent required in my last Letter to you on the Subject of Treasure in my hands. That I immediately prefer settling this Business at my own risque, rather than that the Hon.ble Companys Service should have the least Chance of suffering detriment

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15 detriment from the want of the Bullion I have in Charge

The instant I received from you a clear Answer to my plain Question I have taken the only Steps remaining that appear adequate to Answer the purposes which the Ten Lac arrived from Benga Con the Resolution and Sans Carlos were designed for: viz paying off the late General Debt to the Admiral myself out of said Funds: and immediately gave the Right Honble President and Select Committee full powers to possess themselves of the remainder of the Ten Lacs on Average

The urgent necessity of the Government in respect to Cash compelled me principally to take the decided Line for had I not done so under the refusal of the Right Honble President and Select Committee to impower me to Settle the Debt due to the Admiral, as required I should have been necessitated to keep the whole Ten Lacs on deposit till I had received the Honble Governor General and Supreme Council further

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15th further Instructions on this head and as my only aim is to assist the Service to the utmost of my power, trust my Conduct will meet with their Approbation

I have delivered to Mr. Freeman Secretary the Bill of Lading and Copy of the Invoice for the five Lacs on Board the Sans Carlos endorsed by me — Tomorrow the Ballance of the Ten Lacs after the General Bond is discharged shall also be delivered over to the Treasury. The Security given by this Government to the late General Sir Eyre Coote also delivered up to the proper Office

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Arthur Owen

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Sent the following Letter to Colonel Owen

To Colonel Owen

To Col. Owen repeating their determination to give him full Indemnification & to discharge the Admirals Debt but will not empower him to detain or dispose of any part of the public money —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to observe to you in answer to your letter of this days date that their Indemnification to you extends to the whole and every part of the Company's Treasure which has been detained by you and

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15 and which you may consent to lodge in the Company's Treasure here—

You are Apprized also of the determination of this Presidency consequent upon the Letter from Bengal, of which you yesterday inclosed an extract to me for their information, to discharge upon the Receipt of the Ten Lacks of Rupees which arrived in the Resolution and San Carlos the Company's Bond to Sir Eyre Coote for One Lack of Pagodas But they will give you no power to detain or dispose of any part of the Public Money—

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Sent the following Letter to Major General Stuart.

Major General Stuart

&c &c &c

Sir

As it was your desire that the Cloathing Stores &c wanted for his Majesty's Troops Serving with the Main Army & to the Southward should be sent by a Sea Conveyance and you mentioned that the Officer Commanding his Majesty's Troops here would give Orders respecting it

To Gen[l] Stuart—is informed by Sir John Burgoyne the Cloathing lately arrived for the Kings Troops is so much damaged as to be unfit for use—unless care be provided a Sea Conveyance—which would not shall be Completed

1993

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15th its embarkation as soon as Ships were appointed
to receive it I directed Major Lyndsham to
write to Sir John Burgoyne on the Subject
and now enclose a Copy of his letter with Sir
John's Answer by which you will observe that
a great part of the Cloathing lately arrived
for the Kings Troops is damaged and entirely
unfit for Service — I can provide Conveyance at any time
for what you wish to have sent to the Southward
but as Some of the Regiments are divided, and
the Cloathing is incomplete it seems to be
necessary that Some further Instructions should
be sent respecting it and where Sir John
Burgoyne (in Consequence of those Instructions
informs me that the Cloathing is ready to be
Shipped I shall take care that it is Sent without
delay —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed)

Dispatched the letter to Mr. Irwin
resolved on in Committee the 13th Instant dated
this day. together with the following letter to
the Commanding Officer of Palamcotah and
Madura —

Captain

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Captain Joseph Bideloff

Commanding at Palamcotah

To the Commanding officers of Madura & Palamcotah — directing them to Comply with any Requisitions they may receive from Mr. Irwin who has been invested with power for the security of the Renter with Madura & Tinnevelly Countries —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have thought Proper to invest Mr. Irwin with discretionary power to act further benefit and Security of the revenue in the Tinnevelly and Madura Countries as exigencies may required and in particular to take into Custody the Persons of the Renter Tetrassa Moodaly and his Servants if he shall judge that measure necessary and whatsoever requisitions Mr. Irwin may make to you for military assistance you will take care to comply with —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed)

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The same to Captain Gibbings at Madura —

Received the following Letter from Capt.n

Edmond

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

From Capt.n Edmonds advising of the arrival of the detachment from Manargoodie

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform you that

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1995

15th Mat the Detachment from Masulepatam
arrived here this Morning and will be held
in readiness to march at the shortest warning
I have the honor to be with—
the Greatest respect &c.a—
(Signed) Captain Edmonds
Capt.n Comdt.

Engle
11th May 1783—

Received Letter from Mr. Wynne as entered
in Miscellany Book inclosing his Bills of
Contingent Expences as Surgeon of Poondamallee
& requesting the Same may be discharged—
Sent the following Letters

To Captain Edmonds
Commandant at Engle

Sir your Letter of the 11th Instant to the
Select Committee has been received—you have
long since been furnished with their directions
upon the Subject of your Expedition by Mr. Hudleston
Duplicates of this Letter have been Sent to you
two days ago—
As the detachment from Masulepatam
has now joined you I hope our next Accounts
from you will inform us of your having made
a Considerable progress against the Enemy
I am Sir &c.a
(Signed)

To Captn Edmonds
hope to receive
favorable Accounts
of his Operations,
directions having
been already sent
him for his Guidance

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John Sullivan Esqr
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

To the Resident of Tanjore with permission to proceed to the Presidency if it should become absolutely necessary —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th April and to express to you their concern at your Indisposition

I am also to acquaint you that the Select Committee consent to your coming to the Presidency agreeably to your request in the persuasion however that no motive less urgent than ill health will induce you to avail yourself of it as they consider your presence to the Southward of essential Consequence to the public Interests at this critical period —

I have the honor to be &c —

Fort St George
15 May 1783 —

(Signed)

To Colonel Pearce

To Col. Pearce comply with his request of transmitting to the Court of Directors Copies of the Papers enclosed in his letter cannot in be fairness in the subject of his last letter as it relates to a matter of detail

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 18th and 20th ultimo with their several enclosures —

To the first I am directed to answer that the Select Committee most readily consent to

Fort St George May 1783 —

1997

15th to transmit Copies of the papers it inclosed to the honble Court of directors by the next dispatch and that they will mention you to them as an Officer highly deserving of their power and of their recommendation to his Majesty's Ministers for the same honor that has been conferr'd on Colonels Long and Owen —

To the Second I am directed to answer — that it appears to the Select Committee to relate to a Matter of detail in which they cannot with propriety interfere —

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St. George
15 May 1783 —

(Signed)

16th — Received the following Letter

To John Huddleston Esqr
Secretary to the Select Committee — Fort St. George

Sir

I am honored with your Letter Dated 15th Instant

Be pleased to acquaint the Right Honble President and Select Committee that their Indemnification in that letter offered to me answer the Question only in part Expressed in my address to them there you on the 13th Instant

In the first Instant I required their

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16 Their Indemnification for my Paying off the
Late Generals Bond to the Admiralty Court of the
Ten Lacks of Rupees arrived on Board the
Resolution and San Carlos from Bengal: that
done; further Indemnification for delivering
over to Government, the Residue of the Ten
Lacks; which as I am Situated; neither Law or
usage in like cases Authorizes me to do: was
it my own Concern, from the Confidence I put
in the promises of the Right Honble the Privy
and Select Committee. I should not Hesitate
delivering over immediately: to them the
whole of the Ten Lacks and wait for their
Subsequent promised act of Paying off the late
Generals Bond

But most delicately Situated in
respect to the late Commander in Chiefs Claim
on this Money also receiving this Resolution
that have arisen in Bringing this Business so even
to its present Stage. I must Revert to the full
Indemnification I require for my performing
both Acts as already Particularized for on no
other Terms will I deliver over any part of the
Ten Lacks to this Government I am necessitated
to repeat. Should Government refuse Complying
with

Fort St. George May 1783

1999

16 with this may most Equitable Demand. —
I hold them responsible for all Consequences
to the Service attending the detention of the
Bullion in my hands —
It become Necessary to remark
that I first this Government demanded of Captn.
Murray of the San Carlos. the Instant his
Ship came to an Anchor that the Five Lacks —
of Rupees on her, Consigned by the Honble
Governor General and Supreme Council, to
the late Lieutenant Genl Sir Eyre Coote
K B. or his Assigns Should be delivered to
Governments Order, and that Captain Murray
Refused Complying with said Demand —
Captain Murray has acquainted me as I have
in a former letter observed that he would —
Participate Rogue with me, and the not —
authorized, to deliver the Treasure to —
Government, would for the Sake of Furthering
the Service, deliver it to me — Thus I became
Entrusted with that five Lack, and have no
other view or Interest in this Business —
whatever, than that of accomodating the —
necessities of Government and Appropreating
immediately

2000

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16 immediately the Money to the Services it was originally Designed for

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Arthur Owen

Fort St. George
May 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K B

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

From the Resident of Tangore inclosing Letter from the Resident at Anjango with Extracts of Letters from Mr. Freeman at Tellicherry

My Lord

I have the honor to forward a Letter from the Resident of Anjango to your Lordship I have transmitted the intelligence to the Admiral & to General Stuart

I have the honor to be with great respect &c.

(Signed) John Sullivan

Karical
12 May 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President & Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord

I do myself the honor to inform your Lordship that Peace with the Mahratta States was published at Bombay the beginning of this month — all the Possessions that we had deprived the Mhrattas of in the Guzurat & Concan Provinces are to be restored to the Poona Circar and Gurrawar except the Islands of Salsett Hog and Elephanta which the English are to retain

2001

Fort St. George May 1783

16th Madoje Sundiar is to be presented with the City of Broach and Purganah in its fullest Extents

Mr. Freeman Resident at Tillecherry informs me under the 22 Instant that the Enemy have taken the Principal Pass of the Ghauts by Surprize and have obliged our People to abandon another so that all Communication with General Mathews is effectually cut off from this Coast & no advices have been received from him since the 5th of this month — It is currently reported & believed to be true at Mangalore that the General has engaged & given Tippo a severe check but we are wholly in the dark in respect to present Situation or the Force of the Enemy The Officer in Command at Condapoore has burnt & destroyed the Baggage Stores &c at that Place and retired with the Garreson to Anore — This moment I have received another Letter from Mr Freeman dated the 26 instant which removes those Fears that must necessarily have arisen for the Safety of General Mathews — He writes since my last of the 22d instant I have not heard from Mangalore but it is Currently reported that the Enemy have abandoned the Pass between that Place & Nagur & that the Communication is again Open with the General

Sam

2002

Fort St George May 1783

16 I am of Opinion that there are some Foundations for this report and that the General has certainly given the Enemy a Check as we do not hear of any bodies of them having yet Appeared on this Side the Ghauts and the Government of Cannanore have not yet molested any of our Boats coming hither with our Pass & Colours altho they are determined to Seize all they could

General Matthews is ordered to proceed to Bombay to answer several Charges preferred against him and the command of the Army on the Coast is given to Colonel Macleod

I have the honor to be with

Tangore
29th April 1783 perfect Respect &c.

(Signed) J. Hutchinson

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

From the Resident of Tanjore advising of the Capture of a French long Boat with dispatches from Mr Bussy to Mr Suffrein Enclosing the Letters & Contents

My Lord & Gentlemen

Having received intelligence that a French long Boat with dispatches sailed from Trangambar the 3 Instant which was stationed along the Coast to observe her, on the 7th she was run a little to the Southward of Negapatam and three Boats having been sent down the river Ensign Clark

2003

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16 Clark with a party embarked in the night and boarding the boat with a Great deal of Galantry had the good fortune to posses themselves of her with her packet seven Europeans & seven Coffries I have now the honor to enclose your Lordship &c the despatches from Mons. Bussy to Mons. Souffrein. I have sent Copies by express Calamorin to meet the Admiral and have advised General Stuart of their Contents

Two days ago Ensign Bellew arrived here on his parole from Columbo he commanded the small party of Topasses which accompanied Captain van Sayer to Manar and has given me the accompanying narrative of the failure of that Enterprize.

I have the honor to be with great respect &c

(Signed) John Sullivan

P.S. the boat is under way and as Mr. Bellew has not yet transcribed his narrative I must defer sending it till another Opportunity offers

Karical
May 11. 1783

(Translation)

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of a Letter I have this moment received from Mr De Joyeuse

2004 Fort St George May 1783

" Joyeuse by which you will be made Acquainted
with the Circumstances relating to the Engagm.t
& the Capture of his Ships —

It is publickly reported that
the English Squadron are preparing to block
up Cuddalore & that their Army which was
incamped at the Mount has already advanced
four Leagues with an intention no doubt of
attacking me. — I have taken possession of all
the heights that I wish to occupy, & have likewise
taken measures for giving the Enemy a proper
reception, but I am much distressed for Rice —
12 & 18 ℔ Shott and Gunpowder. It is impossible
at this place to procure any Rice, for which
there is a great demand. — It is absolutely —
necessary also that I should be furnished with
12 & 18 ℔ Shott, to enable me to oppose same —
heavy Guns to the Artillery that the English
may bring with them. —

My hopes for procuring the
above Articles entirely rest upon the despatch
with which you may be able to send me a
Supply of them, either by Champaue * or by Chalings
which could pass over the Bar & land them on any

part

* This a Country term which is not to be found in the French Dictionaries

2005

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the part of the Coast of the Enemy should make their appearance Would it not be possible to send me Rice under Danish Colours? To judge from the length of your passage to Trincomallee it will take the English 8 days at least to come from Madras to Cuddalore: That is but a short time I allow, but something must however at all Events be risqued to procure a Supply of Rice—

It is said that the English Squadron consists of 17 Ships (three of which belong to the Company and have been fitted out & coppered at Bombay:) 3 Frigates & 5 Transports—

I have the honor to be with the highest Consideration &c.

(Signed) Bussy

Mangecapan
21 April 1783

N.B.
Mr. Bussy has addressed M. De Souffren by the title of Monsieur le Commander alluding to his Being a Knight of Malta. This cannot be properly rendered into English—

(Translation)

Copy of a Letter from Mr. De Joyeuse—Dated at Madras the 17th April 1783.

To the Marquis de Bussy—

The French Squadron having arrived

in

2006

Fort St George May 1783

16th in the Harbour of Trincomallee on the 11 of last
Month. I was dispatched the next day in the
Corvette the Mayade to deliver to you some
Packets and Orders to Mr De Peyster
On the 13th at daybreak I discovered
a large Ship plying between Cuddalore &
Porto Novo — not doubting but it was an Enemy
I immediately stood off that the Service on which
I was employed might not be frustrated. I was
then at least three Leagues to windward of the
Ship, which I now plainly discovered to be
the Sceptre as she had often before chased the
Bellona — as the Corvette sailed very ill & the
Enemy in the contrary extremely well I had
little hopes of escaping during the night about
two o'clock at night the Enemy began to fire
upon me & at eleven he hailed me & requested
me with the Superiority of his force that I might
be induced to make no resistance; my only
reply was a Broadside & most unequal Sea
Engagement that has been ever known. I fired
into the Enemy from 1000 to 1200 Shot during
the action, which lasted 5 hours; for three quarters
of an Hour of which time We engaged yard arm
My Topmasts & Rudder having been cut thro

2007

Fort St George May 1783

16 seven of my Guns dismounted my Lower masts
shott thro' and thro' and on the point of falling
and 3th of my Men being either killed or wounded
I was at last, my General, to save the remainder of
the brave fellows committed to my charge, obliged
to yield to the Superiority of the Enemy. the Enemys
main mast was damaged his main top mast broke
one of his quarter Deck Guns dismounted and seven
Men attached to it either killed or wounded
He has likewise lost 22 Men and 2 of his officers
none of mine thank God were killed They all
behaved with so much Gallantry that I shall only
beg leave to particularize Le Chevalier de St George
my 1st Lieutenant who remained the whole time on
the Forecastle

I was towed into these Roads where
I met with the most flattering reception from the
officers both of the Fleet & Army who consider the
Engagement as a phenomenon. The Public voice
will corroborate this account which is as true, my
General, as my profound respect towards you &c &c

(Signed) De Joyeuse

(Translation)

I sit down immediately Sir to answer the
letter you did me the honor to address me on the 17th
instant you will have learnt by mine of the 21st N°23
which

2008

Fort St George May 1783

16 which was forwarded in Trip: (viz:) That the Enemys Squadron Consisting of 17 Ships) three of which were fitted out by the Company & captured at Bombay) and 3 Frigates had arrived at Madras — you will likewise have been informed of my having received Intelligence of the March of the Enemys Army & the sailing of their Fleet of the dispositions made by me in consequence & of my distresses for Rice — Gunpowder and 12 & 18 lb Shott — in short you will have been convinced of the necessity there is for your being able to make a speedy diversion with your wanted activity

I had the honor of transmitting to you yesterday likewise another Letter N°23 — in Triplicate, which will acquaint you that the Englishware coming down straight upon us — and that according to their Calculation they will be with us within 8 or 10 days from this time — that their Squadron has sailed & will appear shortly before Cuddalore with an intention of blocking it up — That I place great dependence upon you, in the hopes that you will be nobly seconded — I can now Sir only therefore repeat to you the great need in which we stand of

2009

16 of your Ships & of such a Diversion as your means will permit. The latest news mentions, that the five English Ships that were detached in hopes of falling in with M. Pointer (if it is said) are returned, the Same intelligence advises that a large Indiaman laden with Rice, Arrack, & several other Articles had been blown up. Every thing was lost together with 300 Men belonging to the crew of that, and of other Ships —

The news from Batavia which you have communicated to me was extremely agreeable you are the most proper person for taking the — necessary measures to secure what we expect from thence.

I have the honor to be with the — highest Consideration &c.a

(Signed) Bussy

Manjecapon April 26. 1783.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President & Governor &c.a Select Committee Fort St George

My Lord &c.a

I am highly to inform you that the Active and Resolution are at Anchor off Cangemier the Accounts reached me this morning about Sise

I have wrote to Captain Trobridge all that was necessary for him to know. I expect Colonel Pearce to arrive tomorrow and propose to march the

From Genl Stuart the Active & Resolution anchor off Cangemier expects Col Pearce to join the next day from Chinglepat proposes to move the first Line & not the whole Army on Wall & will send a force to cover the landing. Col Davis left at Permacoil with 2 Companies of the 42 Battalion & Hospital left in

2010

in the Pallah orders
one Month's Pay to
be reserved to the
Black Troops —

For Fort St George May 1783 —

the 1st Line if not the whole Army on the 16. I shall
on the same day by a different Route send a
force sufficient to Cover the Landing The public
Followers on the Pay of the Company from whom
I expect the greatest assistance in Landing
and transporting the Rice from the Boats not
being yet joined it became impossible for me
to begin that business Sooner than the 16. One
of the Masoolah Boats has above to pieces in
the Passage so there remains but five & I fear
it will be a tedious Job —

The eight Battalion Companies
of the 71st Battalion with Lieut Dawes to Command
are left to Garrison the Hill and Pallah of
Permacoil. The two Grenadier Companies with
the Battalion Guns proceed with the Army —
I shall leave Instructions on every point
with Lieut Dawes & I have desired him to
communicate with Government likewise with
Chenglepet and Vellore — the Hospital is left
in the Pallah & I am happy to inform your
Lordship &c that the Sickness among the Europeans
has much abated

In the expectation of the money
with Colonel Pearce and on board the Revolution
I have this day given orders for the Black Troops.

2011

Fort St George May 1783

16th to begin to be paid one Month of the Six now due them as they were in real Distress for want of means to purchase Curry Stuffs necessary for their Health

I have the honor to be &c.a

(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at Permacoil 11th of May 1783

My Lord &c.a

From Genl Stuart Settles with Capt.n Trowbridge relative to the debarkation of the Troops on the active & Resolution in Good Health with the march thereof say

The preceding is the Copy of what I had the honor of writing to your Lordship &c.a this morning I have since had an Answer to my first Letter (9th Instant) from Captain Trobridge who understands the whole of our Situation and will act conformably to it — He mentions having seen the Admiral the 13th only 20 Leagues S E — struggling against winds and Currents The Troops on board the Active and Resolution are all well & every dispatch will be used in the Debarkation I have found the means to carry on the Musquet Ammunition but as to the Iron 18s they will go back on the Resolution & I shall order them to be landed next Trip —

A Regt of horse and a Battalion of Sepoys under Captain Munrhead take the short road to Conjeveram at the same that the Army marches the 16th and remains there to cover the Debarkation —

I have Ordered Colonel Pearce to join

marches

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Camp at Permacoil 5th May 1783 8 at Night

16 join Tomorrow & proceed the 16 in the morning towards Kellenore as already mentioned

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) James Stuart

The following letter to Mr Ogelvey Mas Paymaster of Vellour

Mr Thomas Ogelvey
Paymaster at Vellour

To the Paymaster at Vellore with Instructions in the Transaction of any Business he may have with the Renters & managers of that District

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that as you are going to return to your Station at Vellour who have Business with the renter or managers it may be necessary to transact on the Spot it to be transacted by you

Ragavachira was same time named Appointed Aumany manager of the great province for the present year ending the July 1783 in that Capacity his Business is to manage the Country and make the Collections on account of the Company, as yet no Accounts have been received from him or Mahomet Morad who acted under him but Captain Cuppage has written to our President that the renter has thrown 900 Cullums of Grain into Vellour & is endeavoring to supply a further quantity

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2013

16 quantity and that the Captain Cuppage has
agreed with him for 1000 Pagodas worth of
paddy at the rate it is sold in the Country this
we do not entirely comprehend because it would
appear that Captain Cuppage intends to pay
Ragavacherry 1000 Pagodas for Paddy to that
Amount as if Ragavacherry were a renter paying
regular rents for his farm and of course the Paddy
his own property whereas whatsoever he collects
whether in Grain or money belongs to the
Company under the Nabobs Assignment to and
should be delivered in on their Account. The
Select Committee desire therefore that on your
arrival at Vellour you will enquire into and
explain this Circumstance; and call upon
Ragavacharry to send the Accounts of his
management and collections to the Right Honble
the President.

The Country being now clear of the
Enemy the Company are intitled to the Government
Share of whatsoever it produces it will be proper
therefore that you should enquire whether the
Grain brought in to Vellour and sold there is the
Produce of the Arcot provinces, and if so what is
become of the Government Share of it. Ragavacharry
will be directed to deliver into your charge
his collections both in Money & Grain and you
will

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"We will give him receipts for the same and you will be careful to note the Current prices of the Grain at the periods of its delivering that the Committee of Assigned Revenue may credit the Nabob accordingly on their Books.

The Select Committee hope that if he defraying the expences of the Garrison of Vellour there will be a Considerable surplus of revenues for you to remit to the Presidency—

The Select Committee desire also that you will examine the repairs that have been made to the Chettetuny Tank and report such as it may still be in want of with your Opinion of the Expediency of making them at this Juncture—

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed)

Fort St George
16th May 1783—

Despatched the following Letters—

To Captain Patterson
Commanding at Chengleput

To Capt. Patterson directing him to send the Dubash to Madras to answer the Complaints preferred against him & requiring him to deliver receipts to the Inhabitants for every of the Rices which he shall or may

Sir

Two of the Principal Inhabitants of Chengleput having presented a Petition to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee praying redress of the Grievances they have suffered by the violent and unjust Conduct of Chadagapauchary

your

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2015

may have occasion to take from them

your Dubash in Seizing and carrying away their Cattle: the Select Committee have directed me to acquaint you with their Orders that the said Dubash be forthwith sent down to the Presidency to answer to the Complaints which have been made against him by the Petitioners.—

I am further directed to enquire — whether you have regularly given receipts for — such Cattle as may have been furnished by the — Inhabitants of Chingleput or which you may have been under the Necessity of taking from them for — the publick Service— and in case of your having — Omitted to do it, to Signify to you that the Select Committee positively order that receipts be — immideately given to the Inhabitants for every — head of Cattle which you may have had Occasion — to take or receive from them on Account of the — Honble Company that the Same may be brought to account regularly & Justice done equally to the publick & the Individual—

I have the honor to be &c.a —

(Signed)

For Ft St George
16 May 1783 —

To James Daniel Esq.r
Chief &c. Council of Masulipatam —

To Masulipatam
Consenting to the appointment of Surgeons Mate but

read

Gentlemen

The Right Honble the President and Select

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but directing them to reserve to themselves a decision upon the propriety of the Accounts

16th Select Committee have directed me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Ulto. and to inform you that they Consent to your appointing Mr. Arthur Sinclair to act as Surgeon Major in the manner which you have recommended. They have at the Same time directed me to observe to you that altho' they have agreed to the Appointment of a Surgeon Major you are still to reserve to yourselves & we expect you to exercise a judgement of the reasonableness and propriety of the Charges made by the different Surgeons on your District as his Signature affixed to an irregular or unjust demand can neither Authorize nor secure your Compliance with it.

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St George
16 May 1783

(Signed)

Sent to Bengal the Proceedings of the Select Committee from 26 to 7 January 1783

17th Received the following letters

To Charles Freeman Esqr
Secretary to the Council of Fort St George

From Col. Owen Containing a Statement of three Lacks of Rupees received from Bengal & enclosing the Bond of Indemnification granted by the Comm.r to the Europe Inhabitants

Sir

Be pleased to lay before The Right Honble President and Council the accompanying Statement and Account of ten Lacks of Current Rupees in Gold. The Honble Company's property Consigned

Fort St. George May 1783—

2017
Coote K Copies of
Bill of lading
& Invoices of
Treasure—

17 Consigned on the Ships Resolution and San Carlos—
by the Honble Supreme Council to the late Lieut.
General Sir Eyre Coote K.B or to his Assigns and
which Gold on the event of the late Commander—
in Chiefs decease came into my charge as follows

The five Lacs of Current Rupees on the Ships
Resolution landed here by me in the Generals—
Life time and on the Casualty of his Death remained
in my charge—

and Five Lacks on his Majestys Ships
San Carlos delivered by Captain Murray
Commanding said Ships to my Orders—

Be pleased to deliver to the Right
Honble President and Council the accompanying
Bond of Indemnification Granted by them to
the late Sir Eyre Coote and Acquaint them that
Mrs. Mr. Cuthbert required Interest on his Bond
from the time payment of it was first demanded
from Government I have Settled it without—
paying him any— I have the honor to be &c.a—

(Signed) Arthur Owen—

For St. George
17 May 1783—

NB. Copy Bill of lading & of the Invoices of the
4 Chests of Treasure which came on the—
Resolution are Enclosed—

To

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To Charles Freeman Esq.r

From Capt.n Murray forwarding the four Chests of Treasure consigned to Sir Eyre Coote by the Governor General and Council

Sir

In Compliance with the Hon.ble Governor & Council's request I send by the bearer the four Chest of Treasure Consigned to Sir Eyre Coote having received the Bill of Lading

I am Sir &.c

(Signed) George Murray

San Carlos
May 17.th 1783

Received the following Letter and Enclosure from Resident of Tangare

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

President &.c Select Committee.

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tangier enclosing Ensign Billows Narrative of the Expedition under Capt.n Van Sanen against Alarache

My Lord & Gen.l Honble

I have the honor to send herewith Ensign Billows narrative mentioned in my letter of yesterday

I have the honor to be with great respect &.c

(Signed) John Sullivan

Karrical
12 May 1783

To John Sullivan Esq.r

Sir

The following is a small narration of the Proceedings of the Expedition under Captain Van

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17 Van Sauer against manar which I hope you will be Satisfied with—

On the 7th March I arrived with the Party at Paman on the Island of Ramiseram where Captain Van Sauer had been some days preparing all things Requisite for the Expedition the same evening we sailed in one small and two large boats in the former was Captain Van Sauer with a Serjant Corporal & twelve Privates in the latter I with the rest of the Party but it falling Calm we anchored at 8 O Clock next day the 8th at Sunrise we set sail and 12 O Clock anchored at Danguny the Estate most Point of the Island of Ramaseram where Capt. Van Sauer had thoughts of building a Battery to cover our retreat should one be found necessary but on further Examination conceived it would answer no End. We here landed to refresh the men a little and Acquainted them with the Nature of the expedition exhorting them to behave with firmness and Bravery and for their further Encouragement promised to each Serjant a Present of 4 Pagodas to each Corpl. 3 & each Private 2 in case of Success and having ordered them to prime and load went on board and at 5 O Clock a drew a mile or two off shore at daybreak on the 9th Captain Van Sauer came on board my Boat and told me that as he had observed

on

he

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17th his Boat Sailed rather heavily and that it was Requesite he should be a good way in front he purposed sailing at 6 oClock, Sat 8 and the other at 9 as She appeared to be the best Sailer Judged the Impropriety of our Seperating as we had intelligence of 4 Dutch armed Boats with 6 Guns each cruising off Manar — he told he went purposely in front to tamper with them — as the men on board them were mostly of his own Company and he expected they would join us but if they would not a red Flag hoisted at his masthead should be a Signal for me to retreat Immediately to Dangarry that should wear a greater Number than 4 or 5 — appear to be no way alarmed unless the Flag was displayed — We accordingly sailed with a light Breize and at 11 oClock lost Sight of the Small Boat tho we ply'd our Oars — at 6 we came in Sight of the Wester most point of Manar and at 7 Anchored — The 10 at Daybreak it being quite Calm we weighed and rowed towards Shore to look for the Capt. and between 7 & 8 saw 5 Boats coming round a low Sandy Point, and soon perceived our Small Boat to be one of the foremost no Flag — appearing I continued Standing towards them — until I came within Range of three Shot when they gave us a few Round and twice Grape — my People — unaccustomed

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eased

of

If accustomed to the Sea were so sick as not to be
able to Stand. I therefore hoisted a white Flag
when they used firing and boarding us secured our
Arms and carried us to manar where we arrived
at 8 at night — They told me they had taken Capt.n
Van Sauer the Night before carried him to manar
and had just returned when they saw me that on
his being captured he had Jumped over board
but was brought in again by a man who leapt
after him and that his Boatman gave them in-
Intelligence of our coming — Before we arrived
at manar Capt.n Van Sauer had been sent a
Prisoner to Columbo. and I have since learned
their Reason for sending him off so immediately
was for fear the Europeans should release him
on our Arrival as they always professed the
greatest love for him — I also was Informed
that Capt.n Van Sauers chiefest hope was in a
man who came from Europe with him in the
Capacity of a Servant and who had been re-
appointed to the Command of (either one or all
of) these Boats. I cant Immediately recollect
which and who and Captain Van Sauers leaving
manar had taken disgust to the Service obtained
Liberty to Resign and went to Columbo. The Cove
It was Capt.n Van Sauers Intention had we

escaped

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escaped the Armed Boat to have secured the Chief of Manar — who resides about half an English mile from the Fort and it was generally thought that had we Succeeded in that particular the Garrison would have been delivered up: as Capt.n Vane Sawers Character with the — Military was universially esteemed both at Columbo and Manar — By the Servant who brought his Victuals from the Tavern when — I staid he sent me word that if I wanted any money and could fall upon a Scheme of getting it Conveyed past the Guard where he was — confined he would send me whatever sum — I desired —

And now I have given you an Account of all Proceedings from the time of our Embarkation at Paman to our being carried to Manar —

I have the Honor to be &c.a —

(Signed) Fran.s Bellows

Tranquebar —
May 12.th 1783 —

Received the following Letter from General Stuart —

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

From Gen.l Stuart with Lord.d Macartney under Captain Murrihead to cover the disembarkation at

My Lord &.c

The whole Army is now together an the Orders are out for the March tomorrow morning as

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Conjeveram regard 17th
Capt Trobridge
to land the Europeans
money & Ammunition
the Gent is sensible
of the attention of
the Comm in the
supply of money
& Slaughter Cattle
forwarded by the
from Chinglepet.
will send to the
Presidency some
deserters who came in
from the Enemy but
recommends that
they be not entertained
in the Company's
Service

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as mentioned in a former address at the same time I shall detach Captain Maxwell with his Battalion and a Regiment of Cavalry directly towards Conjeveram and to take charge of the debarkation there. I have also wrote to Captain Trobridge to land the Europeans with the money and the Ammunition first. The carriage cattle and some part of the Troops this day arrived from Chinglepet are so much fatigued that I have Ordered them to halt one day and joine the 17th or latter if it becomes necessary Mr Welch informs me that 20.000 Pagodas are come with this Convoy and Mr Kenworthy that a drove of slaughter cattle are also come I take occasion to return your Lordship &c my best thanks for these Seasonable marks of attendeon to our wants — Two deserters came in from the Enemy this Morning one a Serjeant the other a Sweed belonging to Les volentaires Etrangers and to the advanced Party behind Vellemore there is also a deserter from His Majesty's 16th Hanoverians I have Sent them to Permacoil and to be forwarded from them to Chinglepett & to the Presidency — I shall keep no Deserters with this Army and I beg to renew my advice not to

entertain

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17 entertain them in the Company's Service.

at the Presidency

I have the Honor to be &c

(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at Permacoil
15 May 1783—

Sent Letter to Military Paymaster as—

entered in Miscellany Book

Sent Letter Mr Lord (as entered

To Mr Lord—
cannot think of
paying his Bills
allowed him Pags
125 pr month—

in Miscellany Book (informing him the
Committee cannot consent to the payment of
his Bills but allow him 125 Pagodas pr month
during the time he acted as Surgeon of the
Grayson of Tripassore

Received letter from Town Major

From Town major
with report of Bullocks

as entered in Miscellany Book with report
of 691 Bullocks arrived at the Presidency
from the Northward—

18 Received the following Letters—

To John Hudleston Esqr Secretary to the Right
Honble the President and Select Committee
Fort St George

From Captain
Coppage—will use
every endeavor to
procure Grain &c
has received from
the late Raiser a
supply of Paddy &
a finding of the having
forwarded to Tripassore
a number of Sheep
& Black Cattle

Sir

yesterday received your Letter of the
30 of April & request you will acquaint the
Right Honble the President and Select—
Committee that I shall in my utmost endeavors
to

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18 to procure all the Grain & Cattle that is in my power agreeable to their orders The late Renter has sent in at three different times 1306 Cullums of Paddy & I expect tomorrow morning another return of the Bullocks I shall also continue to purchase all I can get. I also request you will inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that I have this day sent to Trichinopore under an [illegible] of an Officer and a Company of Sepoys 2500 Sheep and 500 black Cattle and shall address the Commander in Chief for his orders in what manner I am to dispose of those I may hereafter procure

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Cuppage

Vellore
10th May 1783

Dear Sir

In the Instructions the General has done me the Honor to leave with me I am directed to correspond with you for the Information of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee on all Matters relative to the Service; I therefore beg you will do me the favor to Inform them that the Army marches this morning to Killmore. Except the detachment Colonel Pearce Brought up with Him & the

marsh

From the Commg Officer at Permacoil advising of the march of the Army to Killmore & that Col Pearces detachment will march the next day receives intelligence that the Enemy have a Camp two miles South of Villanore

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18th March as tomorrow a Morning. By my
People I am informed that the Enemy
a Camp at an old Pagoda about 1/2 or 2 Miles
South of Villanore Consisting of about 300
Europeans 500 Sepoys & 100 European Cavalry
and a Detachment of 12 European Cavalry
& 24 Sepoys on the Red Hills they Sent a Party
of Cavalry with a European to
the Ships at Conjemier this is Confirmed by
from Camp at Present a-
Detachment there, I shall always give you
very Information that I
I am Sir &c.
(Signed) Lieut Dawes

Permacoil
16 May midnight

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

From Captain
Edmonds purposes
to proceed the next
day on his Expedition

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform you
that the Detachment from Masulipatam
arrived the 11th Instant. Some being
Necessary to Gun Carriages & being obliged
to exchange & returns the Corsar bullocks.
by reasons of the Deviations of the
I shall march tomorrow Morning and convey the

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15th May 1783.

18 to your directions do myself the honor to communicate every Circumstances of importance that may occur.

I have the Honor to be with great respect &c.

(Signed) Edward Edmonds
Capt. Comdt.

Dispatched Letter to Colonel Innes Capt. Edmonds and Captain Cuppage (as inserted in Miscellany Book) directing them to send a List of all the General Orders received by them since the first of October last.

Sent the following Letter to Resident of Tanjore.

John Sullivan Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

Dear Sir

To the Resident at Tanjore approving of the idea of restoring the Arcalore and Warrear pollams Pollygars to their Countries & desiring him accordingly to address an official Letter to the Commt upon that Subject only.

I have communicated to the Committee those parts of your Letter of the 2d Instant which relate to the Polygars of Arcalore and Warrea=polliams and they agree with me in approving your Idea of restoring them to their Countries and fixing two thirds of the Revenue upon a medium of five years as their Tribute to Government

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18 Government during the Assignment and in case of Improvement of the Country not more than one third of such Improvement to be demanded at a more favorable time we shall endeavour to obtain the Nabobs Consent to their re establishment in the mean while they are safe under the Company's protection But no public resolution can be passed upon this Subject until it comes regularly before the Select Committee from the Committee of Assigned Revenue - I request therefore that you will write an Official Letter upon it (unnessed with any other Matter) and transmit the proposals of the Poligars that the whole may be laid before the Committee of Assigned revenue —

I am Sir &c

(Signed)

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18 May 1783 —

Sent letter to Bengal as entered in Miscellany Book with return of recruits embarked the Fortitude & Baumlisel belonging to that Establishment —

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19 Dispatched the following Letter to the —

Governor General & Council

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General &c. Council of Bengal

Honble Sir & Sirs

To the Gov. Genl & Council advising them of the measures taken for Success to the Expeditions agt Cuddalore —

We wrote to you on the 28th ultimo by her Majestys Cutter the Lizard advising you of the melancholy Event of the death of Sir Eyre Coote and on the 11th Instant our Secretary advised Mr. Alexd of the departure of Sir Edward Hughes with the greatest part of his Majestys squadron of the Ships of War and transports left by him for the Service of the Expedition against Cuddalore, and of the — Arrival of the hound Sloop from England —

The fleet was sure off Cuddalore about the 11th Instant and 7 of the Ships anchored in the road for some hours —

An advanced Brigade of the Army took possession of Permacoil the 26th ultimo and the whole Army arrived there the 3d Instant

We have exerted and are exerting all the Faculties and resources of this Government to ensure Success to this important expectation —

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19th The General judged it advisable to halt at Permacoil for the Arrival of the Ships with the Stores and provisions and in order to remove all apprehension of his being obliged to fall back for Provisions we took up the Ships in Resolution She being a prime Sailer and sent her forward under convoy of the Active with a Cargo of Rice some Money Ammunition and Stores and about 100 men of the reinforcement intended for the Army — we have the pleasure to inform you that those ships arrived at Conjemeer (the place appointed between Pondachary and Alumparva) the 13th and the Army was to march thither from Permacoil the 16th Instant we have taken up also the Ships Ann and Amelia and Sweeps Galley. the former with his Majestys Transports Harriet and Pondechery laden also with Money provisions Stores Ammunition Artillery and Troops sailed the 16th Instant under convoy of the Isis for the Southward of Cuddalore and they will be followed tomorrow by the Minerva Transport under convoy of the San Carlos. The Said Frigate & Sweep Galley

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No 19 we hope to dispatch. The Morse Indiaman will also proceed the moment She is ready —

The Supplies for the Army on board those Several Ships will be nearly as follows —

Rice Gram &c. 40000 Bags an the Arrack & Rum we — in Stores Gunpowder — 4000 Barrels Several peices of Ordenance — Mortars; The Number of Europeans — which from the whole reinforcement will be — above 800. all the Money we could possibly raise on public and private Credit ha been — already Sent to the Army in the Ships or under escorts by land —

Chengleput was Stored with 60.000 Bags of rice before the Army marched and considerable quantities have been Sent since to provide against the failure of the Supplies by Sea —

Our Army is thus comply supplied and reinforced which the Enemy on the other hand apprehends a want of both provisions and Stores. as you will have the Satisfaction to find by the inclosed copies of Letters from M.r de Bussy to M.r De Suffren intercepted and Sent to us by M.r Sullivan —

Sir

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" 19 Sir Edward Hughes being greatly Superior
to M. de Suffren both in the Number and
condition of his Ships we trust M. Bussy's
hopes of relief by Sea will effectually be
frustrated

Tippoo Saib of leaving us fully
employed in his own Country: but it has for
some time been strongly reported that he was
either killed desperately wounded in an action
with General Mathews —

Upon the whole there is at present
a fair prospect that our efforts against the national
Enemy will be attended with Success — Those
efforts have not prevented us from attending
to other objects that may eventually prove of
Importance on the final adjustment of our —
differences or with the native powers.

Captain Edmonds with a considerable
Detachment on making a diversion in the
Canara and Cuddapah Countries that if
Successful may aid your negotiations with
the Soubah hereafter for the restoration of the
important Circar of Guntoor and the remission
of the Peishcush &c

You have already been informed
of the Successful Commencement of our plan —
for

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19 for attacking the Enemys posessions to the
Southward and if possible for drawing part of their
force from General Mathews — These objects —
having been pointed out and urged in the most
earnest manner to Colonel Long he proceeded —
forwards soon after the Capture of Carroor and —
attacked a Fort called which lay —
in this way to Dindygall it was carried by Storm
after a short resistance and the Army then —
proceeded to dindigall which Surrendered —
the 8th may after the lower Fort had also been —
carried by a[s]sault

The Southern Army is not at present
Strong enough to prosecute there Successes
to the extent we could wish, as in order to —
attempt a Junction with General Mathews —
or a march towards Seringapatam it should
be able to cope with Tippoo Saibs whole force
Indeed it has not been supported without the
utmost difficulty and great exertions on the
part of Mr Sullivan nor could the Southern army
have been Supported at all or enable to act —
or even to exist but for the resources which the
assignment of the Countries from the Nabob —
enabled —

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[illegible] enabled us to Supply

We have given General Stuart

the Authority in case measure should be

indispensibly necessary to order part of the

Southern Army to join him but we hope

he will have no occasion to avail himself

of it

We received intelligence some days ago

of General Mathews having taken another

strong Fort to the Southward of Mangalore

and we inclose Copy of a letter just received

from the President at Anjango

The whole of this letter makes

us [illegible] for further Accounts and we are

extremely concerned what is communicated

in the latter part of it.

We do not presume to pronounce

or give an Opinion on the unhappy dispute

between General Mathews and the Kings

Officers but we know that General Mathews

has most essentially contributed to the

favorable change in the Aspect of our affairs

and to the hopes we now entertain of overcoming

the National Enemy by drawing Supplies

from

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19 from the Carnatic the Junction of whose
Army with the force under M. Bussy might
have brought the British Interests throughout
India to a very dangerous Crisis
but feel the greater Interest in —
General Mathews Successes by having assisted
in enabling him to effect them the considerable
body of Europeans which we sent him at a
very great risk from hence in the beginning
of November last having constituted a great
part of the Strength of his victorious Army —
We are preparing the Accounts —
you deserved of the Appropriation of the Monies
you have sent us and which were considered
with the immence expences of the Army we —
have kept in the field and other heavy Military
disbursements will enable you to judge how
for the exertions of this Presidency have been —
proportionate to its resources and how far such
resources have been managed with prudence

&c

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19th May 1783

We have the Honor to be &c
(Signed) J. Macartney &c
Select Committee
Dispatched

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19th Dispatched the following Letter to —

General Stuart

Major General Stuart draft to be inserted in both Original & Duplicate on the proceedings — by San Carlos & Tappal

Commanding in Chief —

To Genl. Stuart — Sir

advising him that I am to Acknowledge the receipt of your

the San Carlos — private letter of the x date and am to acquaint

Minerva & Speedwell you that your Several letters to the Board

will sail with Stores the last of which is dated 15th have been received

for the Army. The They will be Answered after the next Committee

Success Galley & which will be held tomorrow if I am able to

more will also — attend — I am confined at present to my Couch to

Sail in a few days with a violent Rheumatism Occasioned by the

No arrack in Store bad weather in order to acquaint you that the San Carlos

& with assurances the Minerva transport & Speedwell with Troops

that the Comm.r will Stores & Provisions will Sail Tomorrow upon

not relax in their the Same destination and with the Same

exertions in favor instructions as the Success & her Convoy — The

of the Army — San Carlos will carry Pagodas which sum

will be added to by every Opportunity that offers

as fast as money comes into us Two days since

we received the five Lack of Current Rupees

from Bengal that came by the San Carlos together

with 10 or 12,000 Pagodas from Colonel Owen

being the balance for Mercahants (arising from the

other

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19th other 5 Lacks that came with Sir Eyre Coote —
after reserving the sum due upon the Company's
Bond to him — The Success Galley will I hope be
able to Sail before Saturday & the more India
man soon after — I trust that we shall have exceeded
all your demands in every Article except arrack —
we have not a Single drop now left in our Store —
the last third being this day put on board the —
Minerva for you — The Small quantity that may
be short of your Indents I should hope might be
procured from Tranquebar by the means of Mr —
Cockrane or Macintosh whom you will please to
make acquainted with your wants in that respect —
Major Sydenham will have informed you by my —
desire of the additional number of draft & carriage
bullocks lately arrived with Mr Calls from the
Northward: as also of the directions given for adding
to the number of your slaughter Cattle & Sheep by
Supplies from Vellore sent to Chenglepat by way
of Tripasore — you will continue to apprize us
of all the wants that may occur to your Army as —
we shall in no ways relax our exertions to supply
them, but we flatter ourselves that your difficulties
will lessen every day. — I do not mention any of —
the Private news either of this place or Calcutta —

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19th as you Probably have very good intelligence from other Correspondents—

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May 19th 1783

I have the Honor to be with great truth

(Signed) Macartney

Sent the following letter to Captain Murray

Captain Murray Commander His Majestys

Ships Lan Carlos—

To Capt. Murray inclosing Copy of Capt. Haldays Letter to the President & requesting that he will proceed on the same destination with the Minerva Transport & observe the same measures for the Debarkation of the Maries &c—

Sir

Our President having informed us that the Minerva Transport will be ready tomorrow with the Troops Stores & Provisions for the Army on board we request that you will proceed with her & put other Vessel as may have the same destination to the Southward of Cuddalore but not further than to the Southward of Cuddalore than Porto nova as soon as you have passed Cuddalore you will endeavor to communicate with General Stuart or some of his People on Shore by Signal as settled in Captain Haldays Letter to our President of the 15th Instant a Copy of which is now Sent to you you will then fix the proper place for the Disembarkation & such other cooperations as may best promote the Service

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We have the Honor to be &c

(Signed)

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19 Received the following Letter from General Stuart with intercepted Intelligence as already received from Mr Sullivan —

My Lord &c.

The Proceedings is the Copy of what I had the honor of addressing to you yesterday — In the forenoon I received a Packet from my Nephew Mr Cochrane with his Seperate Confidential Letter to me inclosing paper of some consequence from Mr D. Busby found in a Boat as described by Mr Cochrane I send the whole to you and I doubt not of your being of the same opinion with me that both He and the officer Ensign Clarke have had great Merit in coming at this Intelligence The French Language has been badly Copied but the Sense is clear and I am happy to know from Mr Sullivan that he will find a way to Send the Communication to the Admiral —

We came to our Ground here early this Morning but not a Single Bullock could keep pace with us as Captain Kearsey informed me I therefore left the Cattle at Permocoil till they had rested.

The covering party marched to Conjemier this Morning and by the position of our

From Genl Stuart with Intelligence from Trangambar — and intercepted letters from Mr Busby —

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19th our Line here and Pattroles in communication
nothing can effect the Landing of the Rice &c.
at Conjeveram.

Your Packet of March 13th has just been
received & I believe that your Lordship &c. will
find that I have Answered by anticipation on
most if not all the points — If you are pleased
to withdraw certain powers from me regarding
the Southern Army as them thrown out, you are
the masters surely to do so on any Supposition
you please but I shall not easily persuade
myself if such powers were judged Originally
fit & proper for the executive publick Service —
that you will draw them on a Supposition of
my withholding any Correspondence indeed it
never was my Idea — you must now be convinced
of it & that I have but one object in view & without
a Biass to the Contrary and it is the publick
Service upon practical Grounds —

I have Seperate Letter from
Colonel Fullarton, not Official, acquainting
me of the Surrender of Dindigul the 5th Instant
of which I give you joy and also that he had received
and Communicated to Colonel Lang my Letter to
him (Colonel F. 28/29 March wherein I politely sent
you a Copy) but I have not a word from Colonel
Lang on any Subject these 12 days & more — I have
the

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19 the Honor to be &c. —

(Signed) James Stuart

P.S. I observe what your Lordship &c. say of —
discontinuing the throwing Rice in quantities
into Chengleput and the reasons. but I beg leave
to urge the continuing to send Rice there —
In a war such as this and indeed
in all wars we should ever look to save every —
chance of disappointment either by land or by
Sea —

I received the Copies of your Letter to
C. Halliday &a Copy of the Presidents to Mons.
De Bussy which I shall forward at a proper
Season — J.S

The Inclosures of letter and intercepted
Intelligence are from N°1. to N°5 marked on
the back with the Initials of my name —
J.S

upon the English Army encamping at
Kellenore Tylapenam. The French who were at
Kellenour removed to Cuddalore not being able
to procure any good water at Kellenour Tylapenam
the English Camp moved to Cudaineur near —
Permacoil. a Detachment Consisting of 1500 Europeans
3000 Sepoys 100 Peons & 2000 are at Cuddalore —
under the Command of Count Dess removed to —
Cautoamoodoo

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19th on the 1st Instant a Wessel arrived at Tranquebar with letters for Mr. Servy from Mr. Suffrane She has returned to Trenchomally

Letter received on the 5th Instant Mr. Bussy at Cuddalore from Mr. Suffraine mention that he is ready to Sail and waits for his Orders

Letters from Mr. Suffren mention that on the 28th March a Frigate Sailed for Trenchemallee She was taken by an English Ship on the 14th of April off Cuddalore

The English are taking charge of the Chettore & Chendragary Countries Govindaroyen & Sirvanaran with party of 3000 Horse plundering near Gingee

Said Saheb has wrote to Jogy Pundit desiring him to Collect the Revenues and Send it to him. He has wrote to Said Saheb telling him he can not collect any Revenues from the Countries taken by the English Said Saheb wrote a second time to Jogy Pundit desiring him to keep Govindaroyen with 3000 Horse in Order to collect the Revenue and take charge of the Countries

On the 5th Instant Mr. Peveron carried a letter from Mr. Bussy to Tippoo Saheb the Contents of the letter I shall send you soon Streeputty Royen with 100 Horse stationed at Amley and Lalgoody to plunder the Tanjore and

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19 Trichinopoly Countries —

On the 8th Instant 1200 Horse & 2000 —

Infantry arrived at Chellumbrum to plunder the

Pandanalore Scally & Myaveram Countries —

to take Prisoners the different Amuldars —

This day they are to remove to —

Myaveram. This Intelligence received in writing

My Havildar who saw them at Chellumbrum —

(Signed) B.C

Paper of Intelligence received from the Honble

&

Mr. Cockrane 15 May 1783 — J.S.

My Dear Uncle —

On the 7th at night I returned here from

Caricall. when I learned that a French Boat that

had come from Tranquebar with a Packet from —

Mr Bussey to Mr. Suffren had Anchored off here

some hours & afterwards proceeded to the Southward

Judging that they could not have got very far. on

Account of the strong southerly Wind & Current —

I requested Mr Clarke to proceed with a party —

of Sepoys to Amor Sahody 6 miles to the Southward

of this and at the extremity of the Island, and I

sent a Challenge thither by the River. Mr Clarke

managed the matter with great judgment for

preserving that they had cast Anchor on this Side

of

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19 of Senior Sahody and would not be able to get under way until Morning he did not embark his Men till after dark, hoping to take them by surprise and by that meane securing the Packet. When he came near the Boat he was challenged & fired on which he returned by two rollies. They cried out for quarter which was given them he immediately took possession of the Boat and removed the crew into the Challinga consisting of 7 Europeans 6 Coffrees & 2 Lascars This he did with 16 Sepoys only. for the rest of the Sepoys into other small Boats that my man got at Senior Sahody did not arrive till the Business was over — Mr Clarke not being able to find the packet put a Guard & some Challinga people in the Boat with orders to follow him — Mr Clarke arrived with the prisoners but the Guard & Challinga people broke open the Liquor cases and run the Boat ashore to the Southward of this and immediately begun plundering it a reward was offered for the Rollies Some were procured this Morning by which I learned that Mr Bussy's Packet for Mr Suffrein had been delivered in charge to one of the Europeans who might have draped it in the Boat in the fright. It turned out as Imagined for Mr Clarke after taking an infinite deal of trouble in

clearing

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19th clearing away the Sand that had been collected in the Boat during the night found the Packet consisting of only two small Rolls & wrapped up in a sheet of lead — after drying them I had them Copied & forwarded the Originals to Mr Sullivan

I now inclose you a Copy which I request you to forward to Lord Macartney after — persual It gives me infinite Satisfaction the Procuring this Packet as it gives you every — information regarding the State of their Stores in Cuddalore The admiral will of course take particular care to prevent Rice being thrown — in by Chellingas from the Southward — All the Private Letters were sent to Mr Sullivan this morning, who will be able to make Extracts of what is necessary Some of the Letters are wrote in High Dutch which Mr Sullivan will get — translated thro the means of the missionaries —

Yesterday arrived here a Portuguese Ship called the Prince of Brazil Commanded by Capitain Joag.m Sena de Costa belonging to the Portuguese Company of Pernambuco Paraiba — She left Tellicherry the 26 April & brings no — News She proceeds tomorrow morning to Tranquebar and afterwards to Madras & Bengal Her Cargo consists of 200 Pipes of Madeira some Cotton and Pepper —

Enclosed

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19th Enclosed I send you the Lines from Tranquebar and Extracts of different Letters received Also forward Colonel Fullarton's Letter to you which I opened agreeable to his desire. No other News — Fullarton has again forgot to send the Proceedings of the Council of War —

I am Dear Mr Cockrane &c

(Signed) Basil Cockrane

Negapatam May 9th 1783 — 10 P.M.

Copy of the Letter from the Hon'ble Basil Cockrane To Major General Stuart May 9th 1783 — Inclosing from N°1 to N°3 Intercepted Correspondence a paper of Intelligence — N°5 — — — I.S

General Stuart

20 — Received the following Letters from General Stuart —

My Lord &c

The Preceding is the Copy of my last — From Gen'l Stuart inclosing an Extract of a Letter from the Chief Engr and recommending in consequence that Captain Johnston be — ordered to join the Army —

Letter since which I have Sent the proper Escort to Conjeveram The Artillery and recovered Europeans have joined Mr Welsh has also received the — 20.000 Pagodas —

The utmost power of Sending bags — ashore does not exceed 1200 daily so that Our — working Parties to bring it from the Breach to the Plan of Security is proportioned thereto from the Cargoe of the Ships your Lordship &c will therefore see that time it will require to land the whole

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20th I am also Obliged to send the Cattle this day to Pirmacoil to bring up what we left there of — Rice and on our next move I shall in like manner necessarily leave the larger Part with the proper guard in the Pagoda of Killanore which I have Ordered to be made a Post of. In this manner — I shall proceed whatever may be the Reports of the present distress of the French at Cuddalore or the expectation of Supplies of Rice from the South of Cuddalore —

I have Sent the enclosed — Intelligence to Capt.n Trobridge to be forwarded to the Admiral who is cruizing abreast of — Cuddalore & I doubt not of Mr. Sullivan sending the Admiral also the earliest notice of every thing from Karical. I have a Letter from Mr Sullivan dated 16th in Answer to one I wrote him the 6th —

Syed Saheb has returned with the whole of his force from following the Southern Army, and as encamped Since yesterday close to the North Boundary of Cuddalore a Part is at Irivade Pandolee & another part hovering about us here. There was a kind of Early Skirmish yesterday between them and our irregular Horse we brought in a Man & Horse. The Man is — Sent with two French Deserters forward to — Pirmacoil & the Presidency

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20th I forward me lord Papers of Intelligence from N°1 to 6 just received from the Nabob Mr Cockrane the Contents are of importance for us to know at this time. In a Seperate Letter Mr Cockrane informs me that he has got Intelligence of another Boat with dispatches from Mons. De Bussy being at Anchor and he has taken measures to get possession of

I have the Honor to be &c

(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at Killanoor 18th May 1783

P.S. Mr Sullivan will doubtless have informed your Lordship &c that Br. General Mathews is recalled by the Government of Bombay and that Colonel Mc Leod the Senior Officer in his Majesty's Service on that Coast has Succeeded to the Commander of the Army whatever may be my attachment to Colonel Mc Leod from personal friendship & acquaintance yet I most Sincerely regret the Occasion that may have given rise to the removal of an Officer so distinguished & to whom the Publick has been so much indebted at the most Critical period of this war

I transmit the Copy of the Orders Consequent of the Commissrs Letter to him concerning

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20th concerning the Reduction of the Bt Staff —

The few days delay carrying their Orders into —
execution arose from the attention I thought
due to Colonel Pearce who did not join the
Army till yesterday — J:S

Extract of General Orders by the Commander
in Chief in Camp at Killenore 17th May 1783 —

Ex. "The Honble The Governor General &
Council of Bengal having by their Minutes in
date the 5th of last month published in General
orders in Bengal and a Copy transmitted to
Government here resolved that the Staff —
Appointments of the Detachment from Bengal
serving with this Army be struck off and the
Right Honble the President and Select Committee
of Fort St George having directed the said —
Resolution to be Conformed to. It is ordered —
accordingly with the exception only of One Ard.
De Camp to Colonel Pearce One Major of Brigade
One Adjutant and One Quarter Master to the —
Bengal European Artillery; with the exception
of Captain Gillespie to act as Deputy Quarter
Master General to this Army in conformity to the
orders of the late Commander in Chief of date 10th —
August 1781 also of Captain Hearsay and Deputy
as

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20th as Baggage master to this Army conformably.
Likewise to the same orders in date 26 August
1781. That with the above exceptions all the
other Staff appointments mentioned in the
return to the Adjutant General the 10th Instant
as attached to the detachment from Bengal
do cease Namely—

The 2d Aid de Camp
The Surveyor—
The Engineer
The Secretary
The Persian Interpreter
The Aid de Camp to Lt Colonel Edmondson
The Quarter Master of the Division of the 1st Bn
The Quarter master of the Division of the 3d Bn
The 2d Adjutant of Artillery and the Chaplain
If there are any other Staff omitted or not
included in the return as above made to
the Adjutant General are to be reported
to the Commander in Chief without delay.
& mean while struck off until so reported
Captain Johnson of the Corps of Engineers of
the Bengal Establishment will serve under
the Chief Engineer during the present Campaign

A true Extract
Henry Malcolm
Adjt General

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Tranquebar 9th May 1783

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Typpoo has sent Mr Pimorien to Mr Bussey — requesting him to send Troops & Ships to — Codyalbunder Mr Bussey has desired Mr Pimorien to return & tell Typpoo. The English Camp — marched to Cuddalore I have wrote four Letters to you for your Assistance — you have sent me — word that you have Appointed Mahomed — ally Commandant Kardash Pundit with the force of Said Saib to assist me in a 2d Letter you tell me you will return with your — whole Army & in a 3d Letter that you will — be detained two months before you can settle — affairs in the Bidenore Country I can put no trust in either of these Letters — The French King never wished that by our Assistance alone that all the Camatrees should be conquered Hyder — aby Cawn was a good Sardar he requested the Assistance of the French The French King on — account of his Friendship for Hyder Sent Mr — Dirhamin with Troops & Ships I followed him with men Troops & to recover the Camatrees for him The Expence of sending these Ships & Troops has been upwards of 500 Lacks of Pagodas all for the French Kings friendship for Hyder expecting in return Hyder would have been able to have — made a conquest of the English presents of Arms —

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20th I have been sent to the Amount of 150,000 Pagodas — a Man of war has been taken by the English on board of which was a Letter from the French king that all his dukes were to obey the orders of Hyder. I am sorry that Hyder is deceased and you — returned to Beddenore I am afraid I shall have no assistance for you if the English come against Cuddalore. said Saib has gone away without — acquainting me its not for fear of the English that I write you all this 15 days after the fall of Cuddalore you will find Seringapatam — will be taken by the English. Dont put — confidence in the English If you return — with your whole force we might take Madras if you cannot send 10,000 Sepoys 10,000 Horse & 2000 Bullocks with orders for Supplies Provisions & I will take charge of the Arcot Countries —

I beg you will be particular for your Answer whether you will or will not. Mr Bussy wrote to Tippoo Saib that Mr Pimorien will request him also to do the Same you must not be surprized. If you lose every thing if you not follow an Old Mans advice. " Instantly the French Camp returned to Cuddalore

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20th By a letter received from Cuddalore we learn that Mr. Bussy sent for Mahomed Israell Tippoo Saibs Vackeel residing there & told him that his master Tippoo had wrote him of the retaking of Biddenore that he had also wrote this to Sayed Saib depending on the truths of which he had sent the same Intelligence to — France & had fired a Salute on the Occasion — But that he had received a letter from Mr. Bussy Commanding Officer of the French Troops with Tippoo, dated at Condanaparam near Bidinoor — on the 16th April 1783 which informs him of Tippoo Saibs being on the march with his whole force — from Seringapatam to Biddenoor — That the — Detachments from the English army which were placed in the Gauts or Roads leading to Bedinoor about 5 Cosse from the Fort made a — precipitate retreat into the Fort upon Tippoo Armies appearing and then sent out Word from the Garrison that if the French would give Cowl they would surrender the Fort — that Tippoo Saheb sent 2 French Gentlemen to the Fort for that Purpose by this means Tippoo & the French were thrown off their Guard & People from the Fort were sent to bury a quantity of Powder and — Cambrestables in the Roads & detained the 2 — French Gentlemen in that Fort having effected

stables

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20th Since the English Army sat down upon Tippoo and the French a Great Battle Ensued when the English set fire to the Powder &c. that was carried which made great destruction among them — They afterwards moved to Condanapuram where in three Days from Bidenoore in order to cut off all Supplies for the Garrison from the Sea part of Mangalore notwithstanding all this Tippoo Saheb has deceived me by writing to me & his own Commandants the Public Letter I have shewn you this Convinces me that your master is not candid & that he is thinking of making terms for himself This account with the loss in Tippoo & the French Camp I have received from Mr Bussy but not Tippoo Sahb How then can I trust a man who is not open in his affairs & does business in this manner Mr Bussy desired Mahamed Amall to write this to his masters — The 2000 Sepoys & 200 Horse which were at Chitteldroog have not yet Encamped the River — Serreerangan has Encamped with his Horse at near Serrore and Said Saheb near Arcumlagary —

the 11 May at night

Steputty rayen has returned to Arcumlagary in Compliance with orders received on Account of Col Langs having removed from Dundigul which he took possession of the 6th Instant Mr Bussy wrote a Letter to Mr Suffrain informing that the English

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20th English Field & Army were coming against Cuddalore
that they have neither Rice or Provisions in the Fort
and requesting he would immediately come to their
assistance—This letter with many others for Trinche-
-malle was put into a Vessel of Mr Busys which
was taken to the Southward of Negapatam Mr Rosy
immediately dispatched a Cattamaran to Cuddalore
to inform Mr Busy of it & Sent off a duplicate by a
Cattamaran to Mr Suffrane at Trichamalle this
night

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May 8th —— arrived at Negapatam the Ship called the
prince of Brazil Commandant by Capt.n Joag.m
Sim.a de Costa belonging to the Portuguese Company
of Pernambuco Paraiba came from Bombay Goa
& Tellicherry with 200 Pipes of Madeira Cotton &
Pepper—on the 9th She Proceed to Tranquebar—

Tranquebar 10th May 1783—

A letter of the 28th April from Major Alcock
to Mr. Mc Intosh says I am just returned from Sir
Eyres funeral your uncle therefore Commands in
Chief—

Anjangoo 30th April 1783

I am informed it was reported that one
of the passes of the Ghauts has been taken by Surprize
and that all Communication was cut off between
Mangalore and General Mathews but I have
received subsequent advices mentioning that a strong
report prevails that Tippoo has received a severe
check

20th check and the Communication between the Army and
the Coast is again restored — General Mathews is
ordered to Bombay to answer several charges against
him, and Colonel Macleod is to take the Command
who before now must be carried at Mangalore —

Peace with the Marrattas was published
at Bombay the beginning of this month. This may be
relied on as I have received an official account
thereof —

Tranquebar 11th May 1783

I have a Letter from Madras of date
28th ultimo, mentions the Death of Sir Eyre that
our Fleet was to Sail the 1st Instant and that our
Army was Supposed to be then near Cuddalore —

(N°3) Tranquebar May 10th 1783

A French Letter from Bidenoore dated
the 13th April, says the General Mathews had attack'd
Tippoo Saib and killed a number of Europeans of
Sullies Troops together with the Commanding officer
Mr Brenaldi, that he was afterwards obliged to retreat
into Bidenore with 3000 Sepoys & 700 Europeans —
and is now close besieged & it is expected he will
Surrender &c. you must know if this is true what is
Certain is that Such a letter exists —

Camp near Dindegall 11th
May 1783 —

Colonel Fullarton Commands Colonel Lang is
ordered to Join the Grand Army —

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20 Tranquebar 7th May 1783

Here is a letter from Mr Cossigny Commanding the French Troops in Tippoos Camp mentioning that Bidenore was carried by Storm & General Mathews with his Army in the Fort ready to —— Surrender the French lost Six Officers & Calley — one the Letter dated 13 April —

Tranquebar 11th May 1783

We have News that the Fleet was off Cuddalore the 11 and the Army within 3 or 4 miles

Tanjore 14 May 1783

I send you the following Extract of a Letter from Mr. Irwin —

The Rajah of Travancore is Supreme of the Success of Mathews at Ramagerry which Mr Hutchinson has already given us an account of Tippoo Lost 1500 killed & retired precipitately to his Capital the Rajah fired 21 Guns on the Occasion — Colonel Fullarton having taken the Command is in orders to day —

(N 4) Tranquebar 13 May 1783

I have already conformed you of the —— Contents of those Letters which Mr Bazy sent to the Mahrattas by French Gentlemen — I have now to inform you that they were taken Prisoners at adony by the Son of Basalet Jung — that there were other Letters dispatched to them of the Mharattas with

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20 with Mr Gadey on the 9th instant by the way of Cuddapah

A man from Chilumbrum, writes that

English Camp is arrived very near Pondicherry —

That a detachment had an Engagement close to the

Westward of Cuddalore on Friday — That the French

with a Thousand Soldiers and some Sepoys marched

against the Party at night, had a Skirmish in

which they lost some men afterwards returned

to Cuddalore that he heard the firing on friday

night near Cuddalore —

Tranquebar 1th May 1783

By a Letter from Cuddalore we learn

that the English Camp arrived at Tiruvaypore

Choultry near Pondicherry the 30 Instant a Fleet

of Men of War Consisting of 24 arrived at Cuddalore

the day after 6 o'clock in the Morning — 8 of them

anchored near the Fort. The French have made

a Battery close on the Sea Beach from which they

keep up a fire upon the Ships. There is neither

Rice Provisions or Ammunition in the Fort Mr

Bussy has informed Mr Suffrain of this & desires

his presence immediately —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K B

President & Governor &c Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord &c

From a Letter now received from the

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20th Chief Engineer Ito transcribe the following part.

As Mr Wilkens & myself are the only Engineers now in the field accustomed to the Service of a Seige I submit to you the propriety of being reinforced with those of experience in that way in case of your chusing to attack more place than one at a time or of any accidents befalling us.

(Signed) Patrick Ross.

I therefore most earnestly recommend that Captain Johnston of the Corps of Engineers be ordered to join this Army being the only officer excepting Major Maule who has seen Service in that line & I trust your Lordship &c will see the necessity of his joining with all expedition in order to remove as much as we can the Chance of inconvenience to the present Service from Sickness or fatal accident to the Chief Engineer whom his Letter mentions the Names of one or two young Gentlemen with him unfit for Duty from Sickness.

I have the Honor to be &c

(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at Sholinghur
18th May 1783.

Received the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes

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

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From Sir Edward Hughes advising that the Squadron had been impeded in its progress to the Southward by Contrary Winds & Currents — receives Intelligence that M. Suffrein intends to put to Sea in a few days Informs the Comm.d that the Squadron must return to Madras the latter end of June —

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Winds have continued to blow so Strong from the South with very little variation either to the East or West, that with the utmost diligence and attention, His Majesty's Squadron under my Command has not as yet been able to get to the Southward of Porto Nova — and judging it necessary to keep near the Shore least being at a distance, the Enemy might push between me and the Land, and cut off the Ships and Vessels having the Stores and Provisions on Board for the Army, as well as the Ships employed to cover them, the Current which sets to the Northward most Strong along the Shore has much impeded the Squadrons progress to the Southward —

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On the 16th of this Month the Cruizers of the Squadron spoke two Portuguese Ships which had left Tranquebar two days before from some English Gentlemen Passengers on those Ships but particularly from the Surgeon of the Country, a very intelligent Man, I learn Mr Suffrein has for some time past been employed in the refitting his Ships of his Squadron all in Harbour, part of which were expected to come into Back Bay the

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20th 25th of this Month and when all had done so it was this intention to proceed to Sea be that as it will be the Squadron must return to Madras Road on if not before the end of next month for a Supply of Water Stores and Provisions and this information I think it necessary to give you that you may under these circumstances regulate the Operations of the Army as you see fit

Superb at Sea the 19th May 1783

I have the Honor to be &ca

(Signed) Edward Hughes

Sent the following Letter to the Governor and Council of Bencoolen

To Edward Coles Esqr President & Governor & Council of Fort Marlborough

Gentlemen

To Bencoolen will comply with their indent as far as possible with an Account of the particular Events on this Coast requesting a supply of Arrack

We are to Acknowledge the honor of your Letter of the 24th June last & are must concerned to hear of the death of Major Hutchson a Circumstance which at this time unto not fail to be of great Inconvenience to you

We should with great readiness have constituted to Supply his Loss in the manner you desire by permitting Major Prescot to serve on your Coast had not the party Appointment of another officer by the Presidency of Bengal disappointed Intentions

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20 We shall Comply with your various Indents as far as in our power by the first good conveyance which we hope will soon offer — With respect to Gun Powder we shall send you a Supply but we beg leave to recommend to you a particular attention to the Mode of proveing it — Inclosed we send you a Copy of the Proceedings of an Committee of Stores relative to the last Gun powder sent to your Presidency Whenever you dispatch a Vessel for this place we wish you to send us as large a Quantity of Arrack as you can we had flatter'd ourselves indeed from Mr Botham's Engagement that we should have long since received from you a Considerable Supply of that Article —

We shall now mention the principal Events which have happened since our last dispatch to you. Hyder Ali Khan died on the 7th of December last was Succeeded on his Dominion by Tippoo Saib his Eldest Son who who persued the Same plans which his father had adopted but not with equal Success — We had always been of Opinion that an Attack upon the Enemys Territorys on the Malabar coast would be the most probable Method of relieving the Carnatic & accordingly recommended it

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20th it strongly to Bombay. That Presidency adopted the Idea & with the assistance of a Considerable body of Europeans which we sent round to them & the Supplies of money furnished by Bengal were enabled to make a powerful Invasion into the Bednoor Country the Capital of which General Mathews took without the loss of a Man. The whole Province Possessing a Revenue of 60 Lacks of Rupees submitted to our Army. Mangalore soon after capitulated & all the Sea Coast from to in our Hands. The Operation of our Army to the Southward of the Coleroon have also been attended with Success Colonel Lang took the Pettah of Caroor by storm on the 30th of April & the Fort itself was soon abandoned by the Enemy. a few days after Dyercourchy fell and the Garrison were all put to the Sword. The last news we have from that part of the Country is the Capture of the important Fortress of Dindigul & our long in Possession of the Paper The Main Army under Major General Stuart is now near Cuddalore which we hope will soon fall into our hands together with the French force collected by Mr. Debufsy

The Admiral with a Squadron of Seven Sail of the Line sailed from hence on the 3 Instant in order to block the French up at Trincomalee and intercept their

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20th their expected Reinforcement: we have a small Army to the Northward, which is now employed in making Incursions into the Enemies Territories in the Neighbourhood & we have considerable forces Stationed on the Circar for their Protection. Tippoo Saib was said to be at Bangalore by the last Accounts you will probably have heard that the Governor General & Council of Bengal have received Information of the Peace with the Mahratta State being finally concluded and ratified on the 24th February last. our Fleet from Europe arrived here about a month since consisting of the Mountague Duke of Athol Rodney General Coote Bustridge Europa General Goddard the Francis & Winterton under Convoy of the Bristol Man of War. The Duke of Athol unfortunately blew up in the Road & near 200 souls perished.

About a fortnight ago the Hound Sloop of War arrived here she left England on the 13th October last in Company with the Cato of 58 Guns having on board appointed to relieve Sir Edward Hughes in his command we are very apprehensive of the Safety, as he parted Company with the Hound so long ago as December last to the westward of the Cape.

Sir Eyre Coote who had proceeded to Bengal in October last returned to this Presidency on

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May 20th 1783

20th on the 24th April & died two days after his
arrival —

We have the Honor to be &c
(Signed) Macartney &c Select
Committee

Tuesday 20th May
1783 —

At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K B Pres.
Anthony Sadleir Alexander Davidson
Morgan Williams
Major General E Stuart absent on Service

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following Letter from the ~~Company~~ Commissary
of the Army —

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

From Mr. Wm Jackson
covering the orders
of the Com.r on sundry
Appointments in
Camp not noticed
in the Book of Regulations

My Lord and Gentlemen

On the 18th April last was published
in General Orders that Colonel Thomas Bruce
was to have the local Rank of Major General
in the East Indies only, also Lieut. Colonels —
Gordon and Stuart; and several other officers
to the local Rank of full Colonels. it has also
been published in General Orders that Lieut.
Col. Cathcart is Appointed Quarter master —
General, and Major Grattan Adjutant General
to the Kings Troops in India, as the Military
Regulations

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Regulations do not specify what allowances
officers under the above Descriptions are entitled
to. I request your Lordships Lo. would inform me
whether the Kings officers having Local Rank
whilst acting with the Honble Company's Troops
are to receive the Pay and allowances such Local
Rank entitles them or only According to their
respective Commissions in the Kings Service.
and whether Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart and
Major Grattan are to have the same allowances
as Lieut. Colonels Davies and Malcolm; who
have been acting in similar Capacities for a
Length of time and have According to the orders of
the Select Committee (tho' no mention is made
in the Military Book of Regulations) received
Lieutenant Colonels Pay and Batta Horse and
writers allowances.

The Commander in Chief has
Sunderland; lately appointed Captain Lord
William Murray his aid de Camp; in addition
to those he already had which are three in number
besides a Secretary as it cannot be supposed that
I can be a Judge of the propriety of what number
of aids de Camp the Commander in Chief may
think necessary to appoint and the Military
Book of Regulations being no Guide to me
as to the Number of them I request your Lordships

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Sir would be pleased to inform me whether the same allowances are to be paid to all the Commander in Chief aid du Camps as are paid to one—

your Lordships &c having thought proper to appoint John Hudleston Esquire Judge advocate General on the Coast of Choromandel I am to request you would inform me whether Captain Fotheringham who has hitherto acted as Deputy Judge advocate in the Field is to receive the same allowances in future he not having any warrant from Mr Hudleston to act in that Capacity—

I trust your Lordships &c will see the necessity of giving me your Orders on this Subject as mentioned in this address for as I have always so I shall continue to act, in paying the strictest attention to whatever Orders the Select Committee may think proper to give, and think myself bound by no others with respect to disbursing the Company's Money—

I have the Honor to be with the

Greatest Respect &c

(Signed) W. Jackson

Commissary to the Army

Fort St George
18 May 1783—

The Committee having considered the

Minutes thereon

Several matters referred in the foregoing letter

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20 it is resolved that the following answer be written to Mr. Jackson by the Secretary —

William Jackson
Commissary to the Army
Jackson to
the Company's
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ide —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and to signify to you the following answer on the several Matters therein stated —

1st The Kings Officers having local rank are to receive pay according only to their regimental Commissions in his Majesty's service and to the Rank they hold in their respective Corps, but they are to receive Batta according to their local or Brevet rank. —

2d The Select Committee do not acknowledge Colonel Cathcart and Major Grattan as Quarter master General and Adjutant General; and of course they cannot be paid as such —

3d The Commander in Chief on the Coast, is allowed two Aid du Camps, and those are appointed by Government at his recommendation — if the General has appointed any, they can only be acting aid du Camps, you are to pay none but those

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those appointed by General Orders from the
Select Committee—

4th. You are not to pay any deputy Judge
advocate who has not a warrant from the
Judge advocate General, appointed by the Right
Honble the President and Select Committee.

and I am further directed to Signify to
you, that the Company's military regulations
are to be your Guidance, and that you will be
held responsible for any deviation from them,
for which you cannot produce the Orders of
the Select Committee—

I have the Honor to be &c.a

Fort St George
21 May 1783—

(Signed) John Hudleston
Sec.y

Read the following Letter from General Stuart
together with his Letters of the 14th 15 and 16 Inst.
as entered in the proceedings on the days they
were received—

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

Fort St George

From Gen.l Stuart
recommending—
Officers to be
invalided—

My Lord & Gentlemen

In the letter which I have had the
Honor to receive from you dated the 9th May—
you are pleased to remind me of what passed in
Committee at the meeting of the 19th April in—
relation

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relation to Such of the Companys officers as are at Present by their own Inclination or by their enabelity unemployed while they nevertheless Continue to hold their rank to the Prejudice or Discouragement of other meritorious officers who are both willing & able to Serve —

I do not recollect that I made use of these words, but in so far as affects the Service I have not the Smallest difficulty to recommend that the following field officers of the Madras Establishment be put on the Bounty as on Lord Clives Establishment, and I add that after what we have known of the Bengal Recommendation in that respect we on the Establishment will be found not to exceed our proportionable rights

I hope you will excuse my giving any reasons other than Constitutional to the habits & Physicall Constitutions of the officers —

Lieut. Colonel Harper
Lieut Col. Musgrave Johnston
Major Hart
Major Alcock —

I shall at Leisure take the Liberty to point out to your Lordships &c. the Captains and Subalterns who in the Spirit of the letter addressed to me this day, should be Struck off from the Effective

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Camp Parmacoil
13th May 1783—

Fort St George 20th May 1783—

Effectives of this Army—

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) James Stuart

Minute thereon

The recommendations contained in the above Letter relative to Lieutenant Colonels Harper and Johnston and Major Hart and Alcock the Committee think are not sufficiently explicit to be the ground of a resolution for invalideing those Officers Injustice to the Services and for General Stuarts as well as our own Justification to our employers for a measure which will increase the publick Expence, it is necessary that the General should assign particular reasons applicable to each of the officers in question and until he has done so we must defer coming to any determination

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Colonels Malcolm and Davis—

From Lieut Colonels malcolm & Davis respecting the appointment of an Adjutant & Quarter Master General to the Kings Troops.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the Honor to inclose here-
with a Copy of a letter addressed by us the day
before yesterday to the Commander in Chief to
which we have not been favored with an answer
further than what passed in Conversation this
day

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This day between General Stuart and Lieut Col. Malcolm when the latter requested to have an answer to one letter of the 6th Inst representing at the same, That we conceived ourselves to be the Superior officers in our respective Lines of duty to any Army of the Kings and Company's Troops acting under the orders of the Presidency of Fort St George. That having acted as such from the commencement of this present War, and as a doubt had of late only arisen on the Subject in Consequence of the Appointments of an Adjutant and Quarter Master General to his Majesty's troops made by Lieut General Sir Eyre Coote, whose Staff Commissions in the Opinion of some officers is judged Superior and to take rank of our acting in the Staff Line of duty with this Army; that we thought we had reason to expect, in justice, to be signified in Orders to this Army, which would place the matter beyond the possibility of doubt or interference in the event of the General Staff of the Kings troops joining; which we understood was intended. The Commander in Chief seemed to agree in Opinion with the what had been urged by Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm, and further added that he would take care no interference to our prejudice should take place but desired

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at the same time to give the decision
which we judged to be in his power and to which
we also thought ourselves entitled "The Commander
in Chief having thus declined to give a decision
in writing — which alone as far as his power —
extends could be of real effect and having also
declined the Recommendation to your Lordships
& Select Committee in any respect applicable
to the purposes of our address. we have signified
to him our intention of an application directly
to Government from Ourselves. to which he said
he could have no Objections. having this. as far
as depends upon us adhered to the Military
Practice more particularly adopted to Officers
acting under the immediate orders of the Commander
in Chief (in requesting a representation to —
Government through the usual Channel. we —
now take the Liberty of stating our case to —
your Lordships & Select Committee and in —
addition to what is contained in our letter to
the Commander in Chief. we here beg leave to
observe that although General Stuart may not
only be of opinion that we in the Superior —
officers in the line of Staff duty and may even
wish to see us employed as such in preference
to those lately appointed by the Kings —

Commander

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Commander in Chief in India were Supposing
Their Commissions to have the right of Command
on Account of our Local knowledge and more
the ~~the~~ acquaintance and experience of the
disposition and discipline of the troops Composing
the Major part of the Army it does not follow that
any officer who may be placed in the Chief Command
is to judge neither respect in the same manner
heeded to by General Stuart, our Situation
therefore as Adjutant and Quarter master General
ought connected with the whole of the Establishment
and not attached to the person of any Commander
in Chief whatever, becomes liable to the change
& removal which is only Applicable to the
personal Staff of General officers, for their reasons
therefore we request, and we hoped we might with
the concurrence of your Lordships & Select Committee
to be put in General orders or otherwise nominated
so as to act from Authority and not Subject to
alteration from any Commander in Chief without
causes assigned as the superior Staff officers
in the ports of adjutant and Quarter master General
acting with the Army under the Presidency of
Fort St George we remaining, my Lord and Gentlemen
that an Agreement to this effect is only a form
which perhaps in justice to us ought to have
been

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been published in orders at the Commencement
of a war carried on by troops of different —
Establishments acting together in the Field
as from that period to the present date we —
have had the Honor of doing the duty for the
whole — we flatter Ourselves that the Opinions
we have here impressed and our requests on a
Subject so interesting to our Military Character
will have your approbation and we submit
them with the utmost confidence to your judgment
and decision —

Permit us now my Lord & Gentlemen
to touch on the last part of our letter to the
Commander in Chief respecting the nominal
rank attached to our Stations in the Army —
we beg leave to say that this a species of rank
not known among British Troops in any other
part of the world, and in no respect whatever
answers the purposes of the Command which —
we believe the Officer holding the responsible
and honorable ports of adjutant and Quarter
master General to an Army whose place —
Establishment even is not less than five and
Twenty Thousand Men; are supposed to have
to enable them to execute their duty as the —
representatives of the Commander in Chief in
many Material Operations of Service as
will

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as well as in the duties of parade which are
perhaps of the consequence but which must be
allowed to be of very great necessity & are to
undergo correction and strict discipline on the
occasion we take the Liberty to quote what we
understand to be the custom on the Bengal
Establishment Vizt Brevets as Lieutenant to Command
to the Adjutant and Quarter master General
when it happens that the Officers holding their
posts have not that rank in the Army. Similar
commissions were granted to us here instead
of the nominal rank published in Orders it
would not effect the rise of any Officer originally
senior to us on the list as such rank can only
be applicable and in force, while we continue
to hold the Staff appointments in the same
manner as the nominal rank. Give us leave
my Lord and Gentlemen to add and we hope it
will not be accounted unjust vanity that our
Characters as Officers and the Stations we hold
under your Government may be found at least
equally deserving of rank given out of the
common Line of promotion in the Service as any
that may hitherto have obtained it and that it
may be done perhaps with a less chance of
wounding the feelings of any Officer, because
we can venture to say that the General received
ideas

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idea on the Army list that the rank of Lieut Col should be given to the Adjutant & Quarter master General; and although the commander in Chief has declined on the present occasion for reasons which your Humble Commissioners may be better able to ascertain than we are, to take notice of our application on either of the above Subjects in the manner we have a right to expect, we can with truth assure you that he has repeatedly declared himself on the Subject of the Nominal rank as perfectly agreeing in opinion with us, and has also repeatedly expressed to ourselves and to many officers in the Army his approbation of our conduct and the official discharge of the duties of our Stations. We think it just to ourselves and also necessary for your information to go so far and so particularly on the Subject of our address to the Commander in Chief because it may appear remarkable and perhaps may operate to our disadvantage hereafter in declining to take any notice of an address framed on the Subjects now Submitted with the most perfect confidence in the justice of your decision

We have the honor to Subscribe ourselves with the highest respect &c.a

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjt. General
John Davies
2d Regt

Camp near
Fort Pennacook
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Major General Stuart (Copy)

Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir

His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote the late Commander in Chief of his majesty's Forces in India having thought it necessary to make the appointment of an adjutant and Quarter master General to the Kings troops and to publish the same in General Orders to their Army and as we had not an opportunity of knowing the time of duty his Excellency intended the officers holding those appointments to even the full on the event of their joining the Army which is composed of their majesty's and the Company's Troops we now beg leave to request that you will inform us whether or not on the event of the adjutant and Quarter master General of the Kings Troops joining we are as at present to be considered the superior officers in the execution of the duties of adjutant and Quarter master General for the whole of the Army consisting of a detachment of his majesty's troops, a detachment of the Bengal Troops and part of the Troops of the Coast Establishment If we are to be considered the Superior officers in the Jurisdictions above mention and which we conceive is our right we presume to

you

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you will see the propriety of the requests we now make of being signified in Orders to the Army Accordingly

We take the liberty on this occasion to represent to you the peculiarity of our appointments as Adjutant and Quarter Master General with only the nominal rank of Lieutenant Colonel, a rank which we conceive to be as uncommon, as it is useless for the purposes and duties applicable to our Stations in the Army. The opinion of almost every Officer conversing the rank given to the Adjutant and Quarter master General of the Company's troops is well known, we have here only to add that the Adjutant and Quarter Master General acting with the Army may be liable to the Command of any Captain of the Kings troops and to that of some of the Company's on detachment or on any other duty in cases where not only the Customs of Service, but the views and designs of the Commander in Chief are intends to be carried into execution and intrusted to the Adjutant & Quarter master General we have the happiness to think that you have employed us both in duties where your personal attendance could not be dispensed and although no dispute or delay has hitherto

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hitherto occured, we presume to believe that you will not only see the expediency of alteration in the present system of rank applicable to the Staff appointments of the Adjutant Quarter master General of the Army, but that you will recommend the alteration in such a manner as to you may seem best

We are &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
John Davies
2.nd in Council

Camp near Pennacook
11 May 1783

The President lays before the Committee

Minute thereon

the following Copy of a letter written by his Lordship the 10 Instant to General Stuart

Major General Stuart

Sir.

Our public Letter will have conveyed

and the 10th by Escort

to you the Sentiments of the Committee with respect to a distinct staff for his Majesty's troops

To Lieut Gen.l Stuart on the Appointment of an Adjutant & Quarter Master General to the Kings Troops

If there were no other reason, but there are many very strong ones, the Non expences to the Company would be alone sufficient not however to dwell upon a point already decided, I must express my Concern, that an Officer whom I respect and regard so much as I do Colonel Cathcart should experience any disappointment

I shall esteem myself happy to find an Opportunity consistently with the Duties of

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of Conduct which Govern me to promote the wishes and shew him every mark of attention Were — Colonel Davis to resign his employ. I should — most willingly use my best endeavors that Colonel Cathcart should Succeed him as Quarter Master General & without any distinction whatsoever of Kings or Co: Troops, which distinction in my — Opinion ought ever to be avoided as much as — possible I have always held the same opinions upon this Subject and as they were not taken up upon slight grounds I think nothing is likely to change them but my being better sought from home I can have no improper motives to [illegible] my judgement in — matters of this kind which if it could admit of a — bias would from the line of life in which I have been bred more easily take the other turn but I look merely to the public Service divested of every prejudice or partiality — x

Mr Thompson of the 98th seems very — desirous of joining the Army He is strongly — recommended to me & is highly deserving of — countenance & attention

I have the Honor to be &c.a —

(Signed) Macartney

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P.S. We send you 10000 Pagodas by this Escort

The Committee have already in their 11th Instant signified to General Stuart their

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their Opinions & determination on the Appointments which have occasioned the above application from Lieutenant Colonels Malcolm and Davis, and as he has not yet returned any answer to that Letter it is resolved that the following General Orders be immediately issued —

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General Orders on the same.

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee are pleased to appoint the adjutant and Quarter master General Lieut Colonels Malcolm and Davis to be Adjutant General and Quarter master General of the Army and to signify that they will not admit of any Officers acting in those Stations who are not appointed by this Government

By Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee —

The Committee Concurring in the Sentiments of the Right Honble the President expressed in the letter to General Stuart, which his Lordship has now laid before them it is our desire to abolish all Unnecessary Destinctions between the Kings and Company's officers and to employ both according to their rank and Merit out of this we trust a Liberal proof has been given

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in the Appointments of two of his majestys
Officers to the most important Military Stations
under this Presidency the Command of the main
Army excepted, but we never will Subscribe to
or Admit the dangerous and unfounded doctrine
that the Kings Troops are independent of the
Authority of the Government by which they are
maintained and which has the care of the
professions they were Sent to protect nor can
we upon the Same principle admit of Officers
acting in high Stations with our Army by
any other Authority than our own unless
Appointed to such Stations by his majesty
or our employing in England

with regard to the request contained
on the latter part of the above letter from
Lieutenant Colonels Malcolm and Davies
We Committee do not at present see any necessity
for complying with it

Read the following Letter from
Doctor Bulman

To John Hurdleston Esqre
Secretary to the Honble Select Committee

From Doctor Bulman
to know if there is to
Comply with an indent
for Medicines for the
native Head Hospital

Sir

Having received a letter from Mr Davis
Surgeon Major to the Army desiring I would furnish

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furnish. The field Hospital of Natives ordered by the Commander in Chief to be established at St. Thome with a very considerable quantity of Europe medicines agreeable to his Indent sent to the Surgeon General previous to my appointment and not receiving myself as yet Authorised to comply with Indents of this nature. I request you will do me the favor to obtain for me the Orders of the Right Honble the Governor & Select Committee on this Subject for my present and future guidance—

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) Jos Balmain

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Agreed that Doctor Balmain be informed that for the very short time that wheather called the native field hospital will be permitted to continue he may supply it with Europe medicines in small quantities but that he is to Judge of the propriety of the Indents and to contract and abridge them if improper that he is also to point out and remark on the Servants and suggest to us from time to time whatsoever he may judge will be of benefit to the department under his charge—

minute thereon

Read the following Letters

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President & Governor &c. Select Committee
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From Genl Stuart with Letter from Major Mackay concerning the Brevet Rank given to Major Elliot

My Lord &c.

I do myself the Honor to transmit a letter addressed to me by Major Mackay — as closing one to the Select Committee — It arose from Major Elliot being a few days ago in the G. O. a Lieutenant Colonel by rank from Bengal from 1st December 1782 which takes from Major Mackay the Command of the Artillery with this Army.

The Case as represented by Major — Mackay (which by the Bengal news paper seems confirmed) is this. The Artillery Establishment of Bengal on the highest ranks Consists of one Colonel two Lieutenant Colonels & two Majors Colonel Pearce is the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel Duff the Senior Lieutenant Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel Tolly is the next (however otherwise employed) and Lieutenant Colonel Elliot the Third —

Major Mackay says that if the Government of Bengal see fit to give Brevet rank in this way above the effective Establishment he can only look for redress to this Government which has equal right to confer the same upon him

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Sir

For my own part I am of the same opinion, but without meaning any reflexion on Lieutenant Colonel Elliot or making it precedent for permanent Rank to Major Mackay to the prejudice of any Officer on this Establishment & on this ground I humbly recommend that a Brevet Rank of Lieutenant Colonel drawn back to November 30 1782 be given to Major Mackay & to be inforce only during the present Service against the French & Mysoreans——

I have the Honor to be &c
(Signed) James Stuart

Camp
Permacoil
may 11th 1783

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

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing you a letter addressed to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee which I have to request you will be pleased to lay before them. Having in that letter set forth the peculiarity of my present Situation in your Army. Indeed not recapitulate my grievances in this but I hope having had the honor of Serving under your Command so many years will entitle me to your aid and protection in Support of a just claim

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I am Sappriad to your feelings how mortifying it must be to me to be deprived of the command of the Artillery of this Army at so important and critical a period and the mode that I am deprived of it by an appointment on the Bengal establishment when no vacancy existed to make such promotion

I have the honor to be with Great Respect &c.

(Signed) D: Mackay
Major of Artillery

Camps at Permacoil
May 9th 1783

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I am sorry to be under the necessity of intruding on your time but I hope the present mortifying situation I am placed in will plead my excuse having had the honor of serving the Company so many years and arrived at the rank I now hold in the Common course of promotion and by that rank got the commanding the Artillery in the field which I was honored with on Several prior occasions and I flatter myself discharged my duty in that Station to the Satisfaction of my Superiors. Thus situated in

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in the Command of the Artillery of this Army going on a very important Service, I leave you my Lord and Gentlemen to Judge how my feelings as an Officer must be hurt by being Superseded in my command at this critical Juncture, by an Appointment given by the Honble the Governor General and Council of Bengal to Major Elliot of that Establishment to rank as Lieutenant Colonel from the 1st Decr 1782. Had this rank been given in the common course of promotion I would not have troubled you with this address but as that is not the case and there is now on that Establishment Colonel Pearce Lieut. Colonels Duff and Tolley of the Corps of Artillery senior to Lieutenant Colonel Elliot of Course a vacancy did not exist for this promotion and I cannot help feeling that the rank now given him is principally to Supercede me in the Command of the Artillery of this Army. I leave you my Lord and Gentlemen to Judge and Appeal to the Candour of the Commander in Chief of Ameri such marks of degradation from my Station with this Army. Having thus Submitted the Hardships I now labour under as an Officer going

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going on a very important Service in the Conspicuous Station and being deprived of it in the manner I have been flatters me with a hope that you will be pleased to take my case into consideration and grant me a brevit Commission Superior to Lieutenant Colonel Elliot during the Siege of Cuddalore. That over I will relinquish it next day if necessary

I have the Honor to be with much respect &c.a

(Signed) D. Mackay
Major of artillery

Accept at Permacoil May 9th 1783

minuted thereon

Ordered to be for consideration

From Capt. Mountgomery this Battalion not allowed Batta nor Bounty for recruits

Read Letter from Captain Montgomery as entered in Miscellany Book complaining of his Battalion (which is none of those sent to the Northward from the Army) not having been allowed Batta which at Ellore and of the Gentlemen at Masulipatam not having allowed the usual Bounty money for recruits

minuted thereon

The above Complacint should have been sent through the Channel of the Chief and Council of Masulipatam until the Battalion joined the Troops at Masulipatam it is to be considered as belonging to the Army and from that Period on the same footing with the Troops there. there can be no declination of

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the Battalion was promised to be continued on full Ballat when in garrison to the northward such promise was made without the Sanction of Government and we totally disapprove of making use of promises and persuasions to reconcile the Sepoys to what they ought to consider as their duty — the other part of Captain Gentlemen at Masulipatam — Agreed that an Answer to be written to Captain Montgomery agreeably to these Minutes and that Copies of his Letter and Our Answer be sent to the Chief in Council of Masulipatam

From Committee of Stores with their Proceedings

Read the proceedings of the Committee of Stores of the 12th Instant as lodged in the Office and Approved of the several recommendations therein contained

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21st Sent Letter to Doctr Buchman on the subject of Medicines for the Native Field Hospital at St Thomé as resolved Yesterday.—

Dispatched the following Letter to Sir Edward Hughes by his Majestys Sloop Hound.—

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K. B.

Sir

We have received the honor of Your Letter of the 19th Instant and are much concerned to find that the Winds & Currents have been so unfavorable as to retard your progress especially as we are under apprehensions that from the Lateness of your departure from Leme, the French Reinforcement may arrive at Trincamalay, before you reach your destination — We cannot avoid expressing our concern & surprise that you should think it would be necessary for the Squadron to return to Cuddalore Roads during the Course of Next Month — such a Movement might effectually destroy all the hopes we had entertained from its assistance & Operations.

We flatter Ourselves that such Stores & provisions as you may have occasion for, may be forwarded to you from hence, & as for water we had hoped that the assistance Now received in that respect every Boat belonging to the Port being employed in

To Sir Edwd Hughes requesting he will endeavour to remain to the S.ward to forward the operations against Cuddalore Supplies to be sent to the Squadron from hence not Boats sufficient to supply him with Water at this Port Enclosing List of the French Squadron.—

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25th in the service of the Squadron during your stay at Madras seems to have effectually secured you against every distress in that Article: However should really fail any want of that kind, we trust that you will be able to Water the Squadron at such places & in the same manner as others: Suffrein did, before Bouvemaley fell into his hands — By your Coming to Madras our Operations to the Southward would be exposed to imminent danger & the main object be defeated as there is great reason to believe that if Sfrinten & interfering our Officers at Ct. Suffrein would relieve Cuddalore, the Moment he knew that you Returned from a station to windward of that place —

We therefore earnestly beseech you take such Measures as will render it unnecessary for you to return to Madras at the time your Intention & you may rely upon every assistance that this Government can make to forward to you to the Southward, such supplies as we can furnish, in order to prevent your return hither, at a moment when your Remaining to the Southward may determine the fate of the War —

We have sent a Copy of your Letter together with this to General Stuart, to prepare him for the worst that can happen In case you persevere in your intention, but we

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21st we must still flatter ourselves that you will not
order any movement of the Squadron which will render
abortive the very important expedition we are now
engaged in

You will please to observe that were
you to come to Madras, It would be a very long
time indeed, before you could be watered, because
a great part of our boats have been sent to the
Southward for the present Service, The Number
that remains is very small but the object before us
is of such Importance that it becomes an Indispensable
Duty to make many sacrifices in order to accomplish it —
there is not as yet one of the Indiamen delivered altho
it is upwards of a month since their Arrival — If
neither Batacola or other places in Ceylon, acceptible
to the Squadron, should be found adequate to the
purpose of watering the fleet, We submit to you
whether Negapatam, Tranquebar, or Porto nove would
not be infinitely preferable to a return to Madras. —

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney
for
Select Comm.

Fort St. George
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P.S. Inclosed we send you a List of the French
Squadron at Trincomalay which we are assured is exact.

Le Hero

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28th	Le Hero	674	White Flag mizen	Commander in Chief	
	Le Vigilant	674	D° Broad Pennant Main	1st Commodore	
	Le Hannibal	674½	White ½ Blue D° D°	2d Commodore	
	Le Illustre	674	Plain Pennant Main	very leaky	
	Le Argonaute	674	D° D°	a fine ship newly Painted Light Yellow Round the Black Mouldings White Lyon Head.	
	Le Sphynx	664	D°	Fore Leaks a Bale	
	Le Vengeur	664		has been here Seven but Leaks as much as ever.	
	Le Artesian	664	D° Main	Blue & White Cross	Leaks a good deal Royal Crosstrees flying Jibb Boom
	L'Ajax	664	D°	D°	a good old Ship
	Le Severn	664	D°	D°	D°
	Le Brilliant	664	D°	Mizen	heaving down
	Le Hardie	664	D°	D°	an Old Ships Bottom Coaled with Kedging Anchor and without
	Le St. Michel	660	D°	D°	Very Leaky
	Le Flamand	650	D°	D°	an old Ships with Rudder
	Le Petit Hannibal	650	D°	D°	Fore has been on Shore and much damaged
	Le Cumberland	640	D°	D°	Sails badly
	Le Cleopatra	636			Sails very well
	Le Bellone	636			in good order to be dismasted
	La Fine	½ 640			Sails ill D°
	L'Apsdom	640			Kind of Armed Ship &
	Le Coventry	628			The fastest Sailer with
	Le Pourvoyeur	640			Unrigged preparing for Corvette make 27 Inches at bow - to be fitted the Cargo Ships

2 Fire Ships Names unknown

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25th Dispatches the following Letter to General Stuart

To Major General Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 13th 14th 15th and 16th Instant with their enclosures.

To General Stuart concerning Colls Harper Johnstone & Majors Short & Allcock — desire an answer to the Letter of the 6th Inst — on the Command of the Kings Troops. —

Your recommendation in the first of those Letters relative to Lieutenant Colonels Harper and Johnstone and Majors Short and Allcock is not sufficiently explicit to be the ground of a Resolution of Government for invaliding those Officers — In Justice to the Service, and for your and our Justification to our Employers for a measure which will encrease the publick expence it is necessary that you should assign particular reasons applicable to each of the Officers in question and until you have done so We must defer coming to any determination.

It is a very pleasing circumstance to find by the intercepted french Letters that your difficulties are likely to be lessened by those which the Enemy experience in a scarcity of Rice and Ordnance Stores — We hope Sir Edward Hughes will take effectual Measures to prevent their receiving any supplies by Sea, or any assistance whatever from their fleet.

We must remind you that

we

21st We have not yet received any answer from you on the important subjects contained in our Letter of the 6th Instant, in consequence of which we judged it necessary to forward the General Orders which was forwarded to Camp Yesterday.—

It is our desire to abolish all unnecessary distinctions between the King, and Company's Officers, and to employ both according to their Rank and merit, and of this We trust We have given a Liberal proof in appointing two of His Majesty's Officers to the most important Military Stations under this Presidency the Command of the main Army excepted — but We never will subscribe to, or admit, the dangerous and confounded doctrine that the Kings Troops are independant of the Authority of the Government by which they are maintained, & which has the care of the possessions they were sent to protect — nor can We repose the same principle admit of Officers acting in high stations with our Army by any other authority than our own & unless appointed to such Stations by his Majesty or our Employers in England.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obt Hble Servts

Fort St George
21st May 1783.

[signed] Macartney
for
Select Committee

Received the following Letter from the President at Anjengo

To

Fort St. George . May 5th 1783.

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

My Lord

I do myself the honor to inform Your Lordship that Peace with the Mharatta State was published at Bombay the beginning of this Month. — All the Possessions that we had & deprived the Mharattas of the Guzurat & Concan Provinces are to be restored to the Poona Circar & Guscawar except the Islands of Salsette, Hog and Elephanta, which the English are to retain. — Madoje Scindia is to be presented with the City of Broach and Purgunnah in its fullest Extent. — Mr. Freeman, Resident at Tellicherry informs me under the 22d instant that the Enemy have taken the Principal Pass of the Ghauts by surprize, and have obliged our People to abandon another so that all Communication with General Mathews is effectually cut off from this Coast, & no advices have been received from him since the 5th of this Month. — It is currently reported & believed to be true at Mangalore that the General has engaged & given Tippoo a severe Check, but we are wholly in the dark in respect to his present Situation or the Force of the Enemy. — The Officer in Command at

From Anjengo —
Peace with the Mharattas
published at Bombay —
Communication with
Genl Mathews cut
off —

22d. at Bundapore has burnt & destroyed the Baggage Stores &c. at that Place and retired with the Garison to Onore! — This moment I have received another Letter from Mr. Freeman dated the 26th instant which removes those Fears that must necessarily have arisen for the safety of General Matthews. — He writes, "Since my last of the 22d instant I have not heard from Mangalore, but it is currently reported that the Enemy have abandoned the Pass between that place & Nagore, & that the Communication is again open with the General — I am of Opinion that there are some Foundations for this Report and that the General has certainly given the Enemy a Check as we do not hear of any Bodies of them having yet appeared on this side the Ghauts and the Government of Canara are have not yet molested any Rice Boats coming hither with our Pass & Colours altho' they are determined to seize all such". — General Mathews is ordered to proceed to Bombay to answer several Charges preferred against him, and the Command of the Army on the Coast is given to Colonel Macleod. —

I have the Honor to be with profect Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) J. Hutchinson

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29th April 1783.

Agreeably to the Resolution of the 22d. April last

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22d sent the following Letter to Mr B. Sullivan the Attorney General with the several papers relative to the Loss of the Snow Charlotte. —

To Benjamin Sullivan Esqr.

Sir

To Mr Benjn Sullivan desiring his opinion respecting the responsibility of the for the loss of the Snow Charlotte

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to lay before you the accompanying Letter received from Mr Badger, and the Papers specified therein, relative to the detention and loss of the Snow Charlotte. —

The Vessel in question was detained here in October last to prevent her carrying Intelligence of our, then critical situation to the Enemy she being bound to Tranquebar where the whole, or a part of their Fleet, was stationed. The Select Committee conceive that in time of War every State has a right to lay an embargo on Vessels in their Ports whenever the Public safety requires it, and the exercise of that right was never more necessary than it was on this occasion. Yet, as they wish to shew every just attention to the rights of neutral Powers, and at all times to evince their friendly disposition towards the Tranquebar Government, they have deferred coming to a final determination upon the subject, and have directed me to desire you will furnish them with your opinion, whether, and how far, the Company are responsible for the loss sustained by the Owners of the Snow Charlotte.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Tchor Gudleston

Fort St George
22d May 1783.—

Received the following Letter from General
Stuart

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

From Genl Stuart—
Rice & ammunition landing—
a German Officer deserts to
him with his horse—Sets
Sail collecting his Force
on the junction of the
Southern Army.—

My Lord &c.

I have this Morning a Report from the Beach that the whole quantity Landed in five days was 2260 bags and 30 Barrils of Ammunition and that it will be the 23d before the whole can be landed, by means of the 5 Boats; I have brought up from Permacoil all the Rice that I propose to take from thence and have left on the Top of the Hill nearly 4 Days Rice for the fighting men of the Troops Tomorrow I have ordered a General forage of the Army for the sake of our Cattle the Grass being entirely burnt up we must go all lengths to get Straw, I am happy to find by Captain Sydenhams Letter & Captain Moorhouse that there are nearly 1000 Carriage Bullocks arrived from the Northward they may be safely Escorted to Permacoil where I shall send for them. The additional Military Stores for that place must be delayed

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22d to another opportunity

Yesterday a German who is of the Corps of Huzars mounted & accoutred came in to us & I made him a present of his Horse to sell & have delivered him over to Major Waring to be kept in Confinement & shall endeavour thro him to bring over more of them in the same way. —

All my accounts Confirm, that Seyd Saheb, whatever may be his force, has received final orders to Collect it near to Cuddalore. I have no accounts Official from the Southern army either from Colonel Lang or Colonel Fullarton your Lordship will know from my decided opinion in my plans as well as from my Correspondence transmitted to You what are my Ideas & Plans of Cooperation and beg leave to know what has been wrote by your order since the 18th of April that I may be master of this important subject, allow me only to warn Your Lordship &c. that in the course of next Month the Colroon will be down and the difficulties perhaps of a junction or Cooperation unsurmountable.

I have the honor to be

Dear Lord &c.

Your most Obed. Hble Servt
(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at
Killenour 19th
May 1783.

Sent to Bengal the proceedings of the Select Committee from 27th January to the 1st of February. —

23d Read Letter from Captain Patterson advertising that his Dubash, against whom Complaint are made

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23d is in the Country, and that he has given receipt for Grain.

Received the following Letter and Enclosure from General Stuart.

My Lord &c

The foraging Party returned as ordered with Plenty of Straw for the Cattle taken from two Villages about 7 Miles to the right of our Line; the principal people have been with me to day with their thanks for the good treatment they met with, nothing was plundered and as soon as the affair had Money, it went to purchase Grain from from the poor people. I desired the Admiral who attends the Army, on your part, to send proper people to inspect the State of things and assure the Inhabited Country of Protection if they remained in their Villages and to encourage them to bring what they have to sell to Camp. Imagine that so soon as we have made another move to embrace more of the Country between Y Cuddalore they will open their Hearts & bring Grain of all sorts to the free Mart of this Army.

The Post at Chillanore is finished, it will hold all the Rice that we cannot carry with us at the next move. Two Companies of Sepoy Grenadiers will be left in it until we can send for the Rice, I shall afterwards move Lines

Davies

From Genl Stuart the foraging Party returned with plenty of Straw — assures the inhabited Villages of Protection — Rice to be lodged at Chillanore, encloses Extract of Letter from Capt Henry H. sail seen cruizing off Cuddalore —

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25th Dawes to send 30 Sepoys from Tranquebar to remain there both as a Post of communication and an Encouragement to the Inhabitants to resettle.

I transmit to Your Lordships per the Extract of Captain Wearing's Letter Yesterdays Date to shew how things are at Cujemier, I am vexd at the Delay, but see no remedy and therefore suppose it will be the 25th before I can make the next move —

One of my people dast from Cuddalore saw 14 of our Ships ranging off that Place. Capt. Trobridge is of opinion if the Winds continues, as for the 4 or 5 Days past it will require 16 or 17 days for the Isis and her valuable Convoy (on which so much depends) getting to their Destination, if so I shall have the Start of them.

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c.
Your most obedient &
most Humble Servant
(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at Chillambrum
25th of May 1783. —

Extract of Capt. Wearing's Military Journal kept
his Letter to Lieut. Campbell aid de Camp —
Cujemier 28th May
Past Midnight — —

You will be so kind as to inform
the Commander in Chief that 3672 bags of rice
have been Landed — and remain to be Landed 2796
bags

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23d Bags which cannot possibly be done before the 25th
as the five boats must carry off Ballast every trip
they make to the Ships for Rice, and the Captains
will not hear them to the Risk of losing his Ships —
Every possible assistance has been given
by Captain Tolbridge; his Tars work like horses in
landing the Rice. —

24th Sent the following Letter to the Commanders
of his Majesty's Ships Naiad & Chaser. —

To Sir Richard Strahan Bart

Commanding his Majesty's Ship Naiad

Sir

To Sir Richd Strahan with Instructions for his proceeding to Cuddalore — 30,000 Pag.s to be put on board the Naiade —

I am to request that you will please to proceed as soon you are ready (with or without such Vessels in the road as may be bound for the Army) to the Southward of Cuddalore, but not farther to the Southward of Cuddalore than Porto Novo — As soon as you have passed Cuddalore, you will endeavor to communicate with General Stuart or some of his people on shore, by Signals as settled by Captain Halliday in his Letter to me of the 1st Instt, Viz.t a Yellow flag at the Main Top Gallant Mast head, which will be answered from shore by a Union Jack and Pindant on a Flag Staff or Tent pole — You will then fix with him the proper place for the Disembarkation, and for such other Operation as may best promote the Service —

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your

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Your most Obedient &
most Humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney

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Treasure to the Amount of 30000 Pagodas directed to Mr Welsh, Paymaster at Pumpe will be sent on board you tomorrow, which you will please to order to be delivered.

(Signed) M.

To Captain Butler
Commanding his Majestys
Ship Chaser. —

To Capt Butler —
with instructions for
his proceeding to Cuddalore —

Sir

I am to request that You will please to proceed as soon as you are ready with or without such such Vessels in the Road as may be bound to the Army, to the Southward of Cuddalore, than Porto Novo — As soon as you have passed Cuddalore, You will endeavor to communicate with General Stuart or some of his people on shore, by signal as settled by Captain Halliday in his letter to me of 4th May, viz. a Yellow Flag at the Main top Gallant Mast head, which will be answered from Shore by a Union Jack & Pendant on a flag Staff or tent pole — You will then fix with him the proper place for the Disembarkation & for such other operation as may best promote the Service. —

I have

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I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient &
most Humble Sr.
(Signed) Macartney

Fort St George
May 24th 1783.

Received the following Letters
To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c. &c.
Gov. & President &c. Select Committee
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Capt. Edmonds
marches the Detachm.
from Cuyala towards
the Enemys Country —

I have the honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of Duplicates to your Letters of the
17th & 30th Ultimo & 6th Instant & to inform you
that I have made my first march from Cuyala
this morning four Pgs & purpose halting two
day least any thing should be forgot immediately
on entering the Enemys Country You may depend
on my utmost exertions to procure Grain &
Slaughter Cattle and I will strictly adhere to
Your directions respecting it —
I have the honor to be with
great respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedt &
most Hble Servt
(Signed) Edwd Edmonds
Capt Commandg

Minumpaud 4 Pgs
from Cuyala 17th May 1783.

To

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To the Right Honble the Presidt
& Select Committee
Fort St George
Vizt Vizt Vizt

My Lord & Gentlemen

from Col. Fullarton
this being a Copy to
the Command of the
Southern Army

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of Yours Letter dated 20th April &c.
directing me to assume the Command of the Forces
South of the Coleroon. In distinguishing a
testimony of the Confidence You are pleased to
repose in me at a moment of public Perplexity like
the present, cannot fail to call forth the my warmest
sentiments of obligation. — I beg leave to assure
You My Lord & Gentlemen, that I shall dedicate
every effort of my body & Mind, to give the
fullest effect to such objects of public Service as
you may Judge proper to direct, & that I shall
regulate my Conduct by a rigid adherence to your
Instructions. — I shall take every opportunity
of transmitting to the Right Honble the President
& to the Honble Board all material information
respecting the army & the State of Military
affairs to the Southward & my wishes will be
fully accomplished: if I have the good fortune
to prove myself worthy of your Confidence & of the
public approbation.

I have the honor to be with great
truth

Fort St. George May 1783

24th Instts & Respect. —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Camp at Dindigull
17th May 1783. —

Your most obedt & very faithfull Servants
(Signed) Will. Fullarton

24th Received the following Letter from the Select Committee of Bombay enclosing Copy of Dispatches to them from the Committee of Secrecy dated the 19th December 1782 as lodged in the Office. —

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

From Bombay transmit Copies of Dispatch from Committee of Secrecy. —

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the Honor to transmit Copies of a Dispatch received the 18th Instant via Bussora from the Honble the Committee of Secrecy dated the 19th of December. — The Paper of Instructions is copied exact as received from England. —

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedt humble Servts

Bombay Castle
20th April 1783. —

(Signed) Wm Hornby

Thos Day

Wrote the following Letter to Anjengo

To

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To

Hutchinson Esqr

Resident at Anjengo

Sir

I he enclosed are Copies of papers which We have just received from the Select Committee at Bombay We lose not a moment in forwarding them to You together with such Information as we possess of the present situation of the two fleets & We have also desired Mr. Sullivan to transmit You from time to time whatsoever Intelligence he may be able to obtain on the same subject in order that you may communicate it to the Commander Officer of the expected Convoy. —

You will haw heard before this can reach Your hands of Sir Edward Hughes's arrival here from Bombay with his Majesty's Squadron consisting of 17 Ships of the line & Frigates and of his having been joined here by the Bristol Captain Burney with the Convoy of Indiamen from England. —

On the 2d Instant the Admiral sailed with the Squadron to seek the Enemy off Trincomallee and to prevent a Junction of their expected Reinforcements and Supplies — but We have lately received a Letter from him Dated the 19th Instant informing us that he had not to time been able to get to the Southward

To Mr Hutchison with Copies of Papers rec'd from Bombay — to transmit Intelligence to the Commander of the expected Convoy from Europe of the situation of affairs on the Coast — advising of the operations of the two Fleets. —

that

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24th Southward of Porto Nove and that the Squadron must Return to Madras road on or before the 10th of next Month for a supply of Water Stores & provisions.

We have in our answer strongly remonstrated to the Admiral against his returning so soon to Madras, & offered to send him from hence whatsoever provisions & Stores he may have occasion for but We have no sanguine hope that this representation will produce the desired effect and are therefore of opinion it will be most advisable for the Officer commanding the expected Convoy not to reckon upon the Squadrons continuing to the Southward longer than till the end of June.

M.r de Suffrein has been at Trincomale for some time refitting his Squadron which consists of 15 Sheps of the line and it is said to be his Intention to proceed to Sea about the 25th Instant and attempt the relief of Cuddalore which is now attacked by our Main Army assisted by his Majestys Ship Sea (of 60 Guns) and the Frigates Active San Carlos Brazen and Chaser with Transports Convoy Provisions & Stores. So that We may shortly expect to hear of an action between the fleets of the Event of which you will be duely advised by Mr. Sulivan (the Gentleman acting in his absence at Tanjore).

The operations & Success of the Armies under General