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24th General Mathews and Colonel Lang and the situation of Tippoo Saib You must be well acquainted with Exclusive of our efforts to the Southward and in the Carnatic We have to the Northward which if success fol. will be attended with beneficial Consequences — A strong detachment under the Command of Captain Edmonds is penetrating into the Dominions and Cudapah Countries and We have great hopes will wrest those Countries from the Dominion of Tippoo Saib —

The Hound Sloop arrived here from England the 3d Instant — She left Portsmouth the 13th October with the Pato on board of which was Admiral Sir Hyde Parker they parted Company the 28th December in 33. 28 South latitude and 13 West longitude — the Hound Sloop proceeded afterwards to the appointed rendezvous at Tappanouly Bay and waited there two days without seeing or hearing of the Pato which Ship we are afraid is lost.

We are

Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servants
(Signd) Macartney
Wm
Scott &c

Fort St. George
24th May 1793. —

The foregoing Letter with Copy of the Dispatches from the Committee of Secrecy [illegible] to the Resident at Tanjore were sent
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24th with the following Letter.

To John Sullivan Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

or in his absence to John

Orr Hippisley Esqr

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon.
the President and Select Committee to transmit to yo
open the inclosed Dispatches and to desire that y
will decypher & after perusal forward an undecyp
Copy of them with all possible Expedition to the
Resident at Anjengo together with Intelligence
of any thing that may have come to your
knowledge relative to the intentions of the two
fleets, and that is not mentioned in the Letter fr
the Select Committee. You will agreably to
their desire communicate to Mr Hutchinson fo
time to time every material Information y
may be able to obtain on that subject.

I have the Honor to be
Sir

Your most obed. Hble
(Signed) John Sullivan

Fort St George
24th May 1783.

To John Sullivan Esqr enclosing copy of dispatches from the Comte de Suffrein & of Letter to the Resident at Anjengo - & desiring that all Intelligence of the fleets may be transmitted thither.

Received the following Letter from General Stuart.

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24th

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

President & Governor &c Select Committee

Fort St. George.

My Lord &c

From Genl Stuart experience great delays in landing the rice writes to Messrs Sullivan & Cockrane to procure Grain Intelligence of Col. Fullarton. —

What precedes was wrote the 22d there being some Looties on the road, I did not send any letters Yesterday until further precautions had been taken about the Tapalls, which are now ordered to keep nearer the Coast. There is an account of the Tapall from hence of the 20th having fallen into the Enemys hands. —

The high surge, and the delay in carrying the ballast to the Resolution, has been such as that only 500 Bags were landed the 21st and 300 the 22d and the Ship has lost two Anchors & two Cables; I am quite out of all patience, and have sent forward to Messrs Sullivan & Cockrane to let me know the instant the Ships &c come to an Anchor, being determined to leave the Rice that they may remain in the ships, and to get on to my destination. I have taken every precaution as to this post / Mellenoor Pagoda / which will hold out against every possible Force until I can send back for the Rice from our next Ground. I have a Letter from Mr Sullivan at Karicall of the 20th Instant He is gone to Negapatam and on his way to Tanjore after leaving

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24th the necessary Orders & powers to Mr Cockrane to supply our wants according to her means.

On this subject I have this Day wrote fully in a Letter in common to both. And am in great hopes, if we have Cash only, from this Presidency, we shall with the surplus of Rice from the Transports & Ships of which I am informed, And which your Lordship &c occasionally may send us, — I say, if the accounts from Mr S & Mr Cockrane turn out as reported, a large quantity of Rice will be had to the Southward with every other necessary, so as almost to make us safe in unloading the present Convoy independant of Naval operations

Mr Sullivan writes to me that Colonel Fullarton has augmented his Army by five Battalions with as many Brigades of Guns, and that he was at Dundigull the 16th waiting the arrival of the Detachment from Palamcottah & Madura and the rest of the 1st Battalion from Trichinopoly. And Mr Sullivan that his Colonel Fullerton's operations are now become our only reasonable hope of saving a part at least of what has been gained on the Malabar side. All this is to me, I fairly confess to Your Lordship &c a Mystery or nearly so; I must therefore again repeat what I mentioned in a late Letter, requesting to know what Orders you have been pleased to send to Colonel Fullarton since the 8th of April, and to observe that the Monsoon will be full in four or five Weeks hence so as to render any Junction, or immediate cooperation with Colonel Fullarton

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24th Sullivan impossible if he goes further from me instead of coming towards me as I looked for, more especially as Colonel Lang has left the South Army without any part of the Troops to join me.

Mr Oakeran writes that Sir Edward having intelligence by a Boat he intercepted, that Suffrein would leave Trincomalee in five days to come to Bussy's relief, the Admiral had gone towards him, but I do not know on what authority Mr O gives the Intelligence.

I have the honor
My Lord &c
Your most obedient &
most humble Servt
(Signed) Jas Stuart

Camp at Kellinoor
May 23d 1783

P.S.

One of my people who left Cuddalore Yesterday saw no Ships of any kind, — no Bazar for Rice & suppose that every thing was kept in Store for the Troops.

25th Sent the following Letter to the Admiral with Copy of the Dispatches from the Committee of Secrecy

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K. B.

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that Yesterday a Patamar from Bombay arrived here with a Letter from the Select Comm of that Presidency informing us of their having received

To Sir Edwd Hughes — enclosing Copy of the Dispatch from the Committee of Secrecy. Intelligence forwarded to Mysore to be communicated to the expected fleet from England

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25th rec'd from Bufsora, on the 10th of April the inclosed dispatch addressed to them by the Secret Committee at the India House I lose no time in sending a Copy of it to You I am persuaded that you will take every proper measure to promote the Service therein alluded to. — I have written to Anjengo all the news of this Coast, so that it will be communicated to such Ships as may call there, whatever Letters of importance You should think necessary to be forwarded to Anjengo Mr Macintosh at Tranquebar or Mr Dickrane at Negapatnam will transmit to Mr Sullivan who will not fail to have them Conveyed with all possible expedition —

I have the Honor to be with great truth & regard. —

Sir

Your &c

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St George
25th May 1783.

Dispatched the following Letter to the Deputy Agent in Camp

To Mr Kenworthy,

Deputy Agent at Camp

Sir

The Board having through a want of regular Returns from you, been at a loss to know the number of Slaughter Cattle

Received

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To Mr Kinworthy, to send returns of the Slaughter Cattle.

25th, received for and consumed by the Army, you are hereby directed to make a Regular Report either to the Select Committee or the Agent of any number of slaughter Cattle delivered to you as soon as you receive them in Charge, as also a Monthly report of the number used and remaining in your hands.

I am
Sir
Your most Obt Hble Sr
(Signed)

Fort St. George
25th May 1783.

Send the following Letters to the Commanding Officers & Paymasters of Vellore, Nellore Pondamallee Tripassore & Chinglepet:—

To Captain Paterson,
Commanding at
Chinglepet—

Sir

To the Commanding Officers of Vellore, Nellore, Pondamallee, Tripassore & Chinglepet to deliver the Slaughter Cattle over to the Paymasters Charge.—

When any Slaughter Cattle are collected by you or under Your Orders for the use of the Army You are hereby directed as soon as you can ascertain their Numbers and the time you expect them to give information thereof to the Paymaster of the Garrison you command that he may make a report of them to the Select Committee or to the Agent at Madras— you are to deliver them over to him when they arrive and take his receipt which will be your Vouchers for the number you deliver

You

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You are likewise upon application from him to furnish an Escort to guard these Cattle to the place where he is directed to send them you being the Judge of the strength of the Escort and the time proper for it to march.

Sir

Your most Obedient Hble St

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To Mr. Taner
Paymaster at
Chingleput

Sir

To the Paymasters of the above Garrisons, inclosing Copy of the above, with instructions respecting Slaughter Cattle.

Accompanying you will rec[eive] a Copy of the Orders sent to the Commanding Officer of t[he] Garrison where you are Paymaster — You will in consequ[ence] any information is given by him to you that [cattle] of Slaughter Cattle are collected for the use of [the] and information thereof to the Right Honble [the] President and Select Committee or to the Agent [for] Madras — You will receive charge of the Cattle when they are offered to you by the Commanding Officer giving him a Receipt for the number he delivers and upon receiving the Orders of the Board either directly or through the Agent to send the Cattle to the Army or elsewhere, you will apply to the Commanding Officer for a sufficient Escort leaving the number of Men and the time of marching to his discretion — You will report likewise the number of Bullocks and

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25th and the time they were sent and take Receipts for the number you deliver. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt

Fort St George
25th May 1783. —

The same to Mr Wood and Mr Galdrie

Dispatched the following Letters

To The Honble Mr Cokrane

Sir

To Mr Cokrane to send up the Madeira Wine on the Success Galley. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you, that Captain Hinwicke of the Success Galley, who is now about to sail with provisions and Stores for the Army is ordered, after discharging his Cargo, to proceed to Tranquebar; and to apply to You, or in your absence to Mr Edward Mc Intosh for the Madeira Wine at that place belonging to the Company — You will therefore on his arrival give the necessary Orders for its being put on board the Success Galley and forward to this Presidency if it has not been forwarded already —

I am further directed to signify to You that it is matter of considerable surprize to the Select Committee that you should not have found an opportunity of sending the Wine long since

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Sr
(Signed) John Huddleston

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25th Dispatch'd the following Letter to General Stuart, with Copy of the Letter from the Admiral of the 19th & of our Answer 21st Instant

Major General Stuart

Sir

I write this short Note to inform you that the day before Yesterday, the Chaser & Ann & Amelia put back to this Port — The Ann & Amelia however sailed to the Southward in lefs than four & twenty hours after and as the Land Winds seem now regularly set in, I flatter myself she will arrive at her Destination in a very few Days — this night or tomorrow Morning, the Dædalus, Chaser & Success Galley will put to Sea — the Dædalus carries 30,000 Pagodas for your Army — the Chaser carries the remainder of the Detachment and on board the Success Galley about 500 Bags of Rice & a quantity of Stores Ammunition & Pioneers tools — You are embarked the Intelligence Snow & Brigt Indiaman will follow soon after with Money & such other Articles of supply as you may want and we can furnish — Inclosed I send You Copy of a letter from Sir Edward Hughes together with the Committees Reply. Tomorrow a Letter will be sent you from the Committee containing full Instructions upon all the points necessary for your Conduct & particularly relative to the Southern Army under Colonel Fullarton — The Speedwell which

So Genral Stuart advising of the sailing of the Store Ships — & inclosing copy of letter from and reply to the Admiral — with Europe News.

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25th which we had engaged to go to You has Disappointed
us and has refused to proceed — Three Ships of the
Line & two Frigates were to sail from England in
the beginning of January, with a large Fleet of
Indiamen, having 2000 Kings troops & 500 Recruits
for the Company on Board — This News came
over Land We are referd for further Particulars
to the Nancy Ketch, which was soon to sail
from England, but we are afraid her Dispatch
will not be very quick, as we are informed that
the Court of Directors having laid before the
King their proceedings & those of the Court of
Proprietors, relative to the Vote of the House of
Commons of the 28th of May last, His Majesty
had ordered them to defer their Dispatch as he
intended to lay the whole before Parliament —
the Lord Advocate had moved for Sundry India
papers & it seems that no relaxation of the
enquiry was likely to happen — there are
foreign papers here so late as the 25th of December
all which announce the Speedy approach
of peace. —

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt
Humble Servt
(Signed) Macartney

Fort St George
25th May

P. S.

I must request that the Answ &
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25th. Amelia, as also the Success Galley may be delivered as soon as possible, Otherwise as they are hired Ships, the Demurrage will fall very heavy Upon us.

Sent the following Letter to the Commanding Officer of the Success Galley.

Captain Fenwick

Sir

To Captn Fenwick with Instructions for proceeding to Cuddalore &c.

You will proceed without delay to the Southward of Cuddalore, but not farther to the Southward of Cuddalore than Porto Nove — as soon as you have passed Cuddalore, You will endeavour to Communicate with General Stuart, or some of his people on shore, by Signal as settled by Captain Halliday in his Letter to me on the 4th May, viz. a Yellow flag at the Main Top Gallant Mast head, which will be answered from shore by a Union Jack and Pendant on a Flag Staff or Tent pole — You will then fix with him the proper place for the landing of your Cargo, and when that service is performed you will then proceed to Tranquebar and take on board such Quantity of Madeira as Mr Cochrane or other person there charged with the Company's affairs shall put on board of You and return with all Expedition to this place.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

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Sir

Your most obedient &
most Humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney

Fort St. George
May 25th 1783.

26th Received the following Letters from General Stuart.—

My Lord &c.

I do myself the honor now to inform you of a letter which I have received from Colonel Fullarton dated Camp at Dondigul May 15th, where he acknowledges the Receipt of my letter of the 29th April enclosing one from the Select Committee of the 29th directing him to assume the Command of the Southern Zones and also another letter from the Select Committee dated 2d respecting such part of the Southern Troops as I may find necessary to order to join this Army for the Reduction of Cuddalore.

The Colonel adds that respecting the objects that I recommended to his attention he will resolve them in his mind with all the attention due to their own importance and to me, and that he will explain his present situation and operations so soon as Colonel Langs departure allows him to inform himself accurately of the present State of Affairs. — Thus far the Colonel writes to me and of the same date, but by another conveyance I have received the Copy of the G. Orders issued by him a Copy of which I have inclose — From the whole compared with Mr Sullivans Letter to me as above it seems clear that instead of following my plan or my Idea as indeed

From Genl Stuart, on the junction of the C. Army wishes the 12th Batn may be ordered to Cuddr recommends Capt Cropier to the command of it.—

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28th indeed which is of more importance the Resolution of the
S. Committee for the Cooperation of the Southern Army.
I say instead of all this, the Southern Provinces are draining
to augument his Army which as I guess is going upon some
expedition where it will be out of his power in time to
Cooperate with me and out of my power to assist him
in case Tippoo should be joining. For should as may be supposed
make a push to get between them and our Provinces, or
to cut off his Supplies, and I repeat to Your Lordship
see that now the Monsoon is setting in the more
Country and on that Coast. I cannot see any object of
a Diversion or execution in that Direction to warrant
an Expedition with the forces that by the General
Orders are assembling. I request therefore to know
whether Your Lordship see have given orders to
Colonel Fullarton to warrant what I have communicated
to You, because altho there is not a present pressing
Exigency for the junction of the Southern Army,
Yet I do not know how soon it may be, and therefore
unless you Order to the Contrary I shall most
undoubtedly in consequence of what I understood to be
your intentions take the proper steps if not already
too late so as it be in my power to derive benefit from
Cooperation and this can only be by directing the march
towards the Coleroon before it rises. — Report says
that Tippoo principal Force will return to this
Country rather than suffer the French to be
extinguished, my plan is to provide against such
an Emergency and it was on this supposition that

I urged

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26th Juncd chiefly the powers to call upon the Southern Army at any time. — One other reason is the disproportion of native Corps now with me considering the Duties that will fall to their Share in our operations against Cuddalore, and preventing Supplies being thrown in from the Country. Your Lordship ya know well that two of our 6b Battalions are gone to the Northward In short the Sepoys will be worn down with the Fatigue, and desert in consequence. I should therefore be of opinion for the present Remedy in part that the 12th Battalion now at Madras be ordered to join this Army and they may come as an Escort to His Majestys 23d Dragoons whenever they are in Condition to join, and I beg leave to recommend Captain Captain Croaker to the Command of that Battalion in place of Captain Hughes. — I have sent the necessary orders to Major General Burgoyne or Officer Commanding His Majestys Troops to move what remains of the 15th and 16th Hanoverians into Fort St George provided it is agreeable to Your Lordship &c and to acquaint the Governor therewith —

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most obdt & most

Humble Servant

(Signed) Jas Stuart

Camp at Killanoor

May 24th 1783.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c Select Committee

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My

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26th

From Genl Stuart with Intelligence of the French at Trincomalay concerning the carriage Bullocks at Chinglepat —

My Lord &c

Yesterday only 670 Bags could be landed, so that I do not think I can move from this Ground before the 26th or 27th.

Captain Shuerbrand writes to me of Capt. Foubridge having fitted up a Canoe with some Lascars that had deserted from the French at Trincomalay which place they left six days ago. Suffren was there with 15 Sail of the Line, ready to sail. They say he was much distressed for Water and that with the utmost difficulty they could keep up the daily consumption.

I have no Accounts of the Isis &c and suppose she must have kept out greatly to the Eastward. —

I conclude that Capt. Pattinson will take a proper Escort with the Carriage-Bullocks arrived from the Northward, half way to Permacoil to be relieved by an Escort from thence. Mr Cabbs has received my Orders to join at the same time.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most obedient &
most humble Servant

(Signed) Jno Stuart

Camp at Kellenoor
May 24th 1783. —

Received the following Letter from the D
Paymaster of Palamcotah —

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The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr. Light, concerning his dispute with the Renter, stating what the Services he has rendered the Company.

I have the Honor of Your Lordships & Gentlemens letter of the 29th January by Mr. Irwin, and beg leave to assure the Honble Board, that agreable to their Orders, I shall comply with every Requisition he may make for the purpose of inspecting the Magazines &c. &c. and in contributing every assistance in my power to forward the public Service.

It is with concern I find myself still labouring under the unfavorable constructions of the Board from the Charges made against me by the Renter, which cannot be confuted while the Annuancy accounts are withheld from public Investigation, with a View of exculpating Myself from those Groundless charges. I used every endeavor by calling on the Renter to produce his accounts, without success — Mr. Irwin in his Publick address to Your Lordship &c. will I doubt not inform you of the delays and obsticles he meets with in procuring them, and of the little probability there at present appears of any accounts being given to him sufficiently Authenticated during the present Annuancy — I request therefore

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beg leave to entreat the Honble Board will not think
consider me Innocent of the Charge made against me,
and undeserving of any Mark of their disapprobation,
while unconvertable proof of my being Guilty
of these Charges are wanting — I cannot however
in Justice to myself, when my future
expectations in the Service may be so materially
concerned, Omit this Opportunity of Requesting
the impartial attention of the Honble Board
to that Line of Conduct which I have most Zealously
observed, by my endeavors to promote the Public
Service upon every Occasion and frequently in Critical
Situations, when my immediate Official Duty did not
make it incumbent upon me to step forward — as early
as the expedition to Mahé, where the Troops under
Colonel Braithwaite passed thro this Province and
were likely to met with very alarming delays from
a want of Money which neither the Commanding
Officer or Paymaster of the Detachment, or the
Commanding of the Garrison could procure Credit, to
obviate their difficulties and to enable them to
move forward, I raised a Considerable Sum, and
continued to Supply them at Mahé, 'till they
were relieved by the Presidency of Bombay.

When at Madras in the Year 1780, at the time
of the Enemys invasion of the Carnatic and the
general demand from every Quarter for Money, to
enable the Army under General Stuart, to take
the field, I paid into the Treasury 20000 Pagodas
which

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which I received at a high Interest, upon Assignments on this Country, and had the Sanction of Government for the Loan as well as the Assignment, a Reference to the Superintendants Accounts will convince the Honble Board, that from the Commencement of the War, until the Protectors Arrival here, this Garrison has entirely depended on my Credit for its Support, having Received no Assistance whatever from Government, except the Order for 40,000 Pagodas upon this Country, of which not more than 30000 has been received by me, the remainder having been sent in Grain for Garrison Stores, the Payment of the Troops, Contigent Charges Amounting usually from 12 to 15000 Pagodas p Month — These Sums were raised in the Province, from Sowcars & others, and could only be effected by large Premiums and a high Interest, from an Accumulation of which I am at this Instant between 5 & 6000 Pagodas deficient on my Accounts of those Advances for the Public Service. Yet I have given the Board but little trouble in claiming their attention to their pecuniary losses, & I hope the Honble Board will now excuse me in pointing out these exertions, and those I have made in Supplying Mr. Sullivan for the use of the Southern Army, with Tents, Bullocks, & every other necessary within my power of obtaining, and of that ready Assistance I have given him by which many difficulties are obviated

obviate which must have intervened, & the Army has been enabled to take field amply supplyed with the essential wants — I should not have troubled the Honble Board with mentioning these circumstances — or shewn taken any merit in the endeavors I have shewn to promote the Public Service, did I not consider myself as laying under their displeasure from a false and malicious misrepresentation which can only be confuted by a clear and full investigation of the Accounts which have been unprecedentedly with held from public Inspection, by the connivance of those whose Office it was to have arranged them. I must however in Vindication of my own Conduct intreat the Indulgence of the Boards attention to a few Observations, in explanation of the real state of my engagement, and of the Sum I have received since the Month of July 1781 the Receiver Charges me with having received a Sum of Money from the Year of 1782 a Charge which will require no other refutation, than Observing to your Lordship that I have received no Money since the Renters Death, who dyed at the time the Crop was cutting and a reference to the Public Registers will clearly point out to You, that from the Ballance of 1778 and 1780 the late Renter did collect from the Month of July 1781. to the time of his Death 120,000 Chtrs, it will not appear incompatable with my Duty, considering the

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26th the Money I advanced in 1783, was for the publick Service, receiving 24000 Pags which I had absolutely collected from the Ballances of those Years. I also gave over to the Sybendys who were starving, 10500 Pags with the Consent of Mr Proctor to be returned when their Arrears are discharged, and which I flatter myself, as it was a publick benefit, the Honble Board will not deem it an improper interference in the Revenue, or an infringement of their Orders — as these are the only Charges which either the present Renter or Mr Proctor have dared to criminate me with, and which while the accounts are with held from your inspection, I fear I cannot have it in my power so clearly to refute to the Honble Board, as I could wish, I must entreat Your Lordship &c.a will indulge me by accepting of the most satisfactory proof — I can give of a conscious Innocence, that of security to return any Money I have received from the Car Crop of 1782, or any Sums which the Renter can prove has been paid me, absolutely the produce of the Revenue due to the Honble Company.

I must entreat the Honble Board will give me leave to submit my Situation to their Impartial Judgment, and as during a Service of Nearly 8 Years, no Act of Crime either publick or private, has I, flatter myself deserved either a Stigma on My Character, or Merited

their

26th their censure, that they will allow no unfavorable
impression to remain prejudicial to me in their Breast,
and that they will consider the Character of those
Men who have so unjustly made complaints of
me, the one, whose backwardness in bringing forward
the Accountancy Accounts, and whose delays, in delivering
his own, will in the end point him out a disgrace
to this or any Service the other, Promoter of Villany,
cruelty & Oppression —

I am with due respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obed.t
Humble Servant
(Signed) Wm Light

Palamcottah
9th May 1773

Sent the following Letter to Bengal
with the Papers therein mentioned. —

To the Honble Warren Hastings
Governor General & Council at
Fort William

To Bengal — enclosing copy of a Dispatch from the Court of Directors — and of a letter to Mr Anson from the Admiral. —

Gentlemen

Inclosed I have the Honor to send you a Copy of a Dispatch from the Secret Committee at the India House to the Select Committee of Bombay — It was transmitted to us from thence over land, in a short letter dated 20th April informing us that it had been received from Bassora two days before — I also send you the last letter from

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26th from Sir Edward Hughes to this Government
togeither with our Answers.

The Dispatch of the 15th April
from the Committee will have given You
a pretty full account of Affairs here I shall
only add, at this moment, that they very
Military operations, in which we are engaged
require all our attention, as well as every assistance
that can possibly be given to us. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Macartney

Fort St George
May 26th 1783. —

Sent the following Letter to the Commander
of his Majestys Ships Naiad. —

Sir Richard Strachan Bart.
Commanding his Majestys Ship
Naiad

Sir

To Sir Richd Strachan enclosing two Letters for the Admiral to be forwarded with the utmost expedition

Inclosed I have the Honor to
send you two Letters for Vice Admiral Sir
Edward Hughes — As they contain Intelligence
of the utmost consequence, which it is necessary
I should communicate to him without delay, I
must Request that as soon as you shall join
Captain Halliday, You will please to deliver
them to him to be transmitted to the Admiral
with all possible Expedition — In case you
should

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26th I should not send Captain Halliday when you have delivered the Supplies of Money & Stores now on board the Naiad for General Stuarts Army either to forward yourself with the Dispatches, or take such other steps to forward them in safety as seem to you best calculated for that purpose —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Sr.

(Signed) Macartney

Fort S.t George
May 26th 1783. —

27th Received the following Letter from General Stuart

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

President & Governor &c.a Select Committee

Fort S.t George.

From Genl Stuart — wishes for Money to enable the Officers to purchase Supplys from Tranquebar — Reports of the surrender of Bidenore. —

My Lord &c.a

I have heard from Colonel Lang and now forward his Letter to the Select Committee which I suppose is to the same purpose, that he is so far on his way to the Presidency on account of bad health. all assistance to this Army either from Colonel Lang or any force detached with him seems were totally at an End. I have received a Letter from the Honble Mr Cochrane the 22d at Negapatam. He has great merit in collecting large & small boats in a place of safety. Rice also is ready to be sent, but the owners at Tranquebar demand ready Money. Shot is also Arrack and the Merchants of Tranquebar in my assurance of a few Days Market are ready to bring all Sorts

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26th sorts of supplies to the Officers for ready Money. —
This therefore will in all probability be the Chief
thing needs from the Presidency, if my accounts
turn out true. I am much afflicted to find
that the Reports prevail & gain Credit at
Tranquebar of Bednore having surrendered
by Capitulation. Mr Bekrane mentions a Dutch
Man lately from Columbo who had heard it
from a Vessel that touched there from the Malabar
Coast Mr Bekrane says that Mr Bussy on
receiving intelligence from the Cape of 4 French
& 6 Dutch Ships being on their way to
Trincomale had dispatched a Packet to Suffrein
desiring him to come to his assistance after their
Junction, & that this packet had been intercepted
by our Admiral the 13th Instant. — By a letter
from Tranquebar I see that the whole of our
fleet was in view off that place the 22d a good
way to the East and standing to the Southward,
and it was believed the French would sail that
day from Trincomale. I have wrote to Mr
Cochrane on no account to send his boats &c
from where they now are untill he hears from
me after taking up my last ground. Mr Sullivan
is gone to Tanjore. All the Carriage needed to
bring up the Rice &c from Conjeveram went
there this Morning & I am in the hopes will
return with the whole tomorrow, if so I march
the day after.

I have

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I have the honor to be
My Lord &c.

Camp at Killanoor
25th of May 1783.

Your most obedient
& most Humble Servt
(Signed) J. Stuart

Recvd the following Letter and Enclosure from
Resident of Tanjore.—

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From J. Sullivan Esq. on the operations of the Southern Army— report of the fall Bednor— wishes Col. Fullarton may be reinforced by a body of Europeans inclosed copy of a letter to General Stuart

I had the honor to receive on the 7th Instant your Commands of the 23d ultimo with copies of your orders to Colonel Fullarton. General Stuart has since done me the honor to communicate to me his wishes that the Southern Army might be employed in the reduction of Chilumbrum while he was engaged in carrying on the Siege of Cuddalore.—

I thought it my duty immediately to explain to General Stuart the reasons which made me conceive that the public Service required the prosecution of the plan for which the Commander had ordered the Southern Army to assemble, copy of my letter to him now waits on your Lordship &c.— and it is with infinite concern I add to the arguments I then urged, that the reports now

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27th now circulating at Tranquebar give too much reason to apprehend that the delay in cooperating with General Mathews has already been attended with most alarming consequences for it is confidently affirmed that he Capitulated in Bednore on the 28th Ultimo — and a letter from the Commanding Officer of the French Detachment with Tippoo Saib is given as the authority for this report. But tho' this should prove groundless, it must evince the necessity of giving General Mathews the most speedy relief by the diversion so long since ordered by the Committee and for which Colonel Stuttarton has already made every preparation that our resources to the Southward can furnish. they are such as will lead to the possession of Darapooram, Coimbatoor, Palacatchery & Gudgerdy and in these places make us masters of the only passes from Mysore in that Quarter, and open the road to operations of more importance, as soon as Colonel Stuttarton can be reinforced by a body of Europeans which shall enable him either to join the Bombay Army or act seperately as circumstances may direct. The reduction of Cuddalore which event we have reason to expect must soon be effected will afford your Lordship &c the opportunity of sending speedily such an addition of force as will give Colonel Stuttarton strength sufficient to overcome any opposition Tippoo Saib may make to his progress in the Mysore Country

27th Country, and by their timely support prevented / should the reports of General Mathews surrender prove true / our losing the fruits of his other Conquests on the Malabar Coast.

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your faithfull & most

obedient humble Servant

(Signed) John Sullivan

Karical May 18th 1783

To Major General Stuart

Sir

Late last night I had the honor of your Letter of the 5th with one of the same date from Mr Close transmitting the Copy of a Letter from you to Colonel Fullarton If my dispatches of the 9th & 10th should have got safe they will have informed you that the Poligars of Vanapollam & Avialore have taken an active part in our favour & that a considerable supply of Cattle had been collected by them for your Army, but that the return of Lord Saibs party to the Eastward made me apprehensive the Poligars would be hard pressed. I am happy to inform you that they have repulsed the Enemy in several skirmishes and that Lord Saib despairing to make any impression on their Fellows that moved towards Caddalore, having only a party of 200 Horse & 300 foot with one small Gun on the neighbourhood of Vanapollam-

the

27th the Poligar of that place can assemble from four to five thousand fighting men & I hope his Vackeel has by this time concerted with you the means of conveying supplies to the Army. if You should think it necessary for their greater security the 9th Battalion might proceed from Tanjore to join in the Pollam any Detachment You may send there —

I have the pleasure to tell you that Mr Cockrane has exerted himself so successfully that you may expect a considirable supply of rice by boats from Negore, so that two of the objects for which you wished the cooperation of the Southern Army will be better accomplished without its assistance and we shall reserve in our Magazines of Trichinopoly & Tanjore the provisions which the march of that Army towards Chilumbrum would necessarily have drawn from them, for none of the Poligar Countries could furnish rice —

All those circumstances considered I am persuaded you will think that the public will benefit more by the seperate operations of the Southern Army in the West than it could possibly do by its proceeding against Chilumbram which must inevitably follow the fate of Cuddalore and in which there does not now remain any thing that could be considered as a supply to your Army.

In this view of matters it seems fortunate that the Havarah with Your Letters

have

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20th have been long on the road, for none of them has reached Colonel Fullarton on the 13th and at Dindigul where he then was is full 200 miles distant from Chilcumbrum it would not be possible for him to reach that place in less than twenty Days, within which time I have sanguine hopes you will have reduced Pedalore already distressed for provision & ammunition as you will have seen by Mr Boyds own Letters, I say this even if Colonel Fullarton was to march the 16th a circumstance which appears to me very improbable for as he is perfectly acquainted with the disposition of the Polygars on this side and with the state of our resources, he will necessarily think himself bound to carry the Orders of the Committee into execution by proceeding to the Westward where he has full conviction that great and important objects are to be obtained by him, if immediately pursued, but which must be lost if he waits untill the Rains have swelled the Rivers as will happen in the next month

The Chief of Tellicherry informs me under Date the 11th Ultimo that "the "Troops of Tippoo Saib had taken possession "of Calicut and were advanced within fifteen "Miles of Tellicherry that the Major part "of the Garrison of Pallicacherry were said to "be with them and that if the Southern Army "should possess itself of that place it would

Destroy

27th restore peace and quietness to the Coast, have a good effect on the Malabars in general and open the communication between the two Coasts." Dry Darcanah who brought this letter, left Calicut on the 19th April where the Enemies force consisted of about 3000 foot and 700 horse; they left Palicacherry the 23d — and now there about 600 foot and 20 horse, — they heard that the Store of Paddy & rice in the Fort was very considerable they passed thro Dindatore the 25th — and heard that there were about 600 foot & 15 horse there and that the Paddy & rice on the Fort did not exceed 10,000 Candums.

I relate these circumstances that you may see how much Palicacherry is considered as the key of Communication and what force may be brought to oppose our operations against that place and Coimbatore — the distance from Dindigul to the latter is little more than Eighty Miles — or to Palicacherry 100 Miles. Daraporam lies nearly mid way and if it should make opposition we shall find a recompence in the Stores and provisions that may be taken in it, the route from thence is equally good either to Coimbatore or Palicacherry whichever may be Colonel Fullertons first object.

I transmit a copy of this letter to Colonel Fullarton and will do myself the honor of conveying to you every information I may receive from him.

I have

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I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Sulivan

Madras May 16th
1783

Dispatched the following Letter and Enclosure
to General Stuart

Major General Stuart

To Genl Stuart on the Junction of Lo Army enclosing Copy of the Minutes of Committee on that subject and of a Letter from Genl Stuart to Ct Lang,

Sir

In our Letter to you on the Subject of the Powers which we had entrusted to you over the Southern Troops, we gave you every sufficient reason why it was proper that we should have a Communication of your Orders to the Commander of those Forces upon that subject, both because such Communication might prevent any Deversity in the Orders to such Commandes from You and from this Committee, & because it was necessary we should be acquainted with the movements of both Armies, as being answerable for them. Our Directions therefore to you for such a Communication did not necessarily involve any Suspecion of your correspondence as counteracting the Resolutions of the Board. Nor do we claim the merit of having foreseen that you would hold a Language to this Government, in order to obtain that Power, so different from that which you held, [illegible] as soon as

27th you did obtain it, I to the Commander of those forces. What you said to us at two Meetings of the Committee, and the Letter you sent immediately afterwards to Colonel Lang, are enclosed, and placed in opposite Colums that you may perceive that the Opposition or at least the Difference could not escape us. The Committee yielded to the Idea of a Junction with your Army, of any part of the Southern Troops already so necessarily and successfully engaged, on your Declaration, on the 17th of April last, that such Junction would be indespensible necessary, and upon your Assurance that you would leave such a force to the Southward as you should be convinced would be sufficient to mention our footing there, to give protection and Encouragement to those who might have declared in our favor, and even to act offensively and as much as possible to assist General Mathews. Your Point once gained, you write the very next Day, the 18th April, and before you were yet from the Presidency, to Colonel Lang, besides Garrisons to a certain proportion, there should be left as a sort of field Army South of the Coleroon, about Two Battalions of Sepoys One Hundred Europeans and Six Field Pieces. It is surely possible that these two Battalions, and this Hundred of Europeans, which indeed, as you call them, could be only a sort of a Field Army

27th. Army, might however have been sufficient,
in your Conviction, to protect and encourage our
Partizans, to act more offensively, and to have
a chance of assisting General Mathews. But
this letter was not gone when our President
Summoned the Committee to reconsider the Power
of drawing any Troops from the Southward; as
a letter had just reached him, from General
Mathews, mentioning that the forces then opposed
to him amounted to Fifty thousand Men, that from
the Number he could collect in the Field 600
Europeans, & 3000 Sepoys, his Lordship would
determine whether he (General Mathews) could
make head against the foe with any Probability
of Success; that the Enemy was only 40 miles
from Bidenoure, but he had great hopes that
something effectual would be done on our side, and that by
active Exertions of our Southern Army towards
Coimbetour, whilst our Grand Army was expelling
the foe from the Carnatic, he should be able
to keep his footing till Reinforced. The
Necessity of such Exertions to the Southward
having thus the additional Inducement of saving
the Western Conquests, and western Army
weighed very much against continuing the
Power of diminishing in any Degree, the means
of making these Exertions. But on this Occasion,
the 19th. of April, you expressed your hope that
the Committee would place that Confidence in
your

27th You to believe that you would not call Colonel
Lang with a Part of the Southern Army to join
you, but on the fullest Conviction of the absolute
Necessity of the measure in order to effect the great
Object of getting Possession of Cuddalore, and the French
force; and that you would do your utmost to let
the Committee be judges of that Necessity before you
determined on the measure. That Determination
which, Thus, to the Committee, was in prospect
only, of which You would do your utmost to
let the Committee be judges, was however, in fact,
already taken by you unalterably. Your
Letter already quoted which, if it had gone, when
written the 18th, should have been followed by
another to contradict its Contents, or at least
to suspend its operation, is now dispatched by you
on the 20th April. You are answerable for
its Contents as if written at that time. You
dispatch it as an authentic Account of the
final Determination of the Committee. The
Committee, who consented to no measure, but on
your Solicitations and promises, to give you a
Power of taking a Measure in case of it's being
indispensably necessary, are represented by you
as having taken upon themselves such measure
decidedly, as having settled that the Southern
Army was to cooperate with the Main Army
destined to act against Cuddalore. This
Declaration is made by you without being
qualified

27th unqualified by any Condition, precaution, or particular
Supposition of Events. You assure Colonel
Lang of the authenicity of what you told him
was thus settled in Committee. There is no doubt
or Mention of the indispensible Necessity.
The Cooperation is to be, it seems, independant
of that Circumstance. You expect to be
immediate. You expect to hear from him on his
March. That Necessity did not however then
exist; for a month afterwards it did not even yet
exist. For you tell us on the 24th Instant
that there was not then a pressing Exigency for
the Junction of the Southern Army; tho' you
did not know how soon it might be. You likewise
tell us in the same Letter that it was upon the
Supposition that Tippoo's principal force would
return to this Country rather than suffer the
French to be extinguished, that you desired the
Cooperation of the Southern Forces. That suppo-
sition is less likely to become a fact by our
Southern Army continuing to occupy the
Attention of Tippoo in its Progress against his
Southern Provinces. And the two Sepoy Battns
which you mention to be gone to the Northward,
were thought to have been happily sent that
way when a Hostile Fleet threatened the
Circars, and now are well employed against some
of the Territories of Tippoo on that side; so
that with the forces now under Colonel Maclod

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27th he must have sufficient Business upon his hands to provide for the Defence of what remains to him of his Dominions, and to attempt the Recovery of the Remainder, without having the Leisure, or perhaps the means, to render now any material Service to the French. — It is the Interest of Tippoo Saib surrounded with Hostile Armies, disaffected or mutinous Subjects and doubtful Friends, to claim the Benefit of the Maratta Treaty which stipulated for his Father the entire Possession of the Dominions he enjoyed previous to the War, on the Condition of his Evacuation of the Carnatic. Under all these Circumstances it does not appear probable to us that he will return with any formidable force to the Carnatic. It is still less probable that he would execute, where he so inclined such a Design, before the fate of Cuddalore should be determined. By the Admirals letter you perceive that he means to return to Madras in the course of next Month. If by any Delay or accident you should not, before such Return, have attained your object, it will & afterwards, by the probable Arrival of the French Fleet at Cuddalore, and the Succour of every kind which it may afford, become a matter of difficulty and uncertainty. These Considerations will no doubt accelerate your movements. To act slowly is not, in all Circumstances, to make sure of Success. Of Success we are authorized from your recorded

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27th Opinion to form no Doubt, and since that opinion
Your Strength has been encreased. Every means
and Every Assistance have been supplied, We
have incurred a vast Expence, and have spared
nothing to supply you. You have plenty
of Provision & ammunition. We have sent
large Sums of money, all we had or could procure,
We sent you supplies from home, We have
ordered supplies for you from the Southward. You
have had a considerable body of European Infantry,
and some Artillery which you could not have expected,
when this Expedition was first projected, and all
these Preparations are against a Place which you,
with every Man, agree cannot be tenable and against
Troops in want, as we know by their Commander's
intercepted Letters of Provisions and Ammunition.
We still order agreeably to your Request a
Reinforcement of Sepoys and his Majesty's 23d
Regiment of Light Dragoons to join you; tho we
do it without the Conviction of its Necessity, and tho
we much weaken by it our own Garrison. You
may have the Service of the Marion and Harriot
Pollam irregular Troops to the amount of
several Thousands; and Colonel Fullarton will
no Doubt share you at your Desire what he can
from Station more to you than where he is,
for we have not countermand our Orders of
Cooperation; nor have written him any Letters
but

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but those of which we had already sent you Copies, and now enclose you Duplicates of them. But we positively desire that you will not order Colonel Fullarton's Army or the greater part thereof to join you or to cross the Coleroon, or otherwise to interfere with the operations of this Army, unless you see that there will be an indespensible Necessity for the same of which you will fully explain to us at the same time the nature and occasion. We hope indeed that you will be possessed of Cuddalore before Colonel Fullarton's Army after receipt of your Orders could with any convenience, march to you upwards of Two hundred Miles. We request that in your operations against Cuddalore, you will see the necessity of not losing a moment, lest the moment of Success should pass. The Determination you express, in one of your Letters, to go on sure ground however slowly, may decrease somewhat in its Wisdom, by the Pressure of particular Circumstances. There is nothing strictly that can, in War, be sure; and the Desire of rendering it what it cannot be, might degenerate into Slowness as fatal as Precipitation. —

The for the present Expedition the Necessity of sending Rice to Chingleput by Land has been superseded by the greater Quantities we sent by Sea to a more forward Station;

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27th Station, yet we have not the less attended to the Provision of a Store there for a future demand as far as the Coolies we could collect or other means of Carriage would allow.

We are

Sir

Your most obed.t Ser.t

Fort St.t George
27th May 1783.—

Extract from Consultation at a Select Committee on Military Affairs held the 17th April 1783.—

"General Stuart earnestly recommends to the Committee the expediency "of sending him to order Colonel Lang to join "the main Army with the principal "part of the Southern Army in order "to reduce in a very short time the "French force at Cuddalore and declares "it as his Opinion that the junction "is necessary to make sure of that "important Object.

The President in answer reminds the General of the important Service on which Colonel Lang's Army is now employed in attacking the Enemys Possessions in the Carnatic Country, & encouraging

Copy of a Letter from Major General Stuart to Colonel Lang commanding the Army to the Southward Dated April 18th Dispatched April 20th 1783.—

Colonel Lang

Sir

I wrote yesterday to the Committee that Porto Novo was to be demolished and the Stores brought away it was also settled that the Army with you was to cooperate with the main Army destined to act against Cuddalore. I do not know of official Information has as yet been sent you on this important Points but from Authority I can assure you of it. I congratulate you on what has happened at Porto Novo. I am ignorant

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"encouraging the disaffected there and
"creating a Diversion in favor of General
"Mathews, who without such Diversion
"will probably be unable to make head
"against the force opposed to him.

General Stuart repeats his
Opinion as before expressed and the
Committee agreeing with him that
one great Object is the speedy obtaining
Possession of Cuddalore and the French
force there, as the General thinks, that
for the Attainment of it, the junction
of the main part of Colonel Lang's
Army will be indispensibly necessary
the Committee empower him to
send orders to Colonel Lang for that
purpose, the General assuring them
that he will leave such a force to
the Southward as he shall be convinced
will be sufficient to maintain our
footing there, to give Protection &
Encouragement to those who may have
declared in our favor & ever to act
Honestly and as much as possible
to assist General Mathews.

Extract from Consultations of
a Committee the 19th April 1783.

The Committee reconsidering
the Resolution passed at the last
Meeting

Ignorant in what further Operations
you are now employed, but I shall
be very sorry indeed either if you fail
in succeeding in the present Objects
once attempted or that they detain you
so long as to deprive us of the Benefit
of this junction; it is proposed that
besides Garrisons to a certain Proportion
there should be left as a sort of Field
Corps of about 2 Battalions of Sepoys 100 Europeans
& Six Field Pieces; yourself with the
Rest of the Army to join us in
some Position hereafter to be
settled as I advance: I expect to be
abreast of Cuddalore about the 3d
Inst Month, every Mode you can
devise either to bring Rice with
you and Slaughter Cattle or by
Correspondence and good words with
Warriore Pollam and other Poligars
so as they may bring Rice and all
sorts of Provisions to a full Market
in Camp for Ready money,
I pray you to do it as the most
acceptable and necessary Service to
the Public, we shall need the
battering Train, but you will
hear from me upon all lesser
Points

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"Meeting for empowering General Stuart to order Colonel Lang to join him with part of the Southern Army — The General expresses his hope that the Committee will place that confidence in him to believe that he will not call Colonel Lang with a part of the Southern Army to join him, but on the fullest Conviction of the absolute necessity of the Measure in order to effect the great Object of getting Possession of Cuddalore & the French force there, & that he will do his utmost to let the Committee be judges of that necessity before he determines on the Measure.

"The Committee having maturely considered what has now been offered by General Stuart, confirm the Resolution at the last Meeting for empowering him to order Colonel Lang to join him with a Part of the Southern Army in case that Measure should be indespensibly necessary."

Points on the march, and I expect to hear from you in the same way; Ships with Rice & Stores will be conveyed to us, and yet every Precaution is necessary for Supplies by Land. You may if you see proper & communicate this to Mr Sulivan, I look for Sir Eyre Coote hourly, and I hope he will be in time to lead us, but at all Events we shall march the 21st

Madras 18th April 1783. (Signed) J. Stuart

A Circular Note from the President prevented the sending this until the 20th April.

Dispatched the following Letter to the Resident at Tanjore with Copy of the above Dispatches to General Stuart.

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To Robt. Sullivan Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

To J. Sulivan Esq.
with Copy of the above
letter to Genl Stuart

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee have directed me to furnish you with the accompanying copy of their letter and Enclosures to General Stuart, and to desire You will forward Copies of the same to Colonel Fullarton for his information. They have received his very satisfactory Letter of the 12th May & will write to him in a few days. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient hble St
(Signed) J. Hudleston

Fort St. George
27th May 1783. —

Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue with Copy of the Letter to Mr Swain of the 13th Instant & Mr Swains Letter of the 20th & March & 28th ultimo & enclosures

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

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right

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To the Committee of assignes Revenue with Copy of a Letter to Mr. Sawyer — and of one from him.

Hoble the President and Select Committee to send you the inclosed copy of a Letter to Mr Sawyer containing Powers and Instructions agreeably to your Recommendation.

I am further directed to lay before you for your consideration the Accompanying Letter & Enclosures lately received from Mr Sawyer

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) John Hudleston

Fort St George

27th May 1783.

Sent the following Letter to Bengal

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General &c. Council of

Fort William

To Bengal — concerning the application of two Cadets for an Exchange.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Application having been made to us by Mr Henry Hamilton Cadet on the Bengal Establishment, and Mr Alexander Mitchell Cadet on this Establishment, for permission to exchange their respective appointments, we have consented thereto subject to your approbation

We have the Honor to be

Honble

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Hon.ble Sir & Sirs

Your most obed.t
humble Servant
(Signed) Macartney
Pres.t & Select Committee

28th

Received the following Letter from Captain Black with Return of Horses under his Charge

To the Right Hon.ble Lord Macartney K.B.
Governor & President of the Council at
Fort St George

My Lord

From Capt.n Black arrives at Vellore encloses Return of horses

I have the Honor to inform your Lordship of my arrival at this station this day with a Detachment of Cavalry from Bengal for your Presidency & Return of which I have likewise the Honor to enclose to your Lordship.

I shall be unavoidably detained here the 28th Instant by preparing the necessary supplies for the March between this and Madras when I shall proceed, without further delay and hope to arrive very early in June. —

I am with the greatest Respect
Your Lordships
most Obedient &
very humble Servt
(Signed) Saml Black
Capt Cavy Commg the Detach.t
Returns

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Return of the Detachment of Dragoons
of Captain Lindsay's Black Corps Commanded
by Captain Lindsay Dated Mysore 25th May 1783.

	Officers	Sergeants	Trumpeters	Rank & File	Horses
Present fit for Duty	2	3	1	38	44
Sick present				1	1
Sick absent				1	1
Total	2	3	1	40	46

Mysore 25th May 1783

Sir Thos Dallas Bart
Late Lieut Colonel Commanding
Late Sir William Scott's
Regiment of Dragoons
Captain Commandant

Received the following Letter from
the Commanding Officer at Mysore.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I had this day the honor to
receive your Letter of the 24th Ultimo directing
me

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28th me support him, as I have hitherto done, to the
utmost of my power — and I beg leave to assure
you that I will implicitly obey every Order that
the Right Honble The President & Select
Committee shall please to honor me with.—

I have the Honor to be with
the greatest Respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Robt Gibbins

From Capt Gibbings with assurances of support to the Camildar

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May 1783.—

29th Sent the following Letter to Captain
Paterson.

Captain Alexander Paterson
Commanding at Chinglepat

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the president & Select Committee to inform you
that they have received your Letter of the 27th
Instant & that they are of opinion that it would
be intirely Imprudent to risk so large a
Number of Slaughter Cattle as 1910, & of Sheep &
Goats as 2099 without a sufficient Escort to
protect them, especially when the Circumstances
of Danger, which you mention, are compared, &
which They suppose General Stuart was
not acquainted with when he gave you orders to
send them — We take it for granted that you
have written to him upon the Subject & /

To Captain Paterson on sending the Slaughter Cattle to camp—

that

28th that you will receive his Directions upon that head — In all Matters of this Kind you will communicate & cooperate with him, as from your respective situations you must be the best Judges of the safety of the Roads & the Practicability of the Measure —

It is probable that towards the latter end of the next Month if not sooner His Majesty's 23d Regiment of Dragoons together with a body of 300 Sepoys will move from hence to join the Main Army, which might afford Security to any Convoys of that sort, but it is impossible as yet to determine precisely the time of their Departure.

I am

Sir

Your most obed.t Hble.t

(Signed)

Fort St. George
May 29th 1783.

Received Letter from Captain Paterson, as entered in Miscellany Book, has agreeably to the Orders of the Committee delivered over the Cattle to the Paymaster. —

Received Letter from Captain J. Campbell as entered in M. B, advising of the Arrival of the Horses under the Charge of Captain Black. —

Received Letter from Military Paymaster as entered in M. B. enclosing the

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22d the Answer from Captain Woods executors respecting his demand. —

Received Letter from Mr Irwin of the 14th Instant as entered in the proceedings of the Committee of Assigned Revenue to whom it is referred. —

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

Anthony Sadlier, Alexander Davidson

Morgan Williams Esqrs.

Thursday 29th May 1783.

Read the following Letters from the Commander in Chief with the others received since the last meeting and entered in the proceedings —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c Select Committee

Fort St George.

My Lord &c

From Genl Stuart waiting for Orders for the Southern Army to join — Anxious for the Arrival of the Store Ships. —

I dispatched the preceding letter to you Yesterday by the Tappal from stationed Coast ways. I am in hourly expectation of receiving your decided opinion before I give orders to Colonel Fullarton to move towards the Coleroon after leaving sufficient Garrisons in the places to the Southward. A measure in itself highly expedient to be immediately adopted considering the Season of the Year & on many other very possible & contingent reasons. — If any thing could add to

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to my thorough conviction on this head it would be a confirmation of the news which I have heard from letters received in camp from the Presidency, that by a Dispatch over land late in December there is likely soon to be a general Pacification in Europe and that something is talked of as to the Restitution of Pondicherry with a Settlement to the French. The consequences that I dread are that the utmost of our force after taking proper care of the Southern Provinces should now immediately be applied so as to put it out of the power of France to resettle in this Country for years to come let the future conditions of peace be what they may. In short I am for making quick & sure work with them both at Cuddalore and Pondicherry and I have not the smallest difficulty in giving it as my opinion that at a proper time immediately after the present Service is over every public Building at Pondicherry should be blown up and the Native Inhabitants removed to some of our Settlements, Cultivation and Manufactures kept down and the Castle drove off. In a word the Conduct of France in general towards our Country & of the French in particular here in India has been such to warrant every thing on our part excepting Cruelty to Individuals, an exception which they have not made in regard to

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to our unfortunate Countrymen sent to Hyder by Suffrein. It is now many days since I have had the honor of addressing you representing my opinion of the Expediency of the Southern Army to move towards me and as before observed, I wait for the present your explicit opinion and Orders, and mean while I consider the General Orders issued by Colonel Fullarton & the increasing of that Army to move for any other purpose, as done without any previous consultation with me, directly contrary to my opinion and to the Resolution of Government intimated the 17th or 18th of April. I donot recollect precisely the day or the precise words and therefore I have to request that Your Lordship &c. will be pleased to furnish me with an official Extract. — The Army March the 28th tho' I should leave some Rice in the Ship, for I will not remain here on that account any longer. The Demand of the Agent for Rice to the Europeans did not enter into my Calculation and will in so far diminish our Stock for the Black Troops. I have wrote this day to Captain Treabridge requesting most earnestly that he would proceed immediately to Tranquebar with my Letter to Mr Cockrane and take and his Convoy whatever he has got in readiness for the use of the Army. — The Winds have been so contrary that my mind is very much agitated by the possible delay of the Ships with the Store and provision Ships. This proposed

measure

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treasure is the only one to come in aid to us.
I have no answer yet from the Captain, but
judging from his readiness on the present occa-
sion in hopes he will not hesitate to continue
his Exertions which I promised to him to
represent to Your Lordships &c —

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most obed.t &
most Humble Sr.
(Signed) J. Stuart

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

My Lord &c

I have had the honor to receive
Your Letter of the 21st. where you mention
that mine of the 13th. 14th. 15th. & 16th. have reached
you. In answer to what is contained in your
Lordships 2d. letter concerning what I said about
recommending Lieutenant Colonel Harper &
Johnston and Major Short and Alcock you
must excuse me if I give no other reasons than
that in my opinion they are habitually
Individuals and that I believe their Constitutions
have been impaired by long Service in this
Country — This is the Substance of what
I said

From Genl. Stuart
concerning Col. Harper
& Johnstone & Majors
Short & Alcock the
command of the Kings
Troops.

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I said before and in my humble opinion corresponds to the very name and Institution of the Fund assigned to support Officers in such situations and without any additional real burthen to the Company but on the Contrary. as to what is contained in Your Lordship's Letter of the 6th which you remind me of not having answered I must beg leave with the Presidents permission to refer to a seperate Letter from me to His Lordship on that Subject dated 13th Instant so far as relates to it, as containing my genral unalterable sentiments on the Line of Command of his Majestys Troops. Mean while the Service is and will be carried on in good humour, and if there were no Distinctions, and I am answerable for it, and that nothing but unnecessary Irritation in altering the Instructions of the Honble Company 1774 on nice points of Theory can alter the present Harmony in all Ranks of this Army. Your Orders of the 20th Instant, concerning the adjutant & Quarter Master Genral were published to the Army so soon as received. Your orders of the same Date concerning the March of His Majestys 15 & 16th Regiments are also published at the Seat from the Side I am clearly of opinion that it was not in method, because the Marches of these or others of His Majestys Troops should proceed upon the orders of the Officer Commanding His Majestys Troops and done in requisition of Government,

but

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but in this and in more essential points where I conceive there is a distinct line I have without going up the points and reserving the appeal to the proper authority to determine, I say I have published the Genl. Orders because these are not times for Disputes but for Actions — As to Officers of Rank of his Majestys Troops serving with this Army either with their Corps or Parts detached here I conceive it to be a thing in the course of Duties that me the Commander in Chief The Restrictions being made to Your Lordship &c. In this way Capt. Thomson of the 28th mentioned seperately to me by the Right Honble Presidents now serving here, and several others, also Lieut. Colonel Cathcart of the same Corps (one of that Rank by his Majestys Brevet) serves as Their Officer — I wish equally with Your Lordship &c to take for my chief Guide in all matters the orders of His Majesty where the Royal authority is concerned and the Constitution of the E. I Company with the particular orders of my Honble Employers and I humbly conceive they are not discordant. —

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c.

Your most obedient
& most Humble Servt
(Signed) James Stuart

Camp at Chellanoor
26th. May 1783
q D. M

The letter of the 21st alluded to in my

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came to hand a few hours ago.

The President lays before the Committee the following Extract of the Letter alluded to by General Stuart which by the word "private" being written at the top the President conceived was not intended as an answer to the Committees Letter of the 6th Instant but as the General now refers to it as such the President delivers it as a record. ——

My Lord

I had the honor yesterday to receive your letter of the 10th Instant and have not yet had a Minute leisure to answer the public letter on the Subject there mentioned. —

From Genl Stuart on the appt of the Kings Officers to be Assistant & Quarter Master General

I say in a few Words My Lord that my Sentiments and my Actions in the Command of His Majestys Troops will be uniformly guided by what I believe to be His Majestys Orders or intentions and the Custom of that Service, until I know that his Majestys Ministers or the War Office that I have misunderstood them. —

In this Sense I shall certainly expect the Services of the Staff Officers whose Stations were by the late Commander in Chief of His Majestys Troops put in General Orders to the Army — This I do as a matter of Detail and of Right in my Station as well as for Consistency, at the same time it shall be my Study to avoid any clashing of the Officers and I know how to do it. —

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It is impossible for me to be better provided than I am at present with Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm & Lieut.t Colonel Davies the Adjutant General & Quarter Master General to this Army, and I never entertained a thought of making any alteration with respect to their Station, and no Adjutant or Quarter Master General can interfere with or Officiate in their Stations but by my Orders. —

If the Government decline paying the Kings Officers whom the late Commander in Chief gave out in General Orders as the Adjutant & Quarter Master General to his Majestys Troops in India I cannot help it, but I suppose their Case may be so represented as that, if the appointments are approved of they will be payed from the Balance supposed in overplus due by the Company to the Crown in terms of the last Agreement, and if disapproved of, the whole of course falls to the Ground. —

It is on this plan that Lieut.t Colonel Cathcart will join me and I shall observe what your Lordship Mentions, when the Opening Offers, to break the business to Lieutenant Colonel Davies, but I believe he has not an Idea of resigning; at the same time excuse me if I observe that neither Your Lordships Opinion nor mine, can alter or remove the

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the Distinction that Remains betwixt His Majestys & the Companys Troops, both as to their Situation & their mode of Management, but it is my business & I am answerable for it that the Service be carried on, as it now is, with Harmony & good humour notwithstanding of such distinctions.

I repeat my Lord that matter of our private Opinion nor that of any Government in India can make Alteration in that respect without the positive Order of His Majesty Signified & Officially, and mean while I can take on me to assure you that the publick Service shall not Suffer

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your most Obedient
& most Humble Sert
(Signed) Jas Stuart

Camp at Pennacoil
May 13th 1783.

The General having published to the army the General Orders of the 20th which contain our Resolution regarding the Staff appointments with the army it is not necessary to argue further on the subject at present as we do not admit Colonel Cuthcart & Major Gratton as Quarter Master and Adjutant General of course they cannot be paid by the Company as such. —

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Read the following Letter from Major Alcock. —

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Major Allock concerning the recommendation of the Commander in Chief to put him on the Invalid Establishment

Having been credibly informed that the Commander in Chief has in an Arrangement lately transmitted to the Board, recommended me to be put on the Invalid Establishment, I am therefore reduced to the necessity of addressing Your Lordship &c entreating you to prevent such an Act of injustice from taking place, — as I can assure you that I have made no such application to General Stuart, — and I should be wanting to myself, and the Service at large, were tamely to submit to such an injury, without appeal.

I was thought, worthy & fit for Promotion to the Rank of a Field Officer, by this Honble Board, but thirteen Months past, and was honored with a Congratulatory Letter from Sir Eyre Coote on such my promotion, I have the satisfaction to observe that (thank God) neither my Intellects or Constitution, are in the smallest degree impaired Since that period, and that I am now perfectly Effective & under thirty Seven Years of Age. —

I beg

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I beg leave to remark to your Lordship & that during a Service of twenty Years, my Conduct has been approved, and I have held the good Opinion and confidence of every Officer I have had the honor to serve under, of which I have Testimony both in Writing & viva voce — it would therefore appear extraordinary that General Stewart with whom I never had the honor to be on Service, should make any objection to my further promotion or Services, I suppose / for 'tis merely surmise / the General must have accused me of some Crime, — if so, I must request a Court Martial or Court of enquiry, as the best means My Lord and Gentlemen, to set this Affair in its true light, before you, — and the only mode I have of clearing my Reputation in the Eyes of my Brother Officers and the World.

On your Equity My Lord & Gentlemen, I depend, trusting you will not suffer one who has Served long and faithfully, to have his Reputation as a Soldier enjured, and prospects in Life cut off, — without a clear investigation —

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your faithfull &
most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Hugh Alcock
Major 1st Batt. 1st Regt

Fort St George
23d. May 1783. —

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered to lie for consideration

Minute on the Govrs recommendation to make Lieut Col. Harper and Johnstone & Major Shorts & Alcock

Agreed also that the Generals recommendation for making Lieutenant Colonels Harper & Johnstone and Majors Short and Alcock remain until his return to the Presidency when it may be considered with the further Arrangement which he intends to propose on that subject

Lieut Col. Nixon appointed full Colonel

The establishment being deficient of a Colonel by the Capture of Colonels Horne & Brathwaite it is agreed that Lieutenant Colonel Nixon be appointed a full Colonel subject to the approbation of the honble Court of Directors Lieutenant Colonel Harper is above Colonel Fitzgerald on the List of the Army and as by the general System of the Service the Officers are promoted according to their Seniority it is necessary to observe that Coll Harper having declined serving last Year in the important station of the Command of the Southern Forces the Committee think it would not be proper to appoint him to the present Vacancy and thereby stop the promotion of another Officer who is desirous to serve. —

Reason assigned for superseding Lt Col. Harper

Read the following Letter from Colonel Lang —

To the Right Honble the President & Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have been honored with your Commands of the 21st Instant in Consequence of

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From Colonel Lang
resigns the command of
the So. Army to Col.
Fullarton, concerning
the rank granted to him
& various events
by Storm —

of which I immediately delivered over the Charge of the Southern Army to Colonel Fullarton. —

I think myself highly honored by the rank his Majesty has been pleased to grant me & am also thankful to my Honble Masters in England for their application for such Rank & to Your Lordship &c. for ordering me to join the Main Army now going against Cuddalore, & the same Arguments hold good regarding other Affairs with the Main Army as regarding Colonels Fullarton & Forbes having served under me it cannot be agreeable to me by every means to join the Main Army which Your Lordship &c. know I have often commanded since the Commencement of this War and formerly. Still I would wave all this for the good of the service, but at present my health will not permit me to enter on such active duty Duty, I am apprehensive that I should have been obliged to quit the Field, had not this Supercession taken place. I shall therefore take the earliest Opportunity of proceeding to the Presidency.

I cannot help expressing my Surprize at your not having Received my Letters with the accounts of the Sale of Cariar; I give you my that the Hircar who brought me your Letter of the 21st April was the man whom I dispatched the Moment Cariar fell, I also sent Duplicates by way of Vellore — I am not surprized at some Letters miscarrying as I have several

Hircars

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Hircars now Prisoners in Gingee & Cuddalore. Also not with upon the fall of and Dindigul as I requested Your Honour at Tanjore to do it least this Letters may have been lost I have the honor to acquaint you that was taken by Storm the 17th April & about 800 of the Enemy kill & Wounded. Dindigul lower Fort was taken by Storm the 5th instant upon which the upper Fort immediately took Cowl. The success of struck such a terror into the People of Dindigul that they made a poor defence. Our loss was very trifling at both places — I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very obed & mo
devoted Servant
(Signed) R Lang

Trichinopoly
20th May 1783.

Colonel Nixon to join the Army

Agreed that Colonel Nixon be ordered to join the Army in the room of Colonel Lang.

The President lays before the Comm the following Letter received last night by the Town Major from Lieutenant Orr

Dear Sir

From Lieut Orr advising of the arrival going to Marmalon with an Armed Force Detatching Guards in the Village when the Companys Troops were gone.

The Enemy came here this Morning with a large Retinue and Guns and took Post within one hundred Yards of my Guard without apprizing me of his coming — About an Hour ago Mr Milling champ (who came to see me) and in walking through the Village were stopped on the Main Road by a Guard of Troopers who acquainted us that

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that the Amer had given Orders that no European should pass, I asked him if his orders extended to the Commanding Officer of the Troops stationed in the Village his Answer was in the Affirmative upon which I although I would have regretted much being drove to extremities with any of the Nabobs family I Ordered my people under Arms, and next dispatched the Troop Serjeant to the Amer with my Compliments to acquaint him of the treatment his people offered me, as Commanding Officer of the Companys Troops here, who attempted to Stop me within my own Centries, and that I hoped the Amer would Countermand such improper Orders, otherwise I should be absolutely obliged to proceed to extremities and support the Honor & dignity of the Company, whose Officer I was, and that whatever insult or indignity might be offered on the present occasion to the Troops & stationed here, when in the execution of their duty, I would resent by Force rather than suffer the Companys Arms to be disgraced or their authority interrupted — The Amer thought proper to Countermand the Order and has thereby relieved Me from a very disagreeable situation, not on my account but for the reasons before assigned, we for however his inclinations and I really am of Opinion he is a dangerous Man at this time, I am

Hannibal 28th May 1783. —

Yours Truely
J. Carr

The

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The Committee approove of the prudent & steady conduct of Lieutenant Orr as related in the above Letter — Agreed that he be desired to persevere, but at the same time to be strictly on his guard and to be cautious not to provoke nor give any just cause of complaint

Resolvd that Copy of Mr Orrs Letter be sent to the Governor General & Council

Read the following Letter just received by Hircarrahs.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen.

From Messrs Abbot, Stracan, & Kitson appointed to proceed to Bidnore — Communication cut off with the Army — have Battalion of Sepoys at Mangalore.

The intent and meaning of this Address, will we trust be a sufficient apology for the commencement of a correspondence with your Board — We think it necessary to inform you that we are appointed by the Honble the Select Committee of Bombay, for the management of the Companys Interest, in the late acquired Countries of Bidnore & Soundah — We left Bombay on the 25th. Instant, bringing with us a small Reinforcement for the Army consisting of one Battalion of Sepoys, and We yesterday put into this port for Intelligence of the situation of our Army, and affairs to the Southward, and it is with great concern we acquaint your Lordship & c. that we are advised of the

Arrival

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Arrival of Tippoo Saib, at the head of a very considerable Army, on the Frontiers of Bednore about the 6th of this Month, that he immediately with about 12000 Men, forced the Ghaut of Hyder Ghur and has thereby cut off all Communication between our Army and the Sea Coast. That he has now a large Force below the Ghauts and is in possession of the Fort of Cundapore to which we were destined, with the intended reinforcement. In this situation of affairs, We are determined to throw the Battalion of Sepoys into Mangalore, as only place of strength upon the Sea Coast, but how long it may be able to hold out a Seige from so powerful an Army, as Tippoo Saib is said to have with him, We cannot pretend to say – indeed the cold dependance of the Bombay Government for the safety of the Troops under General Mathews has been, that in the event of Tippoo Saibs leaving the Carnatick at the head of an Army, in order to retake the Countries of Bednore & Soundah, that your Armies would press so close and hard upon him; that the preservation of his Mysore Dominions, would put it out of his power to come in full force against our Troops in the Bednore Country – and it is with exceeding great concern we must observe, that unless this has been done, & which may then happily divert Tippoo Saibs attention to another Quarter, we fear the Consequences to the Bombay Army may be very fatal – as the Presidency of

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of Bombay is in no condition to send further Reinforcements to the Southward having already left that Garrison in a very defenceless state, we beg leave to suggest to your Lordship &c the propriety & practicability of sending Troops & Stores from your Coast direct to Mangulore, where they may arrive with safety, early in the Month of August and which measure may be productive of very happy consequences in the event of that place holding out during the Rainy Season, and which from the most favorable accounts We have of its strength we hope it may be able to do.

Trusting to our joining the Commander in Chief of the Army who is in possession of the Cypher in which the Select Committee of Bombay correspond with your Board We left Bombay without a Copy of it, and are therefore obliged to transmit this Letter, in its present state, but we have directed the Halcarahs, in case of falling in with the Enemy, to distroy this Letter, and to produce another we have delivered them, which contains nothing of importance — These Halcarahs will await your Orders, and will return direct to this place, when dispatched.

We remain very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen,
Your most obed.t
Humble Servants
(Signed) Jo.s Sebbald
Saml Stedman
Robert Ritson
&c.a

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P. L.

Two of the Gentlemen of our Commission being on board the Vessel that brought us hither, is the reason that their Signatures do not appear to this address. —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Governor & President & Select Committee
My Lord & Gentlemen

I am honord with your Letter of the 24th April and will obey the Contents thereof.

From Dept Beleliffe — advising of all communication with Pondi Matheus's being cut off. —

Extract of a Letter Dated 14th May 1783. — from Mr Hutchinson Resident of Anjingo, to me.

The Enemy has taken possession of the Passes of the Ghauts, which stops the Communication between the General, who is at Bidanore & Mangalore No Intelligence of his Situation that can be depended on has been received since the 5th ultimo It is supposed the Force he has with him does not exceed 2500 Men, and Tippo's Army Report says has encreased to double the number he carried with him from the Carnatick.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
your most Obed.t &
most Humble Servant
(Signed) I Beleliffe

Palamcottah
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The President also lays before the Committee

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Committee the following Extract of a private letter from a Gentleman of consideration at Bombay to his correspondent here

Dear Sir

From Bombay with advice from Europe of Negociations of Peace. Ct. Macleod & Humberston & Major Shaw Captured by the Mavattas Tippoo hasten the Phants — advice of the destination of four Indiamen.

I wrote you by the Squadron, & Maria Mayor, this goes by the Way of Anjengo, & will advise you of our last accounts from England by the way of Bussora — The Kings Speech the 5th of December at the meeting of Parliament advises the Nation, that Negociations for Peace are far advanced, & that the Independance of America is to be the 1st Article — We have Timely papers of 8th January from which it would appear that the success of the Negociation was doubtful, & that all parties were preparing for vigorous Campaign

Since the relief of Gibralter nothing of consequence has been effected — The Vote for the recal of Mr Hastings has been [illegible] by the Proprietors & since rescinded by the Directors which has so provoked Ministry that they are determined to lay it before Parliament — this dispatch for Anjengo will no doubt carry your Government the last advices which were dated 31st December to our Select Committee of which we do not here know the Contents

Colonel Macleod (who was going down to supercede General Mathews) Colonel Humberston, Major Shaw with Sundry Officers, were unfortunately taken, in one of the Companys Cruizers by the Mahratta fleet the 8th Instant — application is

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is made to Ponah, to which no answer is yet arrived — their conduct is indeed very mysterious — Major Campbell of the 42d is now appointed to the Command of the Army & Messrs Sibbald, Stedman & Taylor are gone down on behalf of the Company —

We hear that Tippoo Sahib, with a large force is on this side the Gauts & that your immense Army remain quiet & peaceable in the neighborhood of Madras —

The Ceres Talbot, Royal Henry & Bishop are here — the three first will return to Madras with some wheat — We shall be anxious to hear the fate of the two Squadrons; the time elapsed for the Marhattas to take possession of their Territories, & no demand made by them — in that we are apprehensive of their Joining Tippoo Sahib — in which Case our Southern Army can never hold their Ground —

You will have better information than any I can give you — I therefore Dear Sir

Your most obedt
Humble Servt

28th April 1783.

The Committee are much concerned at the Intelligence communicated in the foregoing Letters — the anxiety we have felt to assist the Operations of General Matthews will appear from our

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having

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having sent him upwards of 4000 of the Kings Troops at a very considerable risk and contrary to the Opinions & consent of the Commander in Chief in India to whom He long since represented that the army which should invade Hyder Ally's Dominions on the Malabar Coast must reckon upon being opposed by his whole force — from the Efforts made to create a powerful Diversion in the Coimbatore Country and the earnest, and repeated representations and Orders sent to Colonel Lang — and lastly from the language uniformly held by this Committee to General Stuart & in particular — in our Letter to him of the 15th. March when the Army was near Dilore —

Letter to Lt Dyre Date the

Letter to Lt. Long of the

Should the present Expedition against Cuddalore prove successful He shall endeavor that not a moment may be lost in conveying a considerable part of the main Army to Mangalore and in the mean while We shall send as many Europeans as can be spared from this Garrison to reinforce Colonel Fullarton and enable him to oblige Tippoo Saib to devide his attention.

Resolved that Copies of the above Letters from the Southward be sent immediately to the Governor General and Council and to General Stuart

Read the following Letter from the Governor General & Council

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c.

at

Fort St George

May

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From Bengal desiring that the Bond to the Admiral may be discharged enclosing copies of letters from the Admiral & Coll Owen on the Subject.

By letters which we have received from Admiral Sir Edward Hughes and Colonel Owen we find that a demand has been made upon the former in Consequence of the unfortunate decease of the late Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote for the Repayment of a loan of one Lack of Pagodas advanced to the General for the public Service by Sir Edward Hughes in July last and that Colonel Owen not being authorized to discharge this claim did not think proper to dispose of the Consignment of Treasure Landed from the Resolution until he should be furnished with our Authority — To prevent any loss of time in issuing our Orders for this purpose we take this early opportunity of inclosing an Order to Colonel Owen to deliver up the said Consignment as well as that Taken on the Sea Horse if it shall be in his Charge to your Order as we had Authorized Sir Eyre Coote as long ago as August last to discharge this Bond to the Admiral for the Loan above mentioned out of the first Supplies which should be sent from this Presidency it was his fixed Determination to appropriate a part of the Treasure which he took with him from hence on the Resolution to this use, We therefore desire and enjoin you to complete

our

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our intentions by Ordering the instant payment of the said Bond to the Admiral with such interest as may be due upon it from the produce of the Treasure landed from the Resolution.

We further inclose a Letter to Captain Murray requiring the delivery of the Treasure on board the San Carlos to your Order if it shall not have been delivered from his charge.

We are &c. &c. &c.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

(Signed) Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort William
the 7th May 1783.

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Agreed that the following Letters be despatched to the Governor General & Council & to General Stuart with the several papers therein mentioned as already Resolved in these Minutes

To the Honble Warren Hastings
Governor General & Council

Fort William

Gentlemen

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter directed to our President of the 7th Instant upon the subject

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To Bengal — concerning the Money due to the Admiral's on Board — with Copies of Letters from Anjengo, Bombay & Lieut Eyre,

subject of the Treasure consigned by you as we conceived for public Service to the late Sir Eyre Coote instead of this Government, the usual & proper Channel of such Remittance. —

As the Loan of the Money to Sir Eyre Coote by the Admiral, was a Transaction not communicated to this Government at the time & consequently not authorized by it, We did not think ourselves than warranted to supercede all other demands in favor of a Debt contracted in that manner, but we gave to Sir Eyre Coote before his departure the security of a Company's Bond which he required — as you had not honored us with Your Commands upon the subject, we considered the bond to be upon the same footing as those of others, who had generously stept forward & lent their Money to the Company in its Distress without any particular Stipulations but as soon as We learned from Colonel Owen, by the Communication of a paragraph from your Letter to Sir Eyre Coote of the 26th August 1782. — that it was your Intention our Bond to him, should be discharged in preference xx to all others out of the very first Money that came to our hands from Bengal we acquainted that Gentleman of our readiness to acquiesce in your Desire, altho such desire was not communicated no more than the consignment of the Money, to us in the regular Channel according to the Rules of the Service

which

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which as we are instructed by our Honble Employers admits of no independant Interposition to stand between your Government & ours

The Value of Six Eyre Coote's Bond has been paid to Mr Cuthbert the Flag Agent about 10 days since, & we shall be happy if the Public suffers less inconvenience from the want of that Sum at this Critical time than the Admiral would do — When the intended 2 Demand was made for the Money upon Lady Coote early the Morning after the Generals Death, He felt so strongly upon the occasion that we offered to the Admiral every Security this Government could give, to prevent a repetition of it at so trying a Moment, but without Success — Ever since the Gov we took of the Companys Interests the case of the Prizes & booty taken at Negapatam, awaiting the Comt of His Majesty's decision, as directed by Charter & the Company's Instructions, We have lost all Credit with the Admiral — & He has repeatedly assured us that he never would lend this Government one Rupee

Enclosed we have the Honor to send you the Copies of two Letters received yesterday, One from Anjengo & other from Jra — We also beg leave to add an Extract of a private Letter from Bombay to a Gentleman here, which arrived at the same time

The News it brings is of a very disagreable Nature, but we flatter ourselves that your Treaty with the Marattas will operate to the speedy release of our Officers taken by their Fleet & that the great Military

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Military exertions We are making on every side will produce some solid advantages to counterbalance the misfortune on the other Coast.

We beg leave to inclose to You a letter to the Town Major from one Officer commanding at Mamalong relative to some late extraordinary & conduct of the Amun his Highness the Nabob's second Son, whose Indisposition & disaffection to the Company You can be no strangers to whatever his Design may have been whether to feel our pulse to excite a disturbance in order to found complaint upon, or to shew the Natives how little he respected the Company's Authority — We has been disappointed by the prudence & Steadiness of our Officer,

This occasion calls upon us to redouble our Vigilance in guarding against that execution of such pernicious projects as the Amun & his Associates may harbor & we rely upon your hearty support for that purpose. —

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Fort St George
May 29th 1783.

Your most Obed.t & most Hble Servants

Major General Stuart
Commander in Chief

Camp

Sir

Enclosed we send you Copies of

To Genl Stuart with Copies of letters from Goa and Anjingo on the operations of the Va. Army.

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of two Letters which we have received, one from Goa, and the
from Anjingo, and We beg leave to add a private Note
from Bombay to a Gentleman of this place — These
will confirm to you the Justice of our Ideas with
regard to Colonel Fullartons Operations, and the necessity
of his persevering in his attack of Tippoo Said on that
side with all possible vigor — Should the relief of
General Mathews's Army is most likely to be hastened
if not, perhaps entirely to depend on the efforts of Colonel
Fullarton to the Southward and of Captain Edwards
to the Northward, whilst your Army remains free
to act against Hons. De Bussy at Cuddalore, If
Colonel Fullarton can the less spare a detachment
to you, that he can draw none from the Province of
Tinnevelly, where the Polygars restless in their natures
and excited as we learn by Emissaries from the Nabobs
Durbar, required to be awed by Military force —
We shall send you a supply of Money by the
first Opportunity that offers and are

Sir

Your most Obedient
most Humble Servts

Fort St. George
May 30th 1783.

The President lays before the Committee
the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Cathcart.

My Lord

I summoned them this Morning. The
present being a busy Period, I have requested
the

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From Lt Col. Cathcart concerning his appt to D.r Qr.r Genl

the Commander in Chief to remove any discussion concerning my Appointment as Quarter General to His Majestys Forces in India, and to permit me for the present to Act in Line, agreeable to the Brevet Rank of Lieutenant Colonel Conferred upon me by his Majesty dated 13th June 1782.—

His Excellency has been pleased to Complay with my Request.—

I did myself the Honor of informing Your Lordship, that the Supreme Council at Calcutta had passed a Resolution, Ordering me to be paid the same allowances as are annexed to the Quarter Master General of the Presidency at which I happened to be on duty. The Supreme Board likewise Specified, that my Pay was to be disbursed by His Majesty. I received the Bengal Allowances from the date of my Appointment, until my Departure from Calcutta with the late Commander in Chief. I write this Letter to Request your Lordship will inform me, whether the Commissary General of the Presidency of Fort St. George is Authorized to Countersign my Drafts, according to the Tenor of the above Order of the Supreme Board.

I have the Honor to be
Your Lordships
Most Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) Charles Cathcart
D.r Mr Gen.l to His Majestys
Forces in India
with

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With respect to the pay and allowances to his Majestys Troops they have been regulated at home between the Ministry and the Company altho the Governor General & Council may have specified that Colonel Cathcarts pay was to be disbursed by the King We cannot venture to take upon ourselves any engagement of that kind having received no Orders for that purpose — but if the Gentlemen at Bengal desired us to pay Colonel Carthcart any Sum of Money upon account out of such remittances as they may send to us we shall readily do it but we cannot issue any for an Office which we do not think ourselves authorized to acknowledge.

The President is requested to return an Answer to Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart agreeable to these Minutes.

The President lays before the Committee also the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne

From Sir J. Burgoyne inclosing Memorial from the Officers of his Regt & Letter from Col Floyd respecting Batta.

My Lord

I have waited with great impatience for the Honor of your Lordships answer to both my Letters relative to the Batta of my Regiment now at the Mount — I cannot help troubling your Lordship again on this Subject & now inclose for your Perusal a Memorial I have just now received from the Officers of my Regiment on the same Subject — Permit me once more to assure

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assure You My Lord that they cannot live without it and are now in a Situation the most distressing — I can never Doubt but be Your Lordships wish to shew any mark of dislike to my Regiment, which permits me to say though their Reception here has been far below what they expected, is the first Regiment in point of discipline, both as to Officers and Men that ever came to defend the Indian Company's Settlements, the Officers my Lord are not adventurers, many of them were high in the Kings Service, and descended for the hope of Honorable name to take Commissions in a Young Regiment, when they might have had the same in an Old one at Home — We are not come as Plunderers, but as Soldiers, as Jentlemen of our Right as of our Honor, We do therefore hope to find it here not doubting for a moment of being satisfied of the decision is left to your Lordship — I beg the favor the inclosed paper as well as Colonel Floyds Letter may be Returned when done with. —

I am

May 27th 1783.

Your Lordships
most Obedt Servant
(Signed) J. Burgoyne

The Committee are desirous of shewing all possible attention to his Majesty's Troops but

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but it is with concern they find that Indulgences are expected which neither the Rules of the Service, nor the present Situation of the Company's Affairs will admit of as the 23d Regiment of Dragoons was removed to the mount at the particular Request of Sir John Burgoyne and notice given to him that no Batta was to be expected, the Committee are Surprized at the present Application which they cannot with any degree of propriety comply with the President is requested to intimate it to Sir John Burgoyne and to offer him the Use of St. Thome or any other Cantonment that he may prefer to the Mount

The President lays before the Committee the following Abstract Account of Supplies furnished to the Army from the beginning of January to this time including the present expedition against Cuddalore

Abstracts of Supplies furnished the Army

Account of Rice Brought & Carriage Bullocks Carts, Salt Provisions, Biscuit, Salt, Arrack &c. Supplied for the use of the Army from the 6th of January to the 15th of May 1783.

No. 1.

Rice Sent to the Army 6 Marcalls

Bags	45,125.
Sent to Pondamallee	6011.
Sent to Chinglepat	4200.
Sent to Tripassore	1185 1/2
Served to publick & private Followers	31,615 1/2
Total Bags	88,137

Bullocks

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Bullocks effective Draft — 316.
Carriage 3441
Total Bullocks 3757.

Carts ..... Double . 47.
Salt Provisions ..... Casks . 50.
Biscuit ..... Maunds 425 1/2 20lb
Salt ..... Marcalls 2716.
Arrack 490 Thirds & Hogsheads or Gallons 22,394.
Horse Gram ..... Marcalls 35738 1/2.
Sarpaulins large 59.
Small 100
Total Sarpaulins 159.
Slaughter Cattle ..... 3823.
Beside Dram Cups Hatches & Sundry
trifling Articles.

P.S. 9 Hogsheads of Arrack sent to Singlepet
10 Ditto of Ditto and some Curry
Stuff Salt &c sent to Pondamalee
The Provisions Arrack &c Shipped for
the Southward are not included in
the above Account

(Signed) William Ross
Agent

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No 2.

Return of Slaughter Cattle sent to
the Army since it marched from Madras

Sent from Madras
On the 25th. of April 240
On the 5th. of May ..... 259.
On the 10th. of Ditto 186
685.

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Reported by Major Sydenham to have
been sent from Tripassore & Vellore
On the 16th of May from Tripassore } 571.
Black Cattle for Slaughter }
Sheep 2494
On the 20th of Do from Vellore } 1000.
Slaughter Cattle — }

(Signed) William Ross
Agent

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Account of Rice sent to Chinglepet —
Since the March of the Army from Madras —

No 3

April 29th — 39 Bullocks containing bags 39.
81 Cartload ..... 260.
1550 Cooley load ..... 775.
1054.

May 5th — 121 Bullock load ..... 121.
100 Cartload ..... 300 —
1700 Cooley load 850
1271.
11th 133 Bullock load ..... 133.
98 Cartload ..... 309 —
1613. Cooley load 806½
1247½

17th 135 Bullock load ..... 135.
92 Cartload ..... 282.
1925 Cooley load 962½
1379½

24th 215 Bullock load ..... 215.
56 Cartload ..... 168.
1925 Cooley load 962½
1345½.

Total

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Total Bags of the Marcalls ea 6298½

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(Signed) Wm Ross
Agent

Account of Rice, Biscuit, Salt, Arrack & Gram
Sent on board the different Ships to the South
for the use of the Army

to A.

Rice — By the Resolution — Bags 6468
By the Harriet ..... 1309.
By the Ann & Amelia 109. 65.
By the Pondicherry ... 1049.
By the Minerva ... — 2291.
By the Success Galley — 3706
Total Bags 25,788.

Biscuit — By the Minerva 421 Bags or Maunds 1224
Salt By the Minerva — 50 Bags or Marcalls 300
By the Success Galley 105 D.o or D.o — 630.
Total — 155 Bags or Marcals 930

Arrack or Rum — By the Pondicherry 23 Liagers & 30 Thirdson Gall.s 5234
By the Harriet 21 D.o — D.o 1108.
By the Success Galley 480 D.o D.o 2365.
Total 168 Thirdson Gallons 8702

Gram By the Resolution — — Bags 1210.
By the Harriet — — D.o 330.
By the Minerva — — — D.o — 613.
By the Success Galley — D.o 532.
Total Bags 2685.

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Abstract

Rice	Bags	25,768
Gram	Do	2685
Biscuit	Maunds	1224
Salt	Marcals	930
Arrack	Gallons	8702

Signed & William Ross
Agent

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29th January 1783

The following Regulations are now resolved on for the department lately established of the Surgeon superintending the medical Stores

Orders & Instructions for the Surgeon Superintending the Honble Company's Medical Stores &c.

Regulations for the Surgeon superintendg the Company's Medical Stores. —

1 — You are to make out the annual Indents to Europe for all Medicines Instruments & Utensils that may appear to you necessary for the use of the Settlement and its Subordinancies, observing to avoid all Articles that can easily & readily be purchased in India. —

2 — You are to keep a particular and exact account of all Medicines Instruments Utensils &c. that you may receive into the Honble Company's Godowns, from Europe, also a particular and correct Account of all Disbursements of s Medicines, Instrument Utensels &c and of the unavoidable Wastage & Damage, either by vermin

vermin / or weather or by any accident. —

3 You are to lay before the Honble President & Select Committee, a quarterly Return (or oftner if required) of all receipts and issues, and of the remaining Stock of Drugs, Instruments, Utensils &c. then in Honble Company's Godowns — and if necessary you are to point out all Wants and deficiencies, & how they can be supplied and obviated with ease and expedition, that the Orders of the Honble & Committee may be obtained for that end —

4 You are to comply, as far as you may judge it expedient or Consistant with the Stock of Medicines Instruments Utensils &c. then in the Godowns, with all reasonable Indents made to you by the several Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants, who may be in charge of Hospitals, Garrisons, of Cantonments, of Brigades; and all Surgeons or Surgeons Assistants at the Subordinancies, who may be acting by authority of the Honble President & Select Committee taking especial care to reserve at all times a sufficient part thereof for the use and consumption of the Presidency — and

5 That you may judge with certainty of the necessity and propriety of Indents, you are directed to acquaint all Surgeons, Surgeons Assistants &c. who may be authorized to indent for Medical Stores, that it is the pleasure

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pleasure of the Honble President & Select Committee that they keep an account of all their expenditures, and at the time of indenting to you for fresh supplies they are to send to you an exact Return thereof as also a Return of the Sick that may have been under their Care from the date of their last Indent; otherwise their application will not be attended to — and further, You are to direct them to return the old Instruments & immediately to the Stores upon receiving the new.

6 You are to supply the Dispensatory or Apothecaries Shop, from the Medical Stores, with such Medicines, Instruments & Utensils, as may be necessarily / of which you are to be the judge / for its daily consumption; observing to direct the black Assistants and Servants employed in that department, to comply with no Prescription or Orders, but such as may be signed by the Surgeon General Surgeon's Mayor, Yourself, and the Surgeons or Surgeons Assistants who may be practising by appointment at the Presidency — all of which Prescriptions and Orders are to bear the name of the Person for whom the Medicines shall be intended as well as the Persons name prescribing or Ordering. And you are further ordered, to file and to enter the same in a daily record

record. —

7 — — — Should at any time the Honble Companys Medical Stores be expended or should there be an insufficiency to answer the dial wants of the Service. You are to purchase all such Drugs, Instruments, Utensils &c as you may in good faith deem needful for the then present exigency. First obtaining leave from the Honble Board so to do — and you are to make out the Monthly charge attending such purchase producing your Vouchers. —

8 — — — You are to provide (in lieu of extra Charges made by the Senior Surgeons for the Garrison of Fort St George) the Godowns & Dispensatory, with Wine Spirits, Vinegar, Nitre Champher, Opheum, Soap, Oil Wax, Wood, Canvas, Sugar, Honey, Limes, Tamrind, Jaggery, Spotkle-seeds, Liquorice root, Castor-oil, and all Country Articles that may necessarily be required in the preparation of the Tinctures, Syrups, Embrocations Oealments and other Officinal and Pharmaceutical Compositions; which together, with all contigent expences, you are to particularly specify in Monthly account, and draw for the amount of the same. —

9 — — — You are to apply by indent agreable to usual form and custom, to the Paymaster General for Paper, Candles, Lamp-oil Long Cloth Bridge Mat-cloth, Cudgiree pots, Twine, Bottles, Corks, Baskets, Coolys to carry the Medicines indented for,

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to the different Subordinancies &c a set of Books
for Entries Disbursements &c and Stationary

are 10 You to provide and entertain black assistants
& Servants for the use & Business of the Godowns
& Shop agreable to the following List

1 Writer to enter all receipts & issues
&c @ 5 Pags — 5. — —

4 black assistants to compd & prepare
Medicines @ 2 Pags ea — 8. — —

2 black Surgeons assistants to prepare
Dressing & to assist in dressing the Wounded
at 3 Pags each — 6. — —

4 Coolys to beat the Mortar bring
Water clean the Godowns &c @ 1½ Pagoda 6. — —
25. —

11 You have full authority to dismiss any of the
above assistants and Servants, who may appear to
you negligent, ignorant or otherwise unfit for the
Service for which you engage them, and you have
also full authority upon their dismission for the
purposes for which they are wanted, Taking care
not to exceed the number limited by the Tenth
Article. —

12 With the Monthly contingent Charges of
Your Department, you are ordered, to draw your
own Pay, and Allowance (of Fifty Pagodas) The
Pay of the Apothecary and the pay of the black
assistants

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Assistants & Servants agreable to the List in Article the 10th. — to whom you are to be accountable taking their receipts as Your Vouchers —

13 A sufficient Number of Black Assistants & Servants, are to be in constant attendance in the Shop / night and Day / and on no account whatever, are they, at any time, to absent themselves but where their Services may indespensibly be required. —

14 The Apothecary is hereby directed and ordered to give regular and daily attendance at the Medical Godowns & Shop, to attend and assist in the Packing of all Indents & their delivery, to prepare all Officinal & Pharmaceutical Compositions & look after and preserve the Drugs, Instruments & Medical Stores as much as possible from Damage and decency and to keep them in good and proper Order & Condition —

15 You are not to fail, should you in the course of business observe the above Instructions to be in any Respect insufficient for your just guidance, or in any part defective as to the real design and intention of your appointment, to make such remarks and observation, as may obviate such defects, and you are to draw up the same in form, that they may be laid before the Honble President and Select Committee for their approbation or disapproval

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May 22d. 1783.

The

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The President lays before the Committee a correct Statement of pay and Gratuity to the Kings Troops with the following explanatory observations

Pay and Gratuity to the Kings

A The Infantry Pay as established in His Majestys Service

B A Gratuity allowed by the Company to the Kings Officers to make their Pay equal to that of their own Officers

C An Extra Gratuity made to the different Ranks under Capt.s as p Cont.n dated 1st June 1764. to be paid out of the Commission of 5 p Cent on the Company's

Reference

Statement of Pay & Gratuity to the Kings Troops with observations thereon

			For Month of 30 Days			For Month of 31 Days			Total For Month of 30 Days			Total For Month of 31 Days		
			P.	₹	6	P.	₹	6	P.	₹	6	P.	₹	6
Colonels Pay @ 18/ ₹ Diem	A		67	21	"	69	31	40	150	35	"	153	3	40
Do. Gratuity	B		83	14	"	83	14	"						
Lieut. Colonel & Commandants Pay @ 13/ ₹ Diem	A		47	31	40	50	15	60	132	3	40	132	29	60
Do. Gratuity	B		83	14	"	83	14	"						
Majors Pay @ 11/ ₹ p Diem	A		43	5	20	44	23	50	96	33	20	86	11	50
Do. Gratuity	B		41	28	"	41	28	"						
Captains Pay @ 7/ ₹ 8/ 6 Dr. Diem	A		28	5	20	29	2	50	43	31	40	50	15	60
Do. Gratuity	B		9	15	60	9	26	20						
Do. Extra Gratuity @ 3/ ₹ Do. Diem	C		11	10	40	11	26	20						
Captain Lieut.s or Lieut.s Pay @ 5/ 16/ ₹ Do.	A		13	5	20	13	26	20	26	11	40	27	5	20
Do. or Do. Gratuity	B		5	26	20	5	31	40						
Do. or Do. Extra Gratuity @ 3/ ₹ Do. Do.	C		7	21	"	7	31	40						
Ensigns Pay @ 3/ ₹ Do.	A		11	10	40	11	26	20	18	31	40	19	15	60
Do. Gratuity	B		3	31	40	3	36	60						
Do. Extra Gratuity @ 1/ ₹ Do. Do.	C		3	31	40	3	36	60						
Adjutants Pay @ 3/ ₹ Do. Diem	A		11	10	40	11	26	20	18	31	40	19	15	60
Do. Gratuity	B		7	21	"	7	31	40						

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The Company's Field Officers are to receive their Extra Gratuity at Madras, half yearly instead of at the end of each Month

			For Month 30 Days	For Month 31 Days	Total For Month 30 Days	Total For Month 31 Days
			P. F. C. P. F. C.		P. F. C.	P. F. C.
Chaplain's Pay @ 5/ Str. Do	A		18 31 40 19 15 60		33 13 33	33 8 13.
Do Gratuity	B		14 23 75 13 34 33			
Surgeons Pay @ 3/ Str. Do	A		11 10 40 11 26 20		16 9 7	15 40 67.
Do Gratuity	B		4 60 47 4 14 47			
Assistant Surgeons Pay @ 3	A		11 10 40 11 26 20		16 36 60	17 7 70
Do Gratuity	B		5 26 20 5 13 10			
Quarter Master's Pay @ 3/6 Do	A		13 5 20 13 23 50		15 " "	15 21 —
Do Gratuity	B		1 36 60 1 39 30			
Serjeants Pay @ 1/ Str. Do	A		3 31 40 3 36 60		5 3 60	5 3 70
Do Gratuity	B		1 14 20 1 9 10			
Corporals or Drummers Pay @ 1/ Str. Dim	A		2 21 — 2 24 40		3 16 65	3 16 65
Do or Do Gratuity	B		" 37 65 " 24 32			
Privates Pay @ 1/ Str. Dim	A		1 36 60 1 39 30		2 22 70	2 22 75
Do Gratuity	B		" 28 10 " 25 45			

E E (Signed) William Massey
Dep.y Comy Gen.l

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The Gratuity to a Lieutenant Colonel and Major is not included in the Letter from the Court of Directors of the 25th of January 1782.

The Difference in a Captains Gratuity, arises by the account sent from the India House in which they have inserted 2 Shillings instead of 3 Shillings ₰ Diem which on a Month of 30 Days makes a Difference of £1-36-60.

The Difference in the Gratuity of a Lieutenant arises in the same manner, by 1 Shilling having been inserted instead of £1-36-60

In the Ensigns Gratuity there is no Difference.

In the General Letter of the 25th January 1782 there is no Gratuity whatever made to an Adjutant

In the Year It was resolved that his Majestys Troops should be put on the same footing with those of the Company, and the difference between the Pay in the Kings and Companys Service, was accordingly added as a Gratuity which was in the following Proportion Viz.t

To a Captain	20	26	20 for a Month of 30 Days
To a Lieutenant	13	5	20
To an Ensign	7	21	

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	£	s.	d.
To a Captain	14	23	7⅓
To a Surgeon	4	10	4⅞
To an Assistant Surgeon	3.	26	2⅔.
To a Corporal (or Drummer)	"	37.	1⅔
To a Private	"	23	1⅔
To a Serjeant	1	14	2⅔

Chaplains

The Court of Directors in the 65th Paragraph of their General Letter under date the 25th January 1783 are pleased to make the following Allowances, which they say will make the Pay of the Kings Troops equivalent to that of the Company's

To a Captain	1	Shilling ℔ Diem
To a Surgeon	1	Ditto Ditto
To an Assistant Surgeon	10	Pence Ditto
To a Serjeant	2	Do. Do.
To a Corporal	2	Do. Do.
To a Private	2	Do. Do.

The Difference therefore between the present Allowances, and those Stated in the General Letter of the 25th January 1782. arises from the former being the Sum, by which the Company's Pay exceed that of the Kings, and by the latter being a Specific addition, made to the Kings Pay, but which does not make it, equivalent to what is allowed to the Company's Officers, and it

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is absolutely impossible for me to ascertain in what manner the Difference, pointed out in the Military Paymasters Statement is occasioned, otherwise than that the Court of Directors have either been pleased to lessen the allowances to the Kings Troops which from the 63. Paragraph of their Letter is scarcely probable, or that the Clerks at the Indian House, have been guilty of some Mistake and have thought that the Additions specified in the General Letter of the 25 of January 1782 would make the Pay of His Majesty's Troops equivalent to that of the Company

(Signed) W. Jn Wasey
Dy Comy Genl

Agreed that the Statement and Opy of Minute thereon — this foregoing paper be sent to the Military Paymaster General for his Guidance.

From Lt Kenny, on being recommended to be invalided by the General —

From Capt Mitchell requesting to be allowed half batta. —

Read Letters from Lieut Kenny & Captain Mitchell the former advising that he had heard he is recommended by the General to be put on the Invalid List and strongly Complaining of it he having applied to the General to serve with the Army — the latter repeating his application made some time since — for batta as Commanding the Artillery in the Black Town.

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Ordered that Lieut Kennys Letter lie

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Minute thereon. lie on the Table and that Captain Mitchell be referred to the Answer made to his former application — namely that it cannot be complied with. —

Read the following Letter

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Masulipatam, enclosing copy of Mr Westcott's Proposal for making up Gun Carriage. Herewith I have the honor to transmit you Copy of a Letter from Mr Westcott containing proposals for furnishing the Honble Company with Gun Carriages &c. wanted for the use of this Garrison and its dependencies — If the Conditions are such as your Lordship &c. may be pleased to accept, I beg your Commands in Consequence that Mr Westcott may be directed to begin them as soon as possible. —

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedt Hble Servt
Masulipatam
25th May 1783. (Signed) J. Daniell

To James Daniell Esqr
Chief of Masulipatam
Sir

Understanding there is a very great

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great demand for Garrison Gun Carriages at Masulipatam and particularly for 9 and 6 lb Nine & Six Pounders, I wish to make the following Proposals to the Select Committee. On the following Terms I will deliver one, or before the first September 1783. ten /10/ Garrison Gun Carriages for Six /6/ Pounders and ten /10/ Garrison Gun Carriages for nine /9/ Pounders. Also a Brigade or two /2/ Field 6 Carriages for Six /6/ Pounders complete with Limbers &c. — All these to be made after the Model of the Carriages now in Stores at Masulipatam. — To be of Seasoned Teak, and of Europe Iron. To be examined, and passed by the Inspector of Stores at Masulipatam or any Artillery Officer appointed for that purpose. The Garrison nine /9/ Pounders to be delivered at /175/ Seventy five Madras Pagodas each and the 6 Six Pounders to be delivered at /170/ Seventy Madras Pagodas each. The field Six /6/ Pounders at one hundred, and Seventy five Current Pagodas /175/ each Carriage — or three hundred and fifty Current Pagodas /350/ the Pair with Limbers complete. A Sett of Bills to be granted for their Amount upon the Honble the Court of Directors for the whole: or for such part as may then be delivered. The Bills to bear an Interest of 5 ₰ Cent ₰ annum to commence three /3/ Months after Sight of the Bills: payable in London, three Years after Sight, at the Current Exchange of the Company's Bills on the 1st September 1783 and the Exchange

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between Madras, and Current Pagodas, to be at ten
/8/ p.t Cent. The Chief & Council of Masulipatam
to give me Receipts for the Carriages on their being
delivered, specifying the Terms they are delivered upon,
and also I am to be supplied with such Europe Iron,
as I may require from out of the Stores of S.t
Masulipatam, my paying the Companys usual
rate for the same - And the annual Interest
of my Bills to be paid in London annually
to my Order. I trust you will forward these
Proposals, and favor me with an Answer, being

Sir

Ellore 13.th May 1783.

Your very Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Geo. Westcott

Minute thereon

Agreed the Gentlemen at Masulipatam
be informed that there does not appear to be any
immediate occasion for making up Gunbarriages
at Ellore & that no expence can be incurred
that is not indispensible necessy.

Read the following Letter from
Doctor Davis.

John Hudleston Esq.r
Military Secretary

Sir

From Dr Davis request to inform of the result of the Lords representation that he may draw out his Accounts

I am very sorry to be under
the necessity of giving you so much trouble,
but as I am anxious to conform to the
General

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General Orders lately given out by Government
relative to the Surgeons sending in their
Charges to You, to save waiting the result
of a Mr Lords Representation to the
Right Honble President & Select Committee,
which will in a great measure clear up the Point
whether I am to charge for all Field Hospitals
or those only where I have given my Personal
attendance — but as Every Field Hospitalhas
been under my Controul, I am prepared to
make out the whole Charge & to pay the
several Assistants that have been employed by
me — and in this number I include Mr Lord —
but I am waiting the final determination on
the Part of the Right Honble President & Select
Committee — relative to this business; which
I should Hastened myself I should have sooner
been made acquainted with; but I suppose
the hurry of business has prevented —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t &
most Humble St.
Signed Thos Davis
Surgeon Major

Camp at Chillenoor
24th May

The President thinks it proper to lay
before the Committee the following Letter from
Mr Irwin with one enclosure in it from
the Rajah of Travancore and the Answers his
Lordship

agreably to the Nature & meaning of my appointment

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Lordship Returned to both.

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

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Mr Irwin forwarding a letter from the Rajah of Travancore with a present of 1000 Pags concerning the Revenue of the Pennivelly Country.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship, that a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore was brought me Yesterday, with a Nazar of Porto Novo Pagodas 1000, which the Rajah desires me to forward to your Lordship, and to obtain an acknowledgement thereof. The Letter goes enclosed. I wait your Lordship's Command through what Channel I am to remit you the Money.

I beg leave to congratulate your Lordship on the reduction of Dirk Kellah, by General Mathews, a strong hold to the Southward of Mangalore; I suppose you will receive the particulars of this Success in the Letter from the Rajah.

We have been chagrined here with the account of Colonel Langs retreat; but a late Letter advises us, that the Army have only fallen back to Caroor for Provisions, and will return shortly to the attack of Dindigul. Many good Consequences may be expected from this enterprise. The reduction of Dindigul will not only put a Stop to the Enemy's incursion on that side and awe the Polygars in the Madura District

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District had to all appearance, melin the Polygars of Tenneivelly to come to some Settlement for their Pesceush, without a force being sent against them Finding the Renter both unable and desinclined to enforce the Terms he made with them at Tengueriem, I wait for a favorable Moment to open a Negociation with their People, by means of a Tasseldar, agreeably to your Lordships permission to appoint Tasseldars in your Letter of the 1st 1788. I have in my several Letters of the 20 of March 8th & 19th Ultimo given your Lordship accounts of the steps I have taken for the securing the Revenues a Tasseldar may have some effect in collecting a part at least of the Polygar Peskeush, but the more forcible and decisive measures I have recommended to your Lordship is the only Line that at this Season can ensure the receipt of the Rents due to the Company

Armand Row the Sheristadar, has proposed a mode of making out the Renters Accounts without the assistance of the Renter — as so much depends on those Accounts, I have authorized him to take every step that custom warrants, to come to the bottom of the peculations that have been committed by the Renter & his Servants — He has accordingly summoned the Hindoo Sheristadar & other Officers of Government and by the means of Patteavel it is possible that discoveries may be made, the enormity

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of which has indeed the Renter to be so wilful & contumacious on the Occasion. —

On the 27th Ulto. Sent 20,000 P. N. Pagodas to Mr Sullivan for the Use of the Southern Army. — I hope in a few days to issue out two Months pay more to the Troops of this Province, which will leave them but two or three Months in Arrears —

the dismissed Sebbendy & those that entered in the Company Service, have called on me for Justice, & must be the next object of my Concern —

I have the Honor to be with great Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most faithful & devoted Servant

(Signed) Eyles Irwin

Tinnevelly 1st. May 1783.

Mr Eyles Irwin

Sir

To Mr Irwin forwards letter to the Rajah of Travancore declining to accept of the

I have received the favor of several Letters from you since Your Departure from hence, which have been all laid before the Select Committee whose Sentiments upon the different points mentioned in them have been communicated to you — I now write to acknowledge more particularly your Letter of the 1st Instant informing me that the Rajah of Travancore had sent to you 1000 Pagodas, as a Nazer to be forwarded to me — I have also received

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a Letter from the Rajah to the same purpose.—

You who are so well acquainted with my Sentiments upon the subject of presents, & the rule never to accept of any, from which I have in no Instance departed, Will have easily foreseen that I should refuse this Nazir from the Rajah But I will take some time before all the Country Princes can have a Just Idea of our Covenants; and of My ad adherence to them.—

I must therefore request that you will without delay forward the enclosed Letter to the Rajah of Travancore & return to him the intended present accompanied with many Expressions of Complimentand in such a manner as to prevent his taking offence at my declining it & to preserve the dignity of my Character as the Companys Representative

I am with great truth & Regard.

Sir

Your most obedient

Servant —

Fort St George

May 28th 1783.

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30th Received the following Letter from General Stuart

My Lord &c.

The preceding is the Copy of my last Letter, since which I am happy to inform you that Captain Snowbridge made no difficulty in proceeding without delay to Tranquebar and I gave him Letter to the Honble Mr Cochrane & to Mr Mc Ian both. nothing has been omitted in so far as my Information goes to bring to us with safety to the Ground that we shall ultimately occupy what ever has been provided for us by Mr Cochrane in consequence of your orders. and this will make things as certain as human Events can be combining those Supplies with what your Lordship &c have been pleased to dispatch to us However unfavorable Winds and Currents may be your Intentions are good and for my own part I am most sincerely grateful for your attention to us - The March of this day has been from necessity long and from the Heat of the weather consequently fatiguing We moved from the last ground precisely at 4 and the Rear Guard did not come up till 8 past one We saw an Encampments in front about 5 Miles South of Villanore Pagoda & ordered the Advance Guard to get round the Pagoda and we took Some Topasses and a Huzur The Encampment was on the other side of the Gingee River and consisted of 300 European Infantry two Guns twenty Artillery men 60 Hussars the rest Topasses and

from Genl Stuart Copies Snowbridge proceeds to Tranquebar having from thence the Articles provided by Mr Cochrane for encampment of the Enemy on the other side of Gingee River decamps on the approach of the advanced Guard Chief Engr employed in ordering the Villanoor Pagoda to be a Post to contain a Rear Captain Meuriheed sent with Detachment to collect Forage Cattle and Bullocks & to protect the Inhabitants - with Orders next Day for the Rear left Villanoor

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Sepoys the whole 1100 Strongly posted. They deamped and I did not think it proper to pursue them with the Advance Guard beyond the River Two Vidalies of the Mogars moved & gave themselves up to us on the March this day and I have given them the value of their Horses and Arms. The Chief Engineer is now employed in making tenable Part of the Pallamcotta Pagoda to hold the Rice which we can not carry on our next removes for wards for to this expedient am I drove by our present means of Rice Carriage being Reduced to 9 days there has no Thing happened to me on the Respect that I did not foresee long before I was required to name a day, or rather a day fixed for the movement of this Army from the Presidency, and foreseeing it I have to the best of my judgement provided for the Contingency The foregoing inconsequence is not so quick as Theory might Suppose but in practice I answer for its being as quick as it consistent with Public Service. At the hour the Army moves to this ground I ordered Captain Murchead with one Regiment of Cavalry and two Battn of Sepoys to move along the Coast to Pondicherry with particular Instructions in writing to protect the Persons of the Inhabitants and their Houses but to bring away all the Forrage and Cattle and to Say to the Chief of the Police there that if this Detachment was distur Monr De Bussey from Cuddalore their Town should Suffer for it. I shall keep the two Battns there while I am on this ground The Regiment of Cavalry will drive the Cattle to Camp this Night, Tomorrow the Army halts. The next Day

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day I send for the Rice left in the Post at Killanore and if
if the Cattle can proceed I move the day following but I
believe no man in this Army knows on what particular
Direction I aim to move; Your Lordship &c will I trust
have reason to be Satisfied from the Event that universal
Secrecy was essentially necessary upon this occasion

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most Obedient

Most Humble Servant

(Signed) James Stuart

Camp near Killanore
May 28th 1783

Received the following Letters

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I am honord with your Letter of the
26th Ult. respecting the assigned Countries from his Highness
the Nabob. I have the Pleasure to inform you that the
present Renter is totally unmolested by any of his Highness's
Servants and his Amildars and Managers supported and
protected as they have not in the smallest Degree interfered
with his Manage Ment. tho I have not the least Doubt
but their Influence in this Place is very great And it
is incumbent on me to acquaint you that this Fort is at

From Major Bruce the present
Renter of Tribinopoly & his
Amildars are unmolested by
the Nabobs Servants the Last
Party garrisoned by Sibendies
Guides taken from the Nabobs
Service & are desirous to return
to it, mentioning his having
applied to Col. Lang & Fullarton
for Copies of the Company's Sepoys
which had not been granted

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22. present garrisoned with Troops, mostly Sebundies lately taken from the Nabobs Service to which I am convinced they are exceedingly anxious to return. as the Sepoys are not indulged with the Indulgences they formerly enjoyed or their Officers with the Honouraries usual in that Service - I formerly requested of Colonel Lang to indulge me with a Corps of the Companies Troops and lately made the same Request to Colonel Fullarton. the Latter informed me that at present it was not in his Power comply with it. The Latter part of your Lordships & Letter - you may depend on being particularly attended to

I have the Honor to be
with the greatest Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Tho.s Bruce

Trichinopoly
22.d May 1783

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward by Express a Duplicate Letter of the 25.th Ultimo from the Select Committee of Bombay With Copy of a letter from the Secret Committee of Directors and Another paper Which Seems in complete but of which I Cannot judge from the want of a Key to decypher it

I inclose for Your Lordships and Gentlemens Information Copies of Letters from Bombay from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors together with another Paper. In consequence of Mr Swains Representation Col.o Fullarton countermanded the March of the 26.th Batt.n from Dindigul by which recommended to the Col.o the raising of a Corps of Sibbendies for the Collection of the Nabobs Revenues this Nabob the Warrier Pallams &c. you have in Readiness along Supply of Cattle for the Use of the Army

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Those papers appear to have been forwarded from Goa by Messrs. Sibbald & the Mail Mentioned in their letter which Now waits on Your Lordships &c. A Copy of this last I with Send off by express to Col. Fullarton who proposed to have Marched at this day for Dindigaun.

The representations from Mr. Swain which he has Sent Open to me have I believe induced Col. Fullarton to Countermand the March of the 25th Batt. from Tinne-velly — Your Lordships &c. Will perceive the very Critical embarrasments to which the Colonel is reduced and Will See the Necessity of reinforcing him as Speedily as can be. I am happy to inform the Committee that the Rajah of Tanjore has Not Only assented to the great draft of three Battalions made from the force in this Country. but that he has accelerated the public Service by every means that has been Suggested to him

I have thought it my duty in return to request that Col. Fullarton would order a Corps of Sibbendies Upon the Establishment to be raised that the Rajahs Collections may not be impeded The Col. has Complied with my request & I hope in a very Short time to acquaint the Committee that all the regular Sibbendies have been released from Country Duty.

The Rajah has Collected two thousand Shee[illegible] for the Consumption of the Grand Army which Shall be Sent to Warriarpollam as Soon as I hope with an

Certainty that they Can be transported from thence to the
Army — The Polygar of that place has a great Supply of C
& Sheep in readiness and has Sent a Vakeel to receive Genera
Stuart. Orders how to dispose of them The General has bee
informed of this in Duplicate by my Letters which have
also advised him that near two hundred garce of Rice was
Secured for him and Would proceed from Nagore & Tranquebar
immediately Upon the receipt of his Orders

I have the honor to be With great respect

Sir Your Most Obedient

Tanjore Tanjore 23d 1783 Humble Servant

24th May 1783 John Sullivan

Major Genl Sir John Burgoyne Bart

Draft sent to Sir John Burgoyne

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Sir John Burgoyne — Comm.d on great their ex iclity to comply with his quest of Cattle for his Regt there no objection to their ing to the Bay or St Thoma here for that Situation

Sir

I have laid before the Select Committee Your Letter of the 27th Instant together with the Inclosure & have the Honor to acquaint you that however well disposed to shew all possible attention & Indulgence to your Regiment they have it not in their power to ~~employ~~ comply with the Request you have made — There is no doubt that in times like these the Service is attended with many inconveniences & Hardships Certainly the Chearfulness with which the Troops have born them during the Course of the War would entitle them to

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born them during the course of the war would entitle them to

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to every favor that the State of the Companys affairs might permit - The Committee would therefore doubt happy that it were put as to allow them to make the Deviation from the Regulations as is required but that not being the Case I can only regret our Inability & with for better times

As the 23d. Regement of Dragoons was cantoned at the Mount in consequence of your particular request & Notice given that no batta was to be expected. The Committee was in hopes that the Station would be perfectly agreable to them - If however you should prefer the Luz St. Thome or any other Quarters for your Regiment I shall with great pleasure use my best Endeavours to have it accommodated there

I have the Honor to be with
greatest regard
(Signed) Yr. Macartney

Lieut Colo. Cathcart of the 98th. Regt. of foot at Camp

Draft sent to Cathcart

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Sir

To Col. Cathcart as the Council disapprove of the Office of Quarter Master Genl to the Kings Troops they cannot issue any Pay on that acct. without a Particular Order from the Gov. Genl & C.

I am to acknowledge the Honor of your Letter of the 15th. Inst. which I laid before the Select Committee & am to acquaint you that with respect to all pay & allowances to his Majesty Troops, they have been regulated at home between the Ministry & the Company & tho the Supreme board at Bengal may have specified that that your pay is to be disbursed by the King We cant venture to take upon ourselves

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ourselves any engagement of that kind having occurred on others
for the purpose but if the Gentlemen of Bengal direct us
to pay to you any Sum of money upon account out of such remittance
as they send to us we shall do it with pleasure But we cant [illegible]
any [illegible] for in Office which we do not think ourselves authorised
to acknowledge

I have the Honor to be
&c
(Signed) Macartney

31st Dispatched Letter to Genl Stuart dated this day as
entered in Committee of yesterday

Received Letter from Commanding Officer &
Encls as entered in Miscellany Book enclosing Copy of
Orders received by him since the 1st of October 1782

Dispatched the following circular Letter to
Masulipatam and all the other Settlements and Out Garrisons

To James Daniel Esqr
Chief & Council of Masulipatam
Gentlemen

To all the Subordinate Chiefs & Commanders directing them to be strictly on their guard against any Surprize from Mr Suffren — Division having been recommended to him by Mr Bailey

Mr De Bussy having in a Letter to
Mr De Suffren which has been intercepted recommended
the making a Division we think it not impossible that
the former if he should escape the vigilance of Sr Edward &
Hughes may attempt a Division on the Coast we therefore
give

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give you this Intimation that you may be steadily upon your guard and we desire you will take every possible precaution for attaining and transmitting to us by express the earliest Intelligence of the appearance of an Enemy on any part of your Coast and of their probable Intention

we are

Gentlemen

Your affectionate friend

John Rodes[illegible]

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The same to Vizagapatam
and Ganjam – also the
Commanding Officer at
Ongole. Nellore
M.r Sullivan at Tanjore
Major Brown Trichinopoly &
Capt.n Bilgleffe Palamcottah
M.r Cockrane Negapatam

June 1st Dispatched Letter to Bengal with return of Recruits belonging to that Establishment embarked on board the Honble Companys Ships Rodney as entered in Miscellany Book

2d Sent Letter to Commander of the Success Galley. as entered in Miscellany Book with Instructions relative to his proceeding to the Southward

Received Letter as entered in M. B.) from Capt.n Patterson enclosing a Certificate from the Inhabitants of Chinglepet in behalf of Chodagopauchenny his Dubash

Received

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Received the following Letter and enclosure from
Commanding Officer Palamcotah

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

My Lord

From Capt.n Bibliffe
enclose Letter from Lt.r
Hutchenson to Lt. Long
the Enemys Force encreased
and they take possession of the
Pass leading to Bidenore
& Major Campbell at
Mangalore engage the Enemy
& dispersed them the Ranger
Cruiser with Lt. McLeod
& Humberston & Major
Shaw captured by the Mo
ratta Fleet

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encreased

arrived

captured

Mr. Hutchenson in a Letter dated the 16th
of May gives me this information The Enemy took Pyke
of the Passy leading to Bidenore the 7th April and no
Accounts have been received from thence since the 5th of
that Month – Their Force, Colonel Jackson writes me,
is increased to double the number that Tippoo carried with
him from the Coonatick – A Reinforcement of One Battalion
of Seapoys lately arrival at Mangalore when Major Campbell
who Commands there engaged the Enemy incamped in the
Vicinity dispersed them & took four Guns with One hundred
Oxen – On the 8th Ultimo The Maratta Fleet off
Gerriah Captured the Ranger Cruizer. On board were
Colonels Maitland, Humberston & Major Shaw – The
Governor had wrote on the 18th to Poona for their release
but had received no answer on the 30th the date of his Letter
to me

I am my Lord your most Obedt
& most humble Servant
Bibliffe

Palamcotah 22d May 1783

I have dispatched a Copy
to Colo. Fullarton –

To

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To Colonel Ross Lang

Commanding the Southern Army

Sir

From Advices forwarded to me by the Gentlemen at Tellicherry & Mr Sibbald Resident of the Committee & Appointed to reside at Bednore, there is the greatest reason to Apprehend that General Mathews is in a Predicament truely Alarming, & that unless Speedy & Effectual relief is Afforded him the Consequences may be fatal - No Accounts have been received from him Since the 5th of April, occasioned by the Passes of the Ghauts leading from Mangalore to Bednore being Occupied by the Enemy. The following are Extracts of the Letters from the Resident and Factors at Tellicherry and Mr Sibbald — Tellicherry 8th May 1783 - Our Resident before informed Mr Hutchinson that the Communication was Stopped between Mangalore and the General at Bednore, owing to the Enemy having taken possession of the Different passes up the Ghauts - Since when We have received no Intelligence of the Generals Situation that can be depended upon — Mr. Sibbald — Tellicherry 10th May 1783 - I left Mangalore two days ago, & the night before we beat up the Enemys Camp & took four of their Guns & 150 Draught Oxen We have no Accounts from Bednore and are under great Anxiety for their Situation - Extract of a Letter from

Lt Col

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Lieut Col. Jackson to Mr. Hutchinson dated Mangulore
the 24th April – "As the Generals Force was divided it is
impossible to Say the Number of Men he has with him,
they can't be more I think than about 2500 too inconsiderable
for the Army he has to Encounter. which by report is double the
Number. Tippoo was Said to have Marched from the Carnatick
– With this Information before you you are enabled to form
a just Conception of the imminent Danger which threaten the
General & his comparatively diminutive force and to Examine
the means in your Power most Applicable thereto – As you
are already Advanced on to the Enemys Districts with
defference I submit it to your Consideration whether the making
a movement with Your Army towards Coimbatoor or the
Mysore Country might not strike Terror & Alarm & be produc-
-tive of very Salutary Effects – Advicivins of Tippoo Force would
I presume be the certain and inevitable Consequence – But
how far Such a measure may Levadrate with your Idea
of Prudence Whether it may not Comprise great and invinc-
-ible Obstacles I do not pretend to determine – Very Lately I
forwarded an Address from Mr Sibbald to the Select Committee
at Fort St George which no doubt conveys a Detail of the part-
-culars above recited but as many days must necessarily elapse before
the Intelligence can be Communicated to you and to Guard
against the Several Accidents that may retard or frustrate its
Arrival I dispatch this Express to Captain Bellcliffe at
Palamcotah in the hope it may reach you with Expedition &

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& Security On the 8th Ultimo the Maratta Fleet belonging to Gurriah Engaged the Ranger Company Cruizer took & carried her with two Boats in to that Port Her passengers were Colonels Macleod & Humberston Major Shaw Lieut. Macleod & Lt John Taylor These Gentlemen were returning to join the Army to the Southward the former to take upon him the Command - The Governor had wrote to Poona respecting the Captures about the 18th but had received no Answer So late as the 30th

I have the Honor &c

(Signed) J. Hutchinson

Anjengo 16th May 1783

Received Letter as entred in Miscellany Book from Col. Jones, has given directions for all the General Orders received since the 1st of Octr to be copied & sent to the Presidency

Ordered that a Set of Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Captain James Wemyss to the amount of Arcot Rupees 25,938.8 being for conveying Men to the Southward on Freight and for victualling 94 Artillery Men or more to join the Army

3d Sent Letter to Captain Patterson as entered in Miscellany Book desiring him to execute the Orders of the Select Committee of the 16 Instant

Dispatched the following Letter to Genl Stuart

To

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To Major General Stuart

Sir

To Genl Stuart - expressing the Committees surprize at having received no acknowledgement of the receipt of their last Letter disapprove of the Southern Army being ordered to join the Genl as necessary to his success against Cuddalore & recommending him of the increase of his Army since he left the Presidency - desiring to be furnished with Copies of all the Orders sent by the Gel to Col Fullarton & Major Bowse with his reasons for ^ joining them & directing him to send no Orders in future without the approbation of this Comment - observing the delay observed in the Generals March to Cuddalore & forcing him in the strongest terms to immediate & active Measures for the reduction of Cuddalore -

We have had the Honor of Receiving Your Letter of the 28th & 31st May You do not in the Letter favor Us with the acknowledgement of Ours of the 26th May tho' as much time had then elapsed as is Usually employed in the conveyance of Letters from Camps & no accident is mentioned to have happened The Receipt of that Letter was the more essential as it contained our Sentiments upon a Subject on which You said You would take no Step till you knew our Sentiments But now have taken Steps contrary to those Sentiments which you could not have done consistantly with a knowledge of them. We Since have forwarded to you Authentic Accounts of the critical State of Our Affairs on the Coast of Malabar & Canara says worse of them Those Accts contain the best Proofs and are accompanied by the Strongest Remonstrances of the necessity of enabling & directing our Southern Army to the most immediate & Rigorous Exertion in the Southern Provinces of Tippoo to prevent his recovery of his Western dominions & to divert him by such an attack from yielding to the Solicitation of the French or the Temptation of Conquest here to the Carnatick

It must not therefore be on the mere Ground that Your Army, however considerable already & sufficiently effective for

for the object or view might be still more absolutely certain
of Such effect by the addition of More force that must induce
upon you to make that addition at the expence of the Southern
Army so essentially engaged & which Ground would go to the
evacuation of every Garrison & Abandonment of every other
employment of our Troops in Order to add to your numbers
without ceasing nor must it even be in the possibility of
the future necessity of the addition of one Army to Other for
the Reduction of a Body of Men to which you already
declared the strenght you then had to be fully equal &
which Strenght has since been increased by upwards of
600 Europeans embarked on Transports & Ships of War
a further Reinforcement of 250 European Cavalry
with a Battn of Sepoys will shortly proceed to you
by Land & make the Addition to your Army since it
Marched from hence amount to Upwards of 1000 Europeans
& a Battn of Sepoys a force alone greater than that
with which Genl Lawrence drove the French from
India; you desired & obtained before this considerable
increase a Power from Us of calling for assistance from
the Southward in Case only of its becoming indispensibly
necessary to your Success & of which necessity You were
to be Your Utmost to make Us by judges The increased
greatness of the Sacrifice which might be the consequence
of any Delay in the Movement or any Diminution in
the Numbers of the Southern Army calls indeed for the

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carried of our matured Judgment before We consent to it & the use You have made of the confidence We placed in your forces Us to caution on the continuance of it We desire therefore that you'll communicate to Us without delay Copies of all the Orders You have sent before the Receipt of this Letter to Colonel Fullarton & Major Bruce with your Reasons for them & that you will enclose to Us & to Us only all such Orders as you shall in future think expedient to be sent to the Southward with your Reasons for them Which If you approve We shall forward such Orders & direct the execution of them & In the meantime that you will countermand the execution of those already sent by you Until they shall be confirmed by Us These are Precautions which Your own Declarations Has suggested from Your to Us & which the present State of Affairs to the Westward has rendered indispensible

We are concerned to hear that the Winds & Currents have retarded the Success of our Intentions As to the Arrival of some of the Ships sent by Us from home with Supplies to you; the Winds have however been of late more favorable & probably they will have soon arrived - Our Intentions as to the Supplies from the Southward are not on this Season Subject to the same delay, & We are now only particularly anxious for the fulfilling of your Intentions as to Your Investment of Cuddalore which We shall consider as the sincerest testimony of the Gratitude You are pleased

to express. & the fittest return to be paid by you, for Over Ac-
tion You marched from hence the 21st of April, had you
Arrived before Cuddalore at the date of your last Letter
when you had not arrived there it would still be under a
Average of three Miles a Day There is no Theory which
can avail for such a Practise & still less that the Carriage of
the Army which by the Regular returns might have
Mounted to a Sufficiency of 25 Days Provisions should
be reduced as you say to nine. If occasioned by fatigue it
must have been by long Marches on some days to compen-
sate for unnecessary inactivity for many Days, in January
1782. Sir Eyre Coote Marched to Vellore left three
Months provision in that Garrison & returned here in 15
Days He did it in the face of the Enemy, & harrassed by the
Enemy, & yet no very sensible diminution of the carriage of
the Army was felt at that time In your March you met
with little difficulty your Convoys were not intercepted
nor harrassed The Carriage of the Army had only to contend
If you had pleased with every Slight fatigue in proportion
to the Time

For Your future Operations the Carriage
with the Army is to be diminished in the same proportion
that is from 25 Days provisions to 9 in the Space of
5 Weeks. No / exertions can be adequate
to your Demands. had you presided as you say the diminution

Your

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You relate it must have been from a Prediction to the causes of it & became your Duty to provide against them It was your especial Duty to mention Your Prediction to the Select Committee that we might have known at least upon what to reckon Had we been furnished with your Prediction we could have endeavoured to have obviated the causes or to make up for the effects but such a Diminution could only have been occasioned by some mistake in your Arrangements or some defect in the execution of them under your Command, to rectify the former & supply the latter must be the objects of your Judgement & authority But in your Reluctance when at the Head'g to move the Army towards the enemy you made to many Objections, You would not have failed to have dwelt upon the prospect of the Rapid Diminution of the Army Corps, had there been any appearance or foundation for expecting or any pretence for not being able to guard against such a Event Such a Diminution if not justifiable would at least be less remarkable if in your practice You had ever equalled on this pressing Occasion the most measured Cautions & Gradual Marches of other Men & it might be overlooked if you had been rapid in the attainment of Your object But in the present Case You lose without gaining your are Slow & not sure The Enemy is said to have been suffered by that Slowness to have received a Supply of Provisions from the Westward that slowness has rendered your Success less Sure A General We humbly conceive is neither to be so active as

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as to be rash nor so prudent as to be inactive the Line to be
followed between those extremes must vary a little as cir-
-cumstances may afford time or press to action Our Situa-
-tion leans to the latter & calls for caution This is our
Theory & until it is corrected we shall think it our Duty
to require of you to conform to it in the practice We have to
observe that there is sometimes an advantage in a spirited attack
-pts independant of their Ultimate Success The Attack of
Bidenoor draw Tippoo Saheb from the Carnatick &
has given you an opportunity of extinguishing the French
Power on this Coast before he can return to it Whatever may be
the Actual Possession of Bidenore We still possess the
principal Sea Port on the Coast of Malabar we still feel
the Benefit of General Matthews's Progress The Wreck
of his Victories even supposing his Defeat will be found
to overtop the successes of most other Commanders We are
pleased to hear that the appearance of French Ships off
Cuddalore will not affect Your operations No French
Ships however We yet hope can have arrived there But
we repeat if You do not press your Operations so as to make
up for the Delay which has hither to intervened the announced
Return to Madras of Sir Edward Hughes in the course
of this Month, & the Arrival of the French Fleet & succours
at Cuddalore may defeat the success of your Operations We
therefore hope & desire that your Compliance with Our
wishes will prevent the necessity of our addressing them to another

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Received Letter from Captain Patterson as entered on Miscellany Book requesting Leave to proceed to the Presidency

Received Letter from Lt Ludlow of his Majestys 98th Regiment as entered on Miscellany Book requesting the Allowance granted to his Majestys Officers going from India to Europe or else a Passage in any of the Company's Ships

Received the following Letter and enclosure from General Stuart

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

My Lord &c

Yesterday from my Tent I clearly saw four Ships off Cuddalore - Captain Mercer I sent off immediately a Cattamaran who returned with the same with intelligence that he saw Boats pass to and from Cuddalore Thinking it was the effect of fear I sent off my own Cattamaran Man with letters He also returned with the same news I sent off a third time with some letters I had received from Mr Cole to Captain Halliday and I am now certain beyond a doubt that the four ships I then saw and now before Fort St David are Men of War however unaccountable such Events are to be look'd for in War and only serve to prove the uncertainty

From Genl Stuart four Ships with their appearance on Cuddalore Coast which he conceives to be French leaves in the Pagoda of Hillaware all the Rice for which he has not carriage sends orders to Lt Fullarton to move towards the Colerone & to Major Browne to hold the Troops ordered to join the Colonel

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not effect my operations at present however ultimately as my Ships & Supplies are thereby cut off The Detachment with the Rice from Hillsborough came to Camp this day all that is above our means of Carriage is already lodged in the Pagoda of Villanore now made a Post of and the Grenadier Companies with hard Guns from the last Post will soon from the Garrison which we can send back for it The Cattle are much fatigued with the March of 28 Miles in two days that I must necessarily halt to morrow My next move will be nearer and opposite to the Enemy who I hope will be tempted by these Fresh Supplies to stand a Ba— with an Object the secret is with my self as to the move of the A— The Crisis will be unfortunate indeed if among these four Ships there be a Ship of the Line I hope for the best and am prepar— for the Worst

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c

Your Most Obd.t Hble Servant
(Signed) I. S.

Champ.n near Villenore
31.st of May 1783

P.S. I have sent positive orders by the way of Trichinopoly this day to Colonel Fullarton to move towards the Coleroon with his force after leaving proper Garrisons to the Southward Tomorrow I shall send Duplicates to him in different Directions and I shall send to your Lordship &c.a a Copy of my letter to the Col.o I have directed Major Bruce to hail the Troops ordered to join the Colonel by the Gen.l orders of the 14.th

(Signed) Jas. Stuart

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To Colonel Fullarton

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter from Dirdigul dated May 12th it reached me the 21st also your letter from the Same place May the 18th received Nagapatam the 25th and by me the 30th Inst. On the former occasion that the first letter was received I had also from another Quarter the General Orders issued by you to the Southern Garrisons dated the 11th and Colo. from the meaning of yours of the 11 Confirmed by what Mr. Sullivan the Resident has Seperately wrote me as his idea of your future operations I am clear in my ideas that every Step you have taken to draw the Garrisons of the Valuable Southern Provinces on purpose to augment the Force with you for any expedition of diversion or conquest prize to the westward or to Tellicatchery at this Season of the year and Considering the position of both Armies and the important object which I am employed in I say every Step you have taken is not only contrary to every Plan or Plan of mine Communicated to you and to Colonel Lang with your Knowledge, but likewise contrary to the Resolution of Govt. in so far as they have explained their Sentiments to me in words and the Tenority of every letter of mine is that although I depend upon the Cooperation of your force yet I did not expect or wish that you should Suddenly break up before any Place you were then attacking; well Carnac and Wendyal has been taken since my first Communication on the Subject but could it ever be Supposed ever without waiting for 10 days after from me the

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You was now to cast anxt the provinces to go upon Some expedition
that I know nothing of and which from the Season of the year
of itself and swelling of the Rivers will in all probability draw
the Enemys force down upon you so Soon as they possibly can &
Cut you off not only from cooperation but from Communication
or Supplies I repeat my astonishment that you could have
so far mistaken me and therefore to prevent all future
misunderstand I now Send to you both as Commander in
Chief of the Companys forces & Consequent of the Resolution
of Gov.t 17/18 of April as Commander His Majestys Forces
& your immediate superior in that respect my positive &
orders that after leaving the proper Garrisons in the places
of Strength to the Southward fully Sufficient to defend them
and to support the Collections of the Revenues you will on the
Receipt of this take measures so as your self with the Remainder
of the force return towards the Coleroon and you will and you
will receive further orders upon your march northw.d I have
been under the necessity officially to explain my self to Gov.t
in disapprobation of the measures you have taken Since
your letter of 12.th Inst. I have desired to know if they had Sent
you any Seperate orders unknown to me & that if I did not hear
from Gov.t in a certain time on the Subject I should certainly
direct your march as above that time is Elapsed and I conclude that
the Committee take for granted that I am left the judge as to the
expediency of the orders which I now require you to obey and for

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which I make myself answerable

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obd.t Humble Servant
(Signed) James Stuart

(Copy)

Camp at Red Hills
31st. of May 1763

P.S. Yesterday Evening we perceived four Ships at anchor off Cuddalore and judging it to be our own I sent two Cattamarans with my Letters but to my utter Surprize I find that the admiral was reported to have blocked up the French at Pondicherry the 25 yet these are French Ships and my people saw them landing Troops &c at Cuddalore our Store Ships with their Convoy are not yet arrived this therefore makes the preceding Letter the more necessary what can I say more

(Signed) J. S.

To Major Bruce
Sir

You will forward with the utmost expedition and safety the inclosed note for Col.o Fullarton or officer Commanding the army to the Southward and first inclosing take Copies of it in order to Send in duplicate to the Colonel and to Mr. Sulivan you will also in absence of Colo Fullarton and Forbes give orders in all the Southern Garrisons (for the Sake of expedition) to Countermand the marches of the Troops as ordered in the General orders of the 11th. of may by Colonel Fullarton or if they are marched

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marched to Hall on the receipt of your orders

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t Humble Servt

(Signed) James Stuart

Camp near Villinore

31st May 1783

Dispatched the following Letter from Major Bruce to

To Major Bruce

Pricehouse by

Sir

Colonel Fullarton being invested by this Govern-

ment with the Power over all the Troops to the Southward of the

Coleroon you will please to obey punctually his Orders unless

you shall receive different Instructions from us or from Major

General Stuart confirmed and forwarded to you by us & not otherwise

We have written to this Effect to the General, who no Doubt will

countermand any Orders he has sent to you directly but this Sup-

Countermand Should not arrive you will please to consider

his Separate orders as overruled by this Letter

We have the honor to be

&c.

To Major Bruce — Directing him to obey such Orders as he May receive from Col. Fullarton unless Contrary to Those from the Govt. or the Comm.r in Chief or those formed by the Govt. all separate Orders from the Council in Chief to be of no effect.

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June 3. 1783

Dispatched the following Letter to Masulipatam

To James Daniel Esqr

Chief & Council of Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and

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To Masulipatam — enc. 4th and Select Committee to forward to you the enclosed Copies
=closing Copies of a Letter of a Letter from Capt. Montgomery and of their answer to
from Capt. Montgomery the same
with the Committees
Answer — In reply to the I am likewise directed to acknowledge the Receipt
Westcotts Letter enclosed of your Letter of the 21st Ult. with enclosure from Mr. Westcott
in one from the Board of and to inform you that they had dont recollect any repre-
Masulipatam the Comm.e sentation
do not recollect any repre- or request having made to them of the Want of Gun Carriages or
sentation from them of the of any Reasons for having them made at Ellore and Jear to
want of Gun Carriages at add besides that no expence can be incurred that is not indispen-
Ellore or of any reasons to sibly necessary
them —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
&c.

Fort St. George
4th June 1783

Sent the following Letter to Lieut. Orr —

To Lieutenant Orr.

Sir

To Lieut Orr — approving of his Conduct but desiring him to be cautious of giving the Amarauny Cause of Complaint

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and
Select Committee to inform you that your Letter of 28th Ult. &
the Town Major having been laid before them they entirely
approve of your steady and prudent Conduct on the Occasion
therein related and desire you to persevere in it but at the
same time to be strictly on your Guard and to be cautious not
to provoke nor give any just Cause of Complaint

I am
&c.

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4th Sent Letter to the Military Paymaster as entered in Miscellany Book enclosing Statement of Pay and Gratuity for the Kings Troops

Dispatched the following Letter to Captain Montgomery

To Captain Montgomery

Masulipatam

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Inst & to inform you that the Complaint therein contained should have been sent through the channel of the Chief & Council of Masulipatam and that until your Battalion joined the Troops at Masulipatam it is to be considered as belonging to the Army but from that Period on the same footing with the Troops there

In regard to the Promise made by the Officers of containing that Battalion on full Batta while in Garrison to the Northward I am directed to observe to you that such promise must have been made without the Sanction of Government and that tho being always ready to reward extraordinary Merit the Select Committee can not but highly disapprove of Officers entering into Capitulations with their Sepoys for making hasty promises of indulgence to bring them back to their Duty

I am Sir

&c

Fort St George
4th June 1783

To Captn Montgomery — his Complaint ought to have come thro the Channel of the Board of Masulipm her Battn to be join'd on the Troops at Masulipm to be consider'd as belonging to the Army & that Committee disapprove of the Promise made to the Sepoys to bring them back to their Duty

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Received the following Letter and enclosures from the Resident of Tanjore

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Intelligence of every day gives so much authority to the information I had the honor of communicating in my Letter of the 2d. instant that your Lordship &c.a will pardon me for repeating my extreme anxiety that your orders for the Support of the Bombay Troops may be carried into execution effectually and without delay. As far as the force that Col.o Fullarton is able to assemble at Cango, He certainly will lead it, and I hope to congratulate the Committee before the end of June on the fall of Dharapooram Coimbetoor & Palicatcherry. If it were possible for Col.o Fullarton to continue his progress to Caniaud and up the Malabar Coast by Calicut & Tellicherry to Mangalore He would be enabled by drafts from those places (guarded at that Season of the year by the monsoon) to assemble a force that might penetrate into Mysore. But even near the rivers on the Malabar Coast are rapid and it would not be within the power of exertion to transport such a train of Artillery as Col.o Fullarton has with him over the Ramparts which would be met with in every days march. The same objection does not lie against the marches of a detachment lightly equipped from Tellicherry or Calicut. I have therefore suggested

From Mr. John Sullivan enclosing Copies of Letters to Jacob Stuart & to the Resident of Tellicherry requesting to be informed that the Orders for the support of the Bombay Troops may be immediately & effectually carried into Execution hopes soon to congratulate the Board on the fall of Dharapooram Coimbetoor & Palicatcherry That Colonel Fullarton may be thereby enabled to penetrate into Mysore suggests the sending a Detachment lightly equipped from Tellicherry

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Suggested this idea to Mr. Sibbald the Resident of Tellicherry as your Lordships &c will find by the Copy of my letter enclosed How far the officer Commanding the Troops & those Gentlemen may think themselves justified in undertaking Such a Measure without orders I can not presume to Say but unless they do undertake it or the Committee Should think it advisable to order a Detachment of European Seapoys from the grand Army to proceed by quick marches to join Col. Fullarton it is to be Apprehended that the whole force of Tippoo Saib may be Directed against the Southern Army

I have the honor to be with Great Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most faithfull &
Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) John Sullivan

Tanjore
28th May 1783

To James Sibbald Esqr (Copy)

The Select Committee of Fort St George

having impowered me to open all public dispatches to their Presidency I take the earliest opportunity of offering You my Compliments on the distinguished Situation to which your Letter of the 29th April gives advice of Your appointment I beg to Assure You that no one can fill more than I do for the obstacles which now precludes You from the exercise of your Commission and that your own wishes cannot pass the Seal with which Colonel

Fullarton

Colonel Fullarton and I are influenced not only to give Relief to Gerroot Matthews which Colonel Fullarton's Operations must now do but to open the Communication between the Presidencies so that the Armies may Cooperate to effect

Colonel Fullarton marched on the 26th towards Daraporam before which place he expected to arrive on the 30th Reduction of that place will be effected by his gallantry in a very Short time and the Reinforcement of three battalions of Sepoys now ordered to march will join him there by the 10th of June the Army will then be in forms to proceed for Coimbetore & Palicatchery which places tho in different directions be at the distance of 55 or 60 English Miles from Daraporam and about 35 Miles the one from the other I shall then proceed in hope that both places will fall to Colonel Fullerton in the Course of June and I am persuaded the monsoon will not Stop his Career if Sepoys Should Return to the Carnatic of the Southern Army can be recalled in time I acknowledge to you that I fear this timely Aid will not be Sent from our grand Army General Stuart writes me that he did not expect to Commence operations against Cuddalore till the 25th Ult. will probably not take in the next month before the fate of that place and of the French Can be decided and in the event of our Success Some days will be last before a Detachment can be equipped for a march across the Peninsula and the Rivers which will at this time be full & rapid will Necessarily

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much impede the progress of Such a Detachment

If Circumstances Should Admit of it a much more Speedy & perhaps a Sufficient Reinforcement might be collected from Mangalore & Tellicherry and if a passage Could be effected by Such a force lightly equipped on the parallel of Tellicherry or Coleiut Col. Fullarton might effect a junction by taking the Route of Guddy Ard passing himself of that Passage in to Mysore I send this Letter open to Col. Fullarton with a Request that he will correct my ideas & add what he may judge Necessary I will Not therefore detain You longer than to Say that every resource I can find And every exertion Colo. Fullarton Can Make will be directed to the Relief & Support of the Bombay Army, we know no distinction of Service or establishment and we See how much the interest perhaps the existence of the English Empire may depend upon the events of the two next months

As it may not be Possible to Convey Arrack for the Troops from this Side After they have passed the Gauts it may be of importance to have a Supply Ready at Tellicherry to be Sent to Palicacherry, or if Seven Pallans Carts Can be procured it might be transported on Coolies by whatever Route a Communication Can be Opened — I request of you to Communicate this Letter to Mr. Freeman, and to the Gentlemen of your Committee if you Should judge it Necessary Colonel Fullarton will write to Major Campbell who I should imagine will Consider himself as the

Commanding

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Command of the Troops, while Gen.l Matthews Remains
arrested & Col.o Macleod & Humberstone are detained by the
Mahrattas.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t & faithf.l Servant
(Signed) John Sullivan

Tanjore
28th May 1783

To Major Gen.l Stuart
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have just had the honor to receive from
Mr Cockrane your Letter borne of the 16th Inst.t the boats
Rice arrack &c. from the Southward will all arrive in time
to keep you in plenty I have honor to Inclose you the Copy
of a Letter from the Resident at Anjengo which leaves little
of the danger to which General Matthews is exposed I will
still hope that the French reports of his Capitulation are groun-
less but I fear it will not be possible for him to reassemble his
Army now divided between Arnaree Mangalore & Bednore
This makes it the more necessary that the Southern Army should
be reinforced particularly in Europeans I have represented this
Strongly to the Committee and I am persuaded the necessity of
the measure will appear so evident to you that you will
adopt it the moment Circumstances will admit Colonel
Sullivan

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Colonel Fullarton marched from Dindigul the 25th for
Daraporam before which place he expected to Arrive the 3d.

I have the honor to be with respect
Sir
Your most Obed.t humn.e Servt

Sanjore
29th May 1783

(Signed) John Sullivan

Bills for 10000 Pags. given
Ord.d to the Mint Treasr. on
the Gov.r Gen.l & Co.s

Agreed that Bills on Bengall be granted
in favor of Mr. Scottany for Star Pagodas 10,000 at 4.00
Arcot Rupees Per each hundred Pagodas

Received Letter from Masulipatam as entred
in Miscellany Book arrives of them having Sent this with
304 Saddle for the Nabobs Cavelry

Received the following Letters

From Capt.n Cuppage
receives Intelligence of
the Capture of Bednore
& that Gen.l Mathews &
another Officer put in
Irons & Sent to Syrangapatan
& the other Officers to
Chittreguel of that Tippoo
had Marched against
Cowley all under cover the
Messenger to address to
give further information
the Comm.r Reading that
his private Letters from
Mangalore make no
mention of the loss of Bednore

My Lord and Gentlemen

This morning a Sepoy of the 10th Batt.n
came in to me from Biddanore who says he left that place 26
days ago & that General Mathews surrendered the Fort to Tippoo
Saib 17 days before that after a Siege of 18 days, that the day
before he left it, Tippoo Saib Marched with his Army against
Cowley all under General Mathews with a Major (whose
name he does not know) was sent on Irons & sent Syrangpatan
& the rest of the Officers to Chittoorgate I have sent him
with the Messr.s to give your Lordships and Select Committee
what further information you think necessary

I have

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I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

John Cuppage

Vellore
30.th May 1783

P.S. I dont know what Credit is to be given to this information as I have Letters from Mangalore dated the 12.th Instant & they had not heard any thing of it nor the Man who brought them

To

John Huddleston Esq.r

Military Secretary

Madras

Sir

The Army marches tomorrow Morning towards Cuddalore the French still remain on their Old Position at Manjeerapaun with their Advance on the North.l Bank of the Pariear — I learn from Camps this Day that the French Inhabitants at Pondicherry took Care on our Army arrival there to Spread a report that Hyder Naigue had Capitulated to the United Force of France & Mysore on the 28.th of April and that M.r de Bussy has received Official Accounts of it with the Sums or which it Surrendered from the French Officer who Commanded the French Troops on this Attack. the Day after our Army encamped on the Red Hills the Enemy fired a Royal Salute at Cuddalore. Said to be on Occasion of

From L.d Pigot - the Army will march the next Day towards Cuddalore the French remain at Manjeerapaun a report was circulated at Pondicherry of the Capture of Bedanore Five Ships said to be French arrived in Cuddalore Roads & Land Troops Encamped in sight of the Sufferen in Back Bay

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of the Aforesaid Nams — The Same Letter from Camp Says that 5 Ships Anchord off Cuddalore the 30th Ulto and Cattama-rans, constantly Sent to them (Supposing them to be our Vessells) returned next Day with Intelligence that they are French & that they have been Landing Troops at Cuddalore This is Confirmed by the People at Pondy Cherry tho' we have not been able to get any Satisfactory Accot of it by Land. his Said over Fleet is in Sight of Saffrons in Back bay Since the 25th from which they have Some Hopes they May be our Ships Notwithstanding I heard last Night from Some People Tra-velling from the South to Madras that all the Bayan & followers of Hyder Ally Party are March[ing] up towards Trinimalee that Tippoo has wrote for all His People in the Carnattic to join Him for that the Mahrattoes have Actually entred His Country One Ship Appeared in Sight Yesterday evening & this Day 2 More with a Snow & Boat all Stand[ing] South —

I am
Sir
Your most Obed[t] Servant
Nat[l] Dance[s] L[t] Com[g]

Pennacoil
2d June 9 Night

Pennacoil

Received the following Letter from Mr. Cochrane with the enclosures therein mentioned as lodged in the Office

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

Am

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From Mr Cochrane enclosing Intelligence & Dispatches from General Stuart with his Answer the Active will proceed to Europe with the Chellingas & Grain Vessels

On the 29th in the evening I received General Stuarts answer to my Letter of the 19th Ultimo I have the honor to forward to your Lordship copies of my reply & there to

Yesterday morning the active Frigate arrived at Negapatam & convoy the Chellingas & Grain Vessels to Camp, and she shall proceed with them this morning or tomorrow morning

I came here in her to forward the business and be assured every exertion shall be made on my part to forward this important Service

Enclosed your Lordship will receive further intelligence from N.Y.

I have the honor to be
Your Lordships
Most Obedient &
very humble Servt
Basil Cochrane

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1st June 1783

Dispatched the following Letter to the Secretary to the Supreme Council

To John P. Auriol Esqr
Secretary to the Supreme Council of
Fort William

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information

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To the Secretary to the Supreme Council acquainting him with the arrival of the Transports Store ships at Cuddalore & with the apprehensions of the Govt. that the news of the Capture of Bidenoor are true

of the Governor General and Council that Accounts Are just received from Camp of the safe Arrival of the Ships of War and Transports Laden with Troops and Stores at their appointed Destination

Am sorry at the same time to say that we fear the Accounts of Sepoys having relation Bidenoor are too true and that General Mathews with the Troops under his Command are made Prisoners

I have the honor to be
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Fort St. George
5th June 1783

5th Received the following Letter from Mr. Irwin with Copies of his Correspondence with Colonel Fullarton there in mentioned as lodged in the Office Enter his Letter of the 18th May

Vice.

Duplicate

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

To Mr. Irwin — incloses Copies of several Letters on the Subject of the recall of Col. Fullarton from the Tinnevelly District & stating his further reasons for making this Request

I have the honor to enclose you several Letters on the Subject of calling a Battalion of Sepoys from this Province.

In addition to the reasons I have urged to Col. Fullarton & Capt. Biteliff against the measures I beg leave to justify the part I have taken on the occasion by

I have

stating further reasons that on my humble Opinion militate against the Idea.

When Mr Sullivan first suggested the Plan of making a vigorous Diversion to the Westward the Season was favourable for operations the French marine of the Coast and Troops said to be for Army for General Mathews - The reduction of a few Months has produced a happy change in our affairs and the monsoon is approaching so fierce on the Coromandel Coast that before the Southern Army can effect any thing material it is more than probable the Campaign will be at an end and the Troops looking to which our Power has been restored obviates therefore in a great measure the necessity of staking our Valuable Possessions on the presumption of acquiring new Conquests: and renders the preservation of the Revenues & the Peace of Tranquility an object worthy of Solicitude & endeavour

The Captain Billcliffe has consented to wait the effect of my remonstrance to Colonel Fullarton, I cannot ensure success - I will however some Consolation to me to reflect that I have not stepped beyond the Line of my Duty to save the important Province from the ruin that threatened it - I will not here urge the contradiction that appears in the Arrangement for the security of the Revenue being at once committed by an Order from Colonel Fullarton as the good of the Service might render it expedient to lodge a discretionary Power in the Commander of the Southern Army Had Circumstances attended the Expedition being delayed four or five months Colonel Fullarton might

might have detached a sufficient force to reduce the Polygars collect
the Pethcuts. and put them in such a fortering as to keep them quiet
hereafter

The Detachment might have carried from hence
Tents Bullocks grain & money sufficient to have conducted the
Army into the Heart of the Arroys Country and given it strength
and confidence that it now cannot promise itself notwithstanding
the spirited and able Officers at its head

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your faithful and
devoted Servant
Eyles Irwin

Senevely
18 May 1783

Received the following Letter from Captain
Emonds

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Capt.n Emonds
advising of the Surrender of
Cannanore Fort by Capitula-
tion the quantity of Grain
found there

I have the honor to inform you that I arri-
ved before this place the morning of the 26th and this morning it
surrendered by capitulation of the defending Army gallantly for three
days It was garrisoned by 1000 Troops who got leave to march out
with the Honors of war - Its situation by nature very strong

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being situated on the summit of an uneven Hill by sufficient
the least cover to approach it after erecting a few batteries as at
to place my Guns in a situation to cover my people I intended
an attack on our out work about twenty yard from the Defen-
The heavy shower by the Sepoys in carrying the work would
reflect how on the bravest Troops and It is impossible for me
to say enough in favor of Ensign Hales who led the attack &
Ensigns Brown & Hamilton who were with him the two last
wounded Ensign Brown badly by pikes from the breast work
but the Doctor thinks they will both recover. We had also one Subah
and one Sepoy Killed and fifteen Sepoys wounded this attack
being made at two in the afternoon the Enemy had an opportunity
of seeing the Nakedness of our Troops I was I believe the cause of
their giving it up so soon. There is a good deal of grain & Paddy
&c in the place I have directed Mr Gardiner to get on exact account
of & and hope to have the honor in a few days to wait upon you
Early tomorrow Morning I Suspended a good deal of the little Guns
Ammunition I brought with me there being not found
here fit to replace It I have written to Masulipatam for a
Supply & flatter myself you will be pleased to direct It to be
sent as soon as possible as it would be impossible for me to
make further attempts without It

It must require some days to make necessary enquiries &
to settle the Country when I shall do myself the honor to write you
more fully regarding everything

I am with the most perfect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obd. Humble Servant
Edward Edmonds Capt Lieut

Camp on Fort
30th May 1763

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Received the following Letter from the Commanding Officer of Engole

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor of

Fort S.t George

My Lord

I have the Honor of informing your Lordship that Capt.n Edmonds is now in possession of Commun Fort

From the Commanding Officer at Engole acquainting the Comm.r with the Capture of the Fort of Commun by Captain Edmonds

It surrendered the 30.th Ult.o — One of its out works about 20 Yards from the Ditch was carried the Day before by our people by Storm — this together with seeing the scaling Ladders brought forward soon made the people in the Fort propose Terms what they are or any further particulars I have not yet been able to Learn excepting our Loss in killed & wounded which consists of 1 Subadar & 1 Sepoy killed 2 European Officers 1 Drummer & 16 Sepoys wounded The European Officers are Ensigns Brown & Hamilton of the 2.d Coast.n Batt.n the first of them is severely wounded by Pikes in 5 or 6 different places the latter but slightly —

I did myself the honor of forwarding a Letter which I believe was from your Lordships to Captain Edmonds last night immediately on its arrival here —

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships Most Obed.t Servant

Robt Munro

Lt Comd.g

Engole the 2.d June 1783

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Received the following Letter from the Paymaster of Vellore
as lodged in this Office

Received the following Letter from Major General
Sir John Burgoyne

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

It was with much surprize I was informed
of the determination you had come to that because I have the
Rank of ~~of~~ Major General I am not to have any Horse as
Colonel to the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons allowed me from
this Government I beg leave to assure You this is the very first
instance in his Majestys Service where a Colonel was
deprived of the advantages of his station as such because he
is a general Officer, I have a right & what is more deserve
that right of Commanding my own Regt wherever I think
proper & am now going with it to the Mount as Colonel &
order to be of whatever Service I can I believe my Lord & Gentlemen
you forget that tho' a general Officer I have only the Batta of
a Colonel or Lieut Colonel Commandant, Give me the Field
allowances as I ought to have of a Major General & I am
ready to give up my pretensions to Horses from this Regt but
surely when you only give me the Field allowances of Colonel

Your

Letter Sir John Burgoyne
Complaining of the Hardship
of his not being allowed
Horses from this Regt on account
of his being a General
Officer

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you will not in Justice deprive me of what I am in any other Shape entitled to as much You deprive me of the Horses because I am a General Officer & refuse me the allowances of a General Officer because I am a Colonel I shall not Urge this Matter any further but leave it to you to give me what Answer you think proper

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and most
Humble Servant
(Signed) J Burgoyne

Gardens — 7

Received the following Letter from the Commanding Officer of Permacoil

To John Hudleston Esq.x
Military Secretary
Sir

From the Officers Comm.g at Permacoil - mentioning that he had been directed by the Comm.d in Chief to lay in a Stock of Grain which he should now be enabled to do if it meets with the Committees of Probation & if furnished with Cash as soon as he may be allowed his Conveyances to assist him in securing said Provisions &.a

Herewith I have the Honor to transmit Monthly returns of the Garrison & Stores of this Place from the Right Honble the President & Select Committee and at the same time Request you will be so kind as to represent to their Honors & that On my writing to the Comm.d in Chief on the Subject of Purchasing Grain at this Place He has ordered me to Correspond with you on the Subject and to Express His great desire to have as much Grain laid in as Possible at this Place either to Save / made by the

the Garrison Stock & for the use of the Army which he may very Possibly have an Absolute Occasion for Hereafter Rice is here at Present at Seven Dears for a Rupee & Grain Seven and a half — The Villagers are bringing in a good Deal of Rice and I think of Sure am Honored to Purchase & have Cash sent me for that Purpose I shall be able to lay in a good Stock of each Sort I may be made Acquainted with the Resolves of the Committee on this Matter as soon as Possible as there is no Horse at Last now is the fair fair time to get it in — I request you will do me the favor also to Represent to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that besides the Servants Mentioned in the Returns as belonging to the Garrison I hope they will not think me unreasonable When I request I may be Allowed Constantly and a Measure Man to serve out the Rice to the Black People also a Conicopoly to serve out the Provisions to the Europeans & Dom.s The one in the Grain Keepers Department and the other the Agents, I am obliged to Employ people for that purpose & it is Absolutely necessary to have all these Acct.s Kept Clear & Distinct therefore Hope I may be Allowed such reasonable Assistance considering I am made Responsible for the Provisions & by giving receipts to both the Grain Keeper and Agent by order of the Comm.r in Chief — I Yesterday received a Letter from Mr Close the Gen.l Secretary wherein he says You may Conceive our Disappointment on being Informed all the Vessells in sight belong to the Enemy what are become of ours God Knows In every Event We proceed towards our Destination

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" on the Return of the Detachment now at Vellanore On Perceiving
" we took up this Position The French Changed Ground & encamp'd
" with their Front towards as near the Chemundalum Redout
" Round Hedge their advanced Picquet only is in Sight ab.t
" 4 Miles due east of us in all likely hood they mean to Try
" what they can do with us before any Investment takes Place
" Nothing Extra happened in the 2 last Marches The Cooties
" appeared in Numbers & have Shewn a disposition to be very Trouble-
" -some if they Know how they have been so cautious however that
" not one has fallen in to our hands yett they appear in such spirits
" that I fear there is Some truth in the Report of Tippoos
" Success in the Beddenore Country they have behaved most Cruelly
" to such of our followers as have fallen in to their hands most
" of them have had either their Noses or Ears Cut off — This
Letter is Dated 14.th June Camp at Manabedy

I hope their fears abt our Rice Ships were
Groundless As I had 2. More in from Pondicherry yesterday who
say that a party from the Detachment mentioned by yr Hon.r to
were in the Place at the time that 9 Sail of Ships & 3 Boats
were off the Port besides a great Many Ships in Sight to the
Southward that the off Coming party sent Letters off & An-
-swers were received that the 9 Ships were ours. that one Ships
went to the Southward & Made Signals & they say it was
reported they were our Ships likewise that were in Sight to the
Southd. I hope this News May be true the Detachment could
not have returned to Camp time enough for Mr Close to have

Known

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plan

that

that

Known the when her Letter was wrote — Yesterday 2 Ships were in Sight but did not Shew any Colours that we Could see one was out of Sight to the Port Sun Sett This Morning the Appears off standing South, a Small Vessell Payed to the Southw^d this Morning is not out of Sight

I have the Honour to Remain

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Nat Dawes Lieut^t

Com^d Permacol

Permacol
6th June 1783

P. S. I appointed a Garrison Serj^t Major & Store Serj^t (by Permission the Comd^r in Chief) Still the Reasons of the Board can be Known I beg you will Represent the 2 Men as fitt for those Stations and as Absolutely Necessary for Carrying on the Duty and those it may meet with their Honours approbation I Conceive that Eight Wood Ps as Garrison Stores ought to be Lodd in, will you be so good as to let me know If I shall do any endeavours to gett those Articles

N. Dawes

The follo

patched with

Letters were Written yesterday and are now dis-

Letter that follows them to the President of Bombay

To the Officer Commanding His Majestys Naval and Military Forces expected to arrive at Anjengo

Gentlemen

Our Latest advices affording reason for

To His Majestys Officer Commanding the Expected Reinforcements from Europe — Advising them that the present Situation of Affairs renders their Assistance most necessary on the Malabar Coast & requesting them should such be the Case on their Arrival to Land the Troops & Employ them agreeably to the Instructions of the Bombay Government or of the Officer Commanding on the other Coast

to believe that the Assistance of his Majestys expected Reinforcements may be essentially useful & necessary on the Malabar Coast as well as on the Southern Provinces of the Peninsula we request that if on your Arrival at Anjengo you should find this opinion Confirmed by the Intelligence you receive there from the Resident or Select Committee at Bombay you will cause the Troops to be Landed at Anjengo and that his Majestys Officer in the Command will then dispose of them agreably to Instructions which he will probably find at Anjengo from the said Select Committee In default of such Instructions we request that he will employ the Troops in such manner as may be pointed out to him by the Officer Commanding our Forces on the Coast of Malabar or the Officer Commanding our Army in the Coimbetoor Country Neighbourhood with Both of whom he will endeavour to communicate his Majestys Squadron as you will be informed by the Resident at Anjengo is at present absent at Batticola watching Mr Suffren which prevents us from Communicating our wishes to his Majestys Naval Officer through Sir Edward Hughes and Sir Eyre Coote the Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops in India Dated here the 27th of April

We have the honor to be

&c

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To

Stephen Sullivan Esqr

President at Anjengo

Sir

In consequence of alarming Accounts received here of the Situation of Affairs on the Malabar Coast we have judged it advisable to address the enclosed Letter to the Commanders of his Majestys Naval and Land Reinforcements expected to arrive at Anjengo and we send it open for Your perusal and Information together with a Copy of our Letter of this date to the Select Committee at Bombay.

This Dispatches are also sent open to Mr Sullivan who will communicate their Contents to Colonel Fullarton and you will receive from those Gentlemen such Information relative to the situation of our Southern Army in the Coimbatoor Country as together with your advices from Mangalore will enable you to suggest to the Officer Commanding the reinforcement the measures most advisable for him to pursue in default of Instructions from the Select Committee at Bombay.

We are

Sir

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To the President of Anjengo
Leaving for his perusal & information the Letter to the Officers Commanding the expected Reinforcements from Europe & desiring him to send to them the most advisable measures to be pursued in default of Instructions from Bombay.

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To John Sullivan Esqr
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to forward to you the enclosed dispatches open for your perusal and information and to desire you will take Copies of them & communicate their Contents to Colonel Fullarton and then forward them with all possible Expedition to Anjengo

To the Resident of Tanjore enclosing the Letters to Anjengo & his Majesty's Commands & Officers & desiring him to take Copies & to forward them to Anjengo & to Col. Fullarton

I have the honor to be
&c

Fort St. George
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The following Letter dated the 4th Instant was dispatched to Bombay with the Enclosures wherein mentioned

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

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 20th April with its Enclosures from the honble the Committee of Secrecy

We take it for granted that you forwarded the same papers to the Resident at Anjengo but in order to provide against Accidents we have also transmitted to him Copies &c

To Bombay requesting a frequent & particular Communication of all Events & advising their position & order of Army & of the Intentions of the Commander in Chief subsequent to Caddalore to send a body of Troops to Mangalore & of the measures taken respecting the Reinforcement expected from Europe

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have and we now enclose a Copy of the Letter we wrote to
him at the same time arriving him of the retaken of the two
Ships and of other matters relating to the public since
the date of that Letter (the 24th Ult.) we received Intelligence
has reached us except from your Quarter in a Letter addressed to
us from Mess.rs Sibbald Stedman & Telfair Denoting us of
the Dangerous situation of General Mathews and your
Troops at Bidenore and in private Letters from Bombay
which mention the Capture of Colonel M.c Cleod & other
Officers by the Maratta Fleet

At this interesting Juncture an early
communication of events from the different Presidencies to
each other may be of great Importance to the common cause
and we therefore beg leave to request that you will favor us with
frequent and particular Advices and you may depend upon
the same Attention from us

Our main Army has hitherto been retarded
in its progress but we hope it is by this time before
Cuddalore should this expedition prove Successful we shall
endeavor to convey a considerable Body of Troops to Tanjore
& in the mean while should the expected Reinforcements arrive
at Anjengo they may be detained there and employed according
to the situation of Affairs on the Malabar Coast at the
time of their Arrival for this purpose we now forward to
your Resident at Anjengo a Letter addressed to the Commanding
Officer of the Reinforcements Enclose you a Copy thereof

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that you may furnish him with such instructions for the disposa
of the Troops as you shall judge most advisable

You will observe by the enclosed Letter to your
Resident at Anjengo that we are endeavouring also to draw the
attention of the Enemy to another quarter upon the while we
yet have hope that Tippoo Saib will see his own safety in
a speedy termination of the war

I have the honor to be &c &c

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8 Dispatched Letter to Colonel Fullarton with Copies of
the Letters of the 3d to General Stuart & Major Bruce

Received the following Letter from Paymaster
of Vellore

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

Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Paymr at Vellore
receives from Captain
Cuppage a Supply of
Cattle which are ready
to be forwarded agreeably
to the Committee's
Orders —

In consequence of a Letter I received last night from
Mr. Secretary Huddleston under date the 26th Instant I
beg leave to acquaint the Right Honble the Committee
that I have received from Captain Cuppage Four hund.
head of slaughter Cattle and twelve hundred Sheep
which I shall hold in readiness to dispatch agreeable to the
&c

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orders I may receive from the Right Honble Committee
or the Agent at Madras

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
with very great respect
Your most Obed.t & H.e Servant
Tho.s E. Ogilvie
Dep.y

Vellore
9th May 1783.

Received the following Letter from General Stuart

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

My Lord &.a

I have every confirmation that Eye
wdareos and people Recruited at Cuddalore who are on friendly
correspondence for some time past and of our different people
taken on the Road & of Stokowsky Sepoys sent on purpose to
establish the Proof of the Ships being Scorch and having Landed
for these three days past Rice and stores. Two of them were
seen off opposite to the Entry of the harbour this Morning
There has been such Severity of late used to my people who
have fallen into the Enemys hands that I think it both
needless & cruel to send more The fact is certain and the
worst is I fear my suspicions is well founded that some of the

Gen.l Stuart —
Information respecting the
Ships ordered to take
Possession of Cuddalore
Port Pondicherry &.a
Route of the Army
from Arcot to Cuddalore
Copy of Letter to
Col.o Fullarton to
regulate his operations to
Combine with
Colonel Fullarton has
acted on hopes the Council
will support him in the
measures the orders
lation of the French to
ground Object please
with in the Negociations
the Peace of Mysore

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five saw Ships of War tho I dont know their strength. for Lieut Capper writes from the Post at Villenore at one yesterday that he saw a Ship then abreast of Pondicherry and three of the Ships off Cuddalore made sail towards it She hoisted French Colours and they returned to their Station If these ships are of no force and only having Rice and Stores I care not much but your Lordship &c must feel equally with me the unfortunate misfortune if they are of such force as to pick up our ships seperately of which I see the probability by the accidents which have happened to them I fear also for the Active and the Country Vessels from Tranquebar and for our Masoulah Boats with Mr. Holdsworth who put off to the southward the Evening before I marched from the Red Hills — In War as I have more than once the honor to observe to your Lordship &c one is to be surprized at nothing and to be prepared in ones Mind at least for every thing how far we can in other respects be prepared or provided in case of accidents to our supplies of every sort I cannot yet know but nothing will prevent my persevering in this greatest of all Objects to Britain but the prospect of almost certain destruction to this Army by the landing of the Troops &c from Suffrens Fleet or what I most dread the want of sustenance and an ach but chiefly Rice — I feel the most real Satisfaction in the good consequences of proceeding thus step by step establishing Posts particularly where the French were within two days March of us and thus bringing on every Grain of Rice with me I should have done the same indeed had our Friends

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Anchored where our Enemies unfortunately now are and I shall also take up nearly the same ground in either case in order to have same effect at least to appearance in the Eyes of all our doubtful friends or certain Enemies for I shall yet between Cuddalore and all the southern Provinces and on the great Roads of the Countrys by Trincomale and Trinadee. The Position of the Encampment (at Chungamic which I took upon the first March from Vellenare) after passing the bed of the Gingee River) was exactly betwixt the two high Roads G leading both with equal ease to Cuddalore and the Enemy manoeuvring I was to go on the Road nearest to the Sea had for many weeks past made all their Batteries and preparations on the South Bank of the Pannar on that side The direction of the last marche of the Pr. President from Chingarmil (S. W.) was not known to our own Army till just before we marched off and to the Enemy about ½ past 3 A.M. at which time they shifted ground seemingly in the greatest confusion and by my intelligence of this day they are now encamped on ground betwixt the Pannar & Godaleure River also I hear that Syed Saheb's baggage and bazar are gone towards Trivalore and he to follow tomorrow or next day to keep more close to the West and to prevent himself from being enclosed and Encampment at present is nearly N. & South with the Right to the Pannar and the Road two Miles on the Other side leading directly to the Chemmondeleure Redoubt and new Town and the Enemy do not know Know whether I am to take that Road or

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or not This Morning I sent the 4th Brigade to escort the Rice
from Tellemare and to destroy what we had done at the Post I cannot
Afford to keep it up. To morrow they will be in Camp and next
day if the Carriage Cattle can arrive I shall cross the Pannar.
probably in sight of the Enemy but w.th none of their Guns
or Intrenchments in front of us In two days easy March I get
round the Vandefollaur Hills & place one of my Flanks to
the Sea south of Cuddalore where also I now expected to have
seen our Convoy & store Ships I have given notice to Mr.
Cockrane of our present disappointment in that respect and
from his good and quick intelligence with Tranquebar I am in
hopes he will be able to give the fullest cabinet Information
on every point to me and of the Sea Force to Captain Trobridge
who may find some way to send Intelligence to the Admiral
and to the Isis &c. &c. or if those Ships are of small force he
will drive them off himself I shall write to Mr Sulivan
to think of some way to Supply us with Rice or Paddy from
the Tanjore Country or even from the Garrison Stock in case
the the Sea fails as nothing (as before observed) but inevitable
destruction to this Army should lead us in any humble Idea
to abandon this enterprize now we have gone so far It is to
prevent this possible dilemma that I have in Duplicate Triplic
cate wrote to Colonel Fullerton to give up the comparatively
insignificant operations towards Coimbatore &c.a I call them
so because they will not at that distance operate to any diversion
from Bidenoor and may lead to some thing very fatal to Colonel
Fullerton

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Fullarton himself from his situation and the nature of the Country
and because the French once on him guished over the Bidenore
and Mangalore were taken would Obtain for us equally as good a
peace as if they were in our possession but on the Contrary while
Bussy and the French remain we have very reason to Doubt
of every Country Power I do not expect one let your peace be with them
even in the strongest Characters and with the greatest Concessions
imaginable I send your Lordship &c a Duplicate of my orders to
Colonel Fullarton by my intelligence he has marched for this
off but I have no letters from him of it, I can not believe - Your
Lordship &c will give Countenance to his perseverance but
on the Contrary support me in the orders I have given before
the possibility of communication be cut off. If the negociations
with the Agents of the Rank of Mysore have contributed to
the present move of Colonel Fullarton in a Contrary direction
from this Army I request both my Opinion that it is a
delusion and my present Information that no Assistance
has been given either at Cannor or Dindigul by these Agents
and no money paid as reported to be stipulated. I may be wrong
informed Your Lordship &c must know Officially all this
tho' now the Events are passed But in every Event as a Mem-
ber of Government and as the Commander in Chief of this
Army I thought myself in situation and duty called
upon to give my Opinion on my place and on several
occasions since in Correspondence with your Lordship &c
that the expulsion of the French is the Grand object and that

at this Season and since the last news from Europe our whole force should concentor from the Southward to make sure of the business I now add that even tho' Colonel Fullarton be Marched he ought to be ordered back and on his way towards me. His Force on the march Northward to be employed to [illegible] Tanjore Countries If your Lordship &c are of a different Opinion I shall still carry on the service here to the best of my Judgement and abilities but I do not in other respects hold myself Answerable for the important Consequences

I have the Honor to.
My Lord &c Your most obedient and
Most Humble Servant
(Signed) James Stuart

Camp Manambodie
N. Side of the Pannar 5 Miles
W. of the Chemundelun Redoubt
Browns Hedge Cuddalore
Wednesday June 4th 1783

4th Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

To Charles Oakeley Esqr &c
Members of Committee of Assigned Revenue
Gentlemen

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue - desiring them to examine strictly Capt Patterson Dubash who is ordered before them relation to the Complaint preferred against him

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send you Captain Pattersons Dubash and to desire you will strictly examine him relative to the Charges exhibited against him in the accompanying petition by part of the Inhabitants of Chingleput the Complainants

an

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are also ordered to attend you

I have the honor to be

&c.

Fort S.t George
9th June 1783

Dispatched the following Letter to General Stuart

To Major General Stuart

Commander in Chief at

Camp

Sir

To Genl Stuart — enclosing the Letter from the Admiral relative to Fourth Ship of the Line with Frigate & Store ships having sailed to the relief of Cuddalore will forward by the Naid the 42,000 Pgs for the use of the Army

Yesterday His Majestys Ship the Naid arrived here & brought Letters from the Admiral informing us that the Argonaut of 74 Guns the Cleopatra & Coventry Frigate with some Store ships Lading escaped from Trincomaly & sailed to the Relief of Cuddalore He had immediately proceeded to Trincomalee from whence his Letter is dated Enclosed is a Copy of it as also his Answer to ours of a former date relative to returning here in order to water & take in provisions Sir Richd Strachan is Ordered to Sail to the Southward in order to join the Admiral who is expected to call upon the coast & to carry to you 40,000 Pgs which are now Sent on board here as also some Military Stores as the Admiral is supposed to be on the Coast & is prepared the Naid will arrive in Safety

I have the honor to be &c.

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Received Letter from Commanding Officer of Pygol as entered in Miscellany Book exert his Utmost to procure the earliest Intelligence if the French should attempt to make a Diversion on the Circars

9th Received Letter from Commanding Officer of Vellore as entered in Miscellany Book with an Account of Gun Carriages taken in the Pettah of Sautgur which he has delivered to the Paymaster — Sent Letter to Lieut. Ludlam of his Majestys 98th Regt as entered in Miscellany Book with an Order for the Payment of 65 Pounds Sterling being the Sum allowed for all Commissioned Officers under the Rank of Captain ordered home on Duty

10th Sent Orders to Captain Elliot of the Honble Companys Ship Morse to receive on board his Ship Provisions &c for the Army to the Southward

Wednesday
11th June 1783

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. President
Alexander Davidson Esqr
Hargan Williams Esqr
Mr Sadleir indisposed
Major General Stuart absent upon Service

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Read

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Read the following Letters from General Stuart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord &c

From Genl Stuart enclosing Copies of Letters to Mr Bufsy from the Officer Commanding the French Troops with Tippoo relative to the Evacuation of Bidenore with Letter from Lt Colonel Ross complaint of Col. Nairnes unprovoked Encroachments & Col Ross to the favor of the Commt

The reports concerning Bidenore being retaken by Tippoo were so much believed by the French that they mentioned publickly to have seen the Articles of Capitulation. This they could not produce but I found means to obtain the Copy of a Letter which I now send inclosed, said to have been wrote to Mons. Bufsy by the Officer Commanding the French Detachment I have never mentioned it in general but have not had occasion to make any other remarks than to suspect from the Style it is fabricated but as dates are mentioned your Lordship &c will easily trace where there is any contradiction to your other intelligence The French at Pondicherry say they have had already Letters from Lalle & Perarong that Tippoo has made up matters with the Marattas through the Nizam & that he will certainly return to put Mr. Bufsy in possession of the Carnatic

The General Orders from Government concerning Colonel Nairnes Rank & Co. have been referred to the Army

Lord

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Lieut. Colonel Ross our Chief Engineer gave to me the inclosed memorial. If brevet Ranks are to be given as necessary for the Service I have no difficulty in offering any opinion to your Lordship &c. that there is not an Officer on this Establishment who deserves any mark of attention in that way preferable to Lieut. Col. Ross and I need not add to your Lordship &c. who know him so well that what has happened in regard to Col. Nixon must affect his feelings unless he keeps pace by the brevet rank of Col. Senior to Col. Nixon —

I do not thereby mean to recommend any increase of pay or present alteration of the Engineer Establishment.

We have reports here of the Horses for Sir John Burgoynes Regt. being arrived from Bengal — I should recommend to send with them at least as far as Parnacoil (or until our Escort joins them) two field pieces and the Batt.n of Sepoys formerly mentioned, they must have the precaution to send forward to Chingleput grain for ten or twelf days there being none on the road — If the grain intended for to be sent by Sea is safely landed there will be enough for two Months but I beg leave to recommend sending more the whole landed at Conjeeveram has been delivered. It will be out on the 10th and our former calculation did not include his Majestys 23d. Dragoons I beg leave to recommend that whatever cattle or sheep are at Chingleput or elsewhere for the use of the Army may be sent under

Escort

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Escort of the 12th Batt. & the Dragoons

Yesterday on the march Lieut. Col. Malcolm and others questioned a Canicopoly just come from Cudalore going to his Village who positively assured them that four french Ships had landed men & Stores and as he said such men & had sailed two days ago One Ships now remains on Cudalore

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c
Your most Obedient &
most Humble Servant
James Stuart

Camp at Tremmengoody
6th June 1783

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

Sir

When I left the Presidency I flattered myself no circumstance would have occured that could have made it necessary for me to trouble the Right Honble the President and Select Committee or you on the Subject of Rank during the present Service but the appointment of Lieutenant Colonels Nixon on the General Orders of yesterday to be a full Colonel on the Establishment is so prejudice to me so much his senior as to have been a Lieutenant Colonel which he was a Captain has subjected my conduct to the imputation of a severe Reproach or

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in the opinion of your Army — and exposed the profession of an Engineer to that degree of Publick Contempt to which are unskillfull conduct, a want of Spirit, a want of Capacity, or want of Zeal for the Honble Companys service could possibly subject.

It is therefore a duty I owe to myself, as well as a justice due to the Corps I have the honor to command, to represent to you the injury that has fallen upon us by this appointment, and the evil tendency it may have in the present state of the service by dispiriting and sinking in to disrepute a set of Men whose exertions are more immediately required than those of any other class, and by discouraging Men of Genius and reputation from acting with us at a time when you know our Numbers are not sufficient to conduct the Service now to be undertaken without their Assistance.

I therefore hope you will see the dispriting Situation in which I, in particular, am placed, and that you will be pleased to recommend to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to restore me to my standing in the Service, and should Colonel Nixon join the Army before their determination be received that you will afford me such relief as in your judgment May appear most proper

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Humble
Servant
Patrick Ross
Lieut Colo Chief Engr

Camp
Manambodee
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My Lord &c.

From Genl. Stuart giving information of the arrival of Captain Halliday with the Commodore's dispatches, acknowledging the receipt of the Commr's Letters &c intends to make final Encampment the next Day

The proceeding is the Copy of my last Letter from our Camp at Manambodien N.E. Bank of the Pannar—
His Majestys Birth day June 4th I rose auspicious to
us I had that Morning sent Lt. Colonel Kelly on Duty with
the 4th Brigade to Villenore to bring the Rear left there and
to Destroy what we had done towards making it a Post — From
the Pagoda he received eight or more Sail abreast of Pondicherry
Roads and immediately with great propriety hoisted the
Union Colour of a Battalion on the Top of the Pagoda
and Sent Captain Pater with the Regiment of Cavalry to
Pondicherry who drew them upon the beach and fired
his Carbines & field pieces as the Commodore Halliday
clearly perceived all that was wanted and a Letter passed from
Captain Pater to which Major General Bruces Aide Camp
Sent in Answer that Captain Halliday would instantly pro-
-ceed to the South of Cuddalore and wait there till he heard
from me and that the San Carlos Chasseur Succes Galley
and two Paddy boats were with them and the Annond Armie
hourly expected Much about the same time there were seen
from the Villenore Pagoda about 22 Ships which from
the number Lieut Colonel Kelly concluded to be our Fleet
and soon after the Frigates of both exchanged Messages and
the Isis stood to the Southward Whither soon Rear Admiral

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were landed from French Ships as we suppose) and as I believe) from the 31st Ulto to the 2d or 3d Instt is nothing now in my consideration, my mind is intirely at ease and I can venture to assure Your Lordship &c. that is every reason to look for Success to the present most important Enterprize not doubting of our being able quickly to land every thing which Your Lordship &c. have been pleased to send us by the Store Ships and which shall be my first and immediate care From Duty and attachment to our Sovereign we cohessed in the day with a Royal Salute from our 18 Pounders, I added some thing to the ordenary charge imagening it might be heard by our Ships and returned at Noon for I did not hear from Lt. Colonel Kelly till next day at 8 A. M. but no salute was returned from the Sea ~ We hasted the 5th We crossed this day (6th) the Pannar and Godallaur Rivers it was a heavy and sworn march and the Rear Guard did not come to their ground till past two The water in the Pannar had rose above 18 Inches in the two last days. a certain sign of the Monsoon on the other Coast affecting the Rivers that rise at any distance westward I can not well avoid the thinking of Colonel Fullarton on Such occasions, we passed on our left the Ground twixt the Rivers and towards Trivandepuram where Tippoos Horse were last night and have been for weeks past the Main body of them were seen a little out of the Bound Hedge on the Chemundelum Plain and some European Infantry were seen within the Bound Hedge imagining they would cross towards Trivadee

and

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and get round on our rear I had taken precautions to guard against
it but they seem to have kept on our left as I suppose by Mons.r
De Bussys desire till we shewed exactly our Intentions by
the Ground we are ultimately to take up for at this hour they
do not know it The Report still prevails that their Command.r
Syed Saheb has sent off his baggage and Bazar to the
Westward and there is now almost an End to his giving us
any concern as to baggage Rice or Followers I wish this tonight
to have in readiness to send by a Cattamaran tomorrow with
such additions as may be needed after hearing from the Ilis
and perhaps from the Admiral, We see at times from the Flagstf
this day on our March several Ships at one thirtieth of Cuddelore any
Letters are ready for Capt.n Halliday and Major General Bowes.
The Mens money and Some Arrack to be first landed / the last
quite out / and I have mentioned the Succes Galley & Anna &
Amelia to be first unloaded being on Bar carriage according
to advices I have received from the Right Honble President,
I have also received the Committees Letter of the 30th Ult.o I
have is always 5 and sometimes 6 days from the Date to the
Receipt from Madras tho' private people have their Letters
in 3 or 4 days, I shall do my self the honor of answering every
Letter not hitherto mentioned the first moment I can have
form more pressing Business and the most material one of tomorrow
will be the fixing a proper Seat of Encampment free from
Insult and convenient for protecting & landing the Stores &

Rec.

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Our present Encampment is very strongly situated with the Bondipollam Hills in front and rear, a thick Jungle on our right and the Pagoda and Village of Trimaniyoody on our left To morrow we shall make our last march almost intirely thro jungle with Little or no Water and by report a great part of the Road to be cut out, but it will be matter of Surprize to the Enemy to see our Army with every thing belonging to it at once to have both Flanks Secured and a little more than two Miles from their weakest Side without the interruption of Rivers or the Rise of Sides and cutting them off from Chellumbrum and the Southward Our own Ships answering Signals and landing whatever we want, this will be nearly the case to morrow at ten in the Morning

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most Obedient

& most Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Stuart

Camp twixt Trimagoodie & Vellicherry Bandipollam Hills Friday 6th June 1783 P.M.

My Lord &c

The proceeding is the Copy of my letter of yesterday

The fatigue and difficulty of this days march owing to heat to Want of water and to the frequent halts necessary to cut our way thro the Jungle exceded what I Expected however we got over it about 11 in the forenoon The advance of the Army which

From Genl Stuart with an acct of his forcing his last Encampment & the Difficulties attending it partly from excessive Heat & partly from 2000 of Tippoos Horse

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which I strengthened for the occasion took possession of the ground
ding nearly answering the discription in the preceeding letter The
Enemy even to this last days march were so entirely ignorant
of our intentions that their Bazar with an immense number
of Cattle were nearly on the very ground which our Pickets now
vere occupy. however they will so near the Cover of Some field pieces
drawn out from the Post formerly occupied by Lieut. Braithwaite
Supported by a body of Infantry that we Could not well get
round them without leaving more people than were worth the
Cattle were taken and the Chief Engineer with the Quarter
master General in spite having forward to reconnatre were in
no Small danger from the fire Colonel Ross's Horse keeps
was wounded by a Cannon Shot a Trooper also by a musket
Shot Lieut Colonel Cathcart commanding the advance Guard
formed it with great propriety from the Beach to a Rising
ground covered with jungle on our left. fronting the L. Fort
& Bound Hedge of Caddalore while the Line was marking
out the Army was incamped in two lines by one in the afternoon
and the Rear Guard under Lt Colonel Lyttleton came to
their ground about 6 by his Report the main Body of Tyged-
Sahebs army attempted to bear upon him but to no effect
hebs There might have been about 2000 horse and by my account
mons Bussy and the principal officers received as from the
Heights untill entered the jungle no Army ever passed the
whole of the Road we did part of the Road leads to most pleasant
Ground till they came to take up our Ground here the Enemy

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believed we were going first to Chellambrum. Several Sepoys & other are come in who report that their whole force is now under arms opposite to us / whilst the line was marking out I ordered the Corresponding signal to be made from the Beach. The active came down along shore and answered it. I had my people ready to Send off my Letter requesting that the Troops &c might be immediately landed but no boat came to us and I have ordered the people to remain the whole night in expectation of it. — our Convoy and provision Ships are seen 12 miles South of us and the admiral has been Seen off Portnova but nothing has come to us this day either from Capt.n Halliday or Sir Edward our people in general have been so much fatigued in the Course of this day, that nothing else except making a Disposition for the out Posts has been done and Colonel Ross has been busily employed reconnoitring on shore. I see one Ship opposite to Cuddalore almost in the Surf and by Report it is one of the 4 Store Ships Sent by Suffrein the active after passing our Flank went Close down and fired Several Shot at the Ship but running by with no effect the Ship Guns were small but the shot from the Beach went over the active

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c
Your most obedient &
Most Humble Servant
(Signed) L. Stuart

Camp two miles S.
of Cuddalore 7th of June 1783.

My

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My Lord &c:

The preceding is what I had the Honor of addressing to you yesterday, The people I had Sent to the beach for expectation of a Boat returned this morning at 9 without effect but on an ebb after two Catamarans came a Shore from Major General Bruce with a note to Say that he waited my orders I dispatched them immediately and having found a Ford about 3 Miles in our Rear, I made the Signal them for the Boats to Land and about 5 in the afternoon General Bruce with Lt Colonel Wagenham and the whole of the Detachment of His majestys 15. and 16. Hanoverians were landed and Conducted to Camp immediately, their Camp equipage unfortunately lays mostly under the Rice and I fear they will be deprived of that Cover for a Day or two There was a difficulty made about Landing the money untill the Freight was paid which Mr Welch said was not Customary however I hope to have accomodated the matter by Sending Mr Welch's receipt for the 100.000 Pagodas and making my self answerable for whatever Freight your Lordship &c had engaged to pay him and thus we hope to Land the money to morrow I have a letter from the admiral now off Portonovo dated the 6th where he mentions having had Intelligence off Ceylon that the Argonaut. Cleopatra & Seventy Frigates had been detached to Cuddalore he therefore stood to the Northward and Looked

From Genl Stuart giving an account of the Landing of Genl Bruce with the Detachment of the 15th & 16th Hanoverian Regts mentioning his having regretted the Admiral's Water at Portonovo instead of Madras

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in to the Roads here on the 6th and saw one Store Ship unloading nearly on the Surff, but that he had intelligence of 6 more under Convoy of this Ships. The admiral mentions to me the Receipt of my letter of the 17th of last month and hopes therefore that our operations are in a fair way, and adds the necessity he will be under to water at madras about the end of the present Month. Sir Edward says that besides the difficulties to water so large a Squadron any where else, he had reason to think the Inhabitants at Batticolloo, Portonovo or Cuddalore would be ... Hostile in any attempt he might make to supply himself there. I have wrote the admiral fully in answer & have taken upon me to assure him that in the hopes of the Southern Army moving towards the Coleroon I shall order such a force either to Nagapatam or to Portonovo as effectually to Cover the Watering of the Fleet. I have more over represented in such strong Colours to the admiral the fatal Consequences of mons.r Suffrens coming to anchor in the Roads here before our business was done, which would not be so easy or so expeditious now that their wants in provisions & Stores have been supplied. That I am in great hopes Sir Edward will be prevailed upon to water at Portonovo or somewhere between that and over present encampment. If so every thing will be as your Lordship &c.a could wish, For my part with this Army shall lose not an instant in effectually Carrying on the important Service we are now about. The Chief Engineer has been employed the whole of this day in making himself master of the Ground and

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Parts in front shew great Confidence in Colonel Ross's abilities and are resolved to begin our operations on Good and Sure ground after allowing the proportions requisite for that purpose & this is in effect no real loss of time we are mean while making famous and getting every thing in readyness. my principal anxiety is now the landing of our Rice and Stores it will be a very heavy work & will interfere with the Military Service be consequently almost the whole of the Lascarrs of the Army must be employed. in it we are now to eight days provisions of rice and nothing has been this day landed owing to the mistake of not sending a Boat on Shore the moment I hoisted the Corresponding Signal

I have the honour to be

My Lord &c

Your most Obedient &

Most Humble Servant

(Signed) Saml. Stuart

Camp S. of Cuddalore
8th of June 1783

My Lord &c

I have the honor of sending a Copy of my letter of yesterday date we have made a beginning to land our Rice. It is as I foresaw a very difficult Job without employing almost all the Lascars of the Army, but it is of the first necessity, and every thing turns upon it we are proposing

Genl Stuart Lr
part of the Rice & the Army
also some Arrack from the
Admiral requesting a further
supply of Rice & more Grain
as that received is expended
under the Date & thanks
for stating his opinion of the
proportion of Arrack to be
allowed to each Rank in
the 23d Regt of Dragoons

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preparing every thing in front and Expect that our first operation will be the possessing our selves of such part of the Bindadidge as is necessary for our approaches and driving the Enemy under the Guns of Cuddalore if not into the place itself. I guess they are puting heavy Guns on board the store Ships to make us if possible, money 50.000 is landed in Consequence of my letter to Capt.n Halliday and there is a quantity of arrack also landed from his majestys Ship the Active put on Board by the Honble Mr Cochrane for the use of the Army which Mr Hunewar they will take Charge of. The Rice now sent by Mr Cochrane is scarce worth the mentioning, but he writes that more will Come daily General Bruce shewed me yesterday a paper which I cannot now lay my hand upon mentioning the quantity of Grain, to the best of my recollection it is greatly under what is indented for. The quantity indented for as I think was at least 120 Madras Garce of which rec.d at Conjeeveram about 16 or 17. The remainder Expected by these Ships. This did not include the 23.d light Dragoons which will encrease the Demand by ¼ more. I beg therefore that your Lordships &c.a will be so good to give directions to the Agent to make up that quantity and to Send as much more as you can now that we are masters at Sea, the Same as to Rice. The Commissary of Stores has my orders to indent for 2 Field pieces or Galloping Carriages & Tumbrils which Captain Sydenham knows how to get in readiness to Send with the

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L.d Dragoons — We have here with the Cavalry above 120 dis.
mounted Sowars who will deserve to be put on horseback, they
are Steady good men. I am therefore to request that after his
majesty's 22.d Dragoons are Supplied the supernumerary horses
to that number be vested with that Board and the Commanding Officer
of Cavalry has sent Directions about their being taken care of
on the Road, but Major Sydenhams assistance will be much
wanted in this business likewise. I hope all the Cattle repaired
to me from Chinglapet and else where, are safe to Camp I
shall be able to give the Admiral some fresh provisions. and
with what I can get here concerning the Watering of the Fleet
we may thus Keep him longer for our protection

I have the Honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most Obed.t &
most Humble Servant
Sam.l Stuart

Camp S.t of Cuddelore
9th of June 1783

In the proportions of Horses for the Sowars Mis Mak.d 23.d L.d D.
belonging to H.M. 52.d Corps

Sum of Opinion.

That Col.o Floyd be allowed 3
Lt Coll.o Smith 2

S. S.

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The following is the substance of the French Letters enclosed in that from Genl. Stuart of the 6th Inst. from Monsr. Cossigny to Mr. de Bussy dated Nagar (Tidinour) the 15th April and 28th April 1783

Substance of the Letters from Mr. D. Cosigny Mr. Bussy —

The first Letter mentions the arrival of the French & Mysoreen Troops within 8 Leagues of Nagar — that he (the Comandt. of the French Troops) had been sent on the 6th April to Attack the Enemys Baniers & Redoubts & if possible to form a lodgement near the Fort — that he carried the Redoubts &c. obliged the Enemy to quit one of the Gates of which he took possession & immediately formed his Men that he carried the rear of their Works & the Gate: — arrived within pistol Shot of the Fort & took possession of a cross Street thirty or forty Paces in his rear, determined if the Enemy Sallied to charge them with the Bayonet that several skirmishes ensued in which tho' successful, he could proceed no further — He states General Matthews loss in that Day in Killed. wounded, & prisoners to amount to about 1638 & that the whole Garrison does not consist of more than 200 Europeans & 1500 or 1800 Sepoys

The second Letter from Mr. Cossigny to Mr. Bussy dated 28th April — advises the surrender of the Fort of Nagar on that Day by Capitulation — he

mentions

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mentions some of the Troops which are customarily granted that the Troops are to be conducted to Goa & from thence to Bombay & that the Europeans are not to serve during the War — he states the number of Men that the English had detached into the Bidenoor Country & the actual strength of the Garrison of Negar, at the time of its Capture, mentions the particulars of a Conversation he had with Tippoo Sultan previous to the Capitulation & gives his opinion of Genl Mathews Conduct in the Defence of Negar — that Tippoos Troops had retired Grave & Condescended & that Accts had been received of the fall of Mangalore on the 18th April

Read the following Letters from

Admiral Sir Edward Hughes

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee of

Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen

Cruising off Trincomale with the Squadron two English Prisoners escaped from one of the French Ships in Back Bay, and gave me information of the Arrival of 4 Store Ships having been dispatched on Thursday last to Cuddalore and return again with Troops to man the Ships of War which determined me to proceed to the East

From Sir Edward Hughes
Line of Battle Ship 2.
Frigate & 6 ships except
that of Back Bay & proceed
to Cuddalore he sails to
the East in Consequence
& chases 3 Ships but loses
sight of them in the Night
intends to look with Cuddalore
& then returns to his former
Station — left in Back Bay
12 French Sail of the Line
& 5 or 6. Store Ships

to

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after them and as they said I believe it proved having chased them
Sail all Yesterday to the Northward far as this place when
Night coming on lost sight of them they had all the appearance
of the Argonaut and two Frigates on their return, I
shall satisfy my self of it by sending in here for Intelligence
and if necessary looking in to Cuddalore then return to my
former station where I shall remain long as Circumstances will admit. and on my way to Madras look into
Cuddalore again where I hope nevertheless the Army with
my Naval Detachment has succeeded – I left 14 Sail
of the Line with 5 or 6 large Store Ships with Provisions
and Stores for the Army laying in Back Bay Trincomale

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t
humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes

Sufferd off Tranquebar
the 4th June 1783

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.t B.
President & Governor &c. Select Committee of
Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen

Since my Letter of the 4th wherein
You was acquainted of the Intelligence received which
determined me to come to the Northward last the
Detachment

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From Sir Edwd Hughes dated on board the Superb in Cuddalore Road - as joined by the Nassau on his return to the Southward will remain at the Mess the last possible moment but know of no Reason the Castor pebbles for leaving the Squadron the Crews of the last arrived Ships from Europe begin to be much affected with the Scurvy

Detachment of the Argonaut and Sirgates from the French Squadron to Cuddalore should consider the Operations of the Army I have looked into that Road and satisfied myself there was only one Store Ship good landing nearly on the Surf with a Boat to the Shore, on my return to the Southward Soon this Morning joined by the Nassau with your Letter of the 21st of last Month earnestly beseeching me to take such means as will render it unnecessary for me to return to Madras on or before the end of this Month which is long as our Water Stores and Provisions can be conveniently made to hold out there is no Water to be had at any other Place on the Coast or Ceylon for the Supply of so large a Squadron - at Batticolo and Portonovo they are the Friends of the French of course our Enemies Swift however I go at Tranquebar or Negapatam and You may depend hold out to the last possible Moment - Soon very happy to acquaint you the Crews of the Ships last arrived from Europe begin to be much affected with the Scurvy particularly the Gibraltar Inflexible Defence Africa & Bristol Nothing had arrived to Reinforce while I was off the Foreign Road or Trincomale I conclude the French Squadron and Store Ships will come this way as soon as convenient but Ships I will be my good Fortune while we can continue to the Southward to intercept them, I am much obliged to You for the List and State of the French Squadron which I have received before I believe from the same hand - I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obt & Hble Servant

Edward Hughes

Superb off Tranquebar
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The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor and Select Committee of

Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen

I am very sorry to inform you that

From the Admiral upon enquiry finds that the Squadron cannot be victualled at Tranquebar or hereabouts without great Risque and to Madras a number of with more of the Squadron & desires that all the re covered Men may be returned him the Ships stationed between Porto Novo & Cuddalore

I have not upon enquiry at Tranquebar found the Squadron can be victualled there or at Nagapatam without making three Divisions of it which cannot be risqued at the distance Mr Cochrane proposed while there is an Enemy so near in force probably ready and intending to come to the Northward for the support of their Army but what has rendered my Proceeding to the Southward again impracticable is the very sickly state of some of the Ships of the Squadron who fall down so fast with Scurvy and Scorbutic Ulcers, as to make an Hospital absolutely necessary to save as many of their lives as possible for that purpose I send in the Bristol who has herself so many putrid Ulcers as to become Contagious She brings 80 of the Gibraltars 50 from the Inflexible; Conveyance must be had for as many more from each Ship besides many others which I intend shall be the San Carlos, and both Ships to return to me immediately with as many recovered Men as the Hospital can send us, and if Mons.r Suffren appears before the reduction of Cuddalore (which is an event I hope not far distant) I must strip the Frigates to man the Ships of the

Line

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Sir:— Captain Halliday is between this place and Cuddalore, he sent the Active to sea this Morning with Letters which Ships I ordered to have immediately, as I shall not interfere with him in his Plans of Operations with the General; the Sea Cow has found only a few Saddles and some Powder on board which shall be taken out. — Nothing can recover the Sick of the late arrived Ships of the Squadron except Refreshments on Shore.

I have a Letter from Colonel Fullarton of the 15th of last Month, at Dindigul and congratulate You on his Success

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt
Humble Servant
(Signed) Edwd Hughes

Superb off Porto Novo
9th June 1783

I find the Sandwich Cleopatra and Coventry was only one Night at Cuddalore

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor and Select Committee of
Madras

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My Lord

I had the Honor of Your Lordships Letter by the Maidde. enclosing a Copy of the Court of Directors Letter and Cautionary Instructions to the Select

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From Sir Edward Hughes to the Presid.t acknowledges the receipt of the Court of Directors Letters &c of the cautionary Instructions will act conformably thereto & will write to Anjengo & send a Frigate to cruize off Tellicherry Road

Select Committee of Bombay for which I am much obliged to Your Lordship and may be assured I will take every proper measure to promote the Service there alluded to, which I cannot do better than by sending a Frigate to Cruize on my former Station off the Tellicherry Road and will besides write to Anjengo - though Your Lordships precaution will be sufficient I am sure to cause the Commanding Officer giving Ceylon a good Berth in his Passage to join me on this Coast, I have the Honor to be with great truth and Regard

My Lord

Your most Obedient
and humble Servant
Edw.d Hughes

Sufferd Porto Nova Road
9th June 1783

I find by Captain Troubridge a Party came down only last Night to cover the landing of the Troops &c and not before but that our Army is now within Cannon Shot of the Bound Hedge

The french Letters above dated corresponding as far as relates to the principal facts with the Intelligence received from other parts of the Surrender of Bidnore there is reason to apprehend that Tippoo Saib may return to the Carnatic before the reduction of Cuddalore unless the operations of our Army for that purpose should be prosecuted with more vigour and expedition than they have hitherto been; our

Letters

prosecuted

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Minute of the Committee respecting the operations against Cuddalore

Letters to General Stuart of the 26th May and 3d June contain the strongest exportations and remonstrances on this subject and as they were sent in duplicate they in all probability reached his hands before his last Letter was Dispatched he has not however Acknowledged the receipt of either of those Letters nor if received do they seem to have produced the least effect — Mr Suffrens having found means to throw provisions and Stores and perhaps Troops into Cuddalore tho watched by a Superior Squadron as we were apprehensive misfortune which no exertions nor foresight on this Committee would guard against, Sir Edward Hughes states it as impracticable that he should return to the Southward and his Letters give us room to apprehend that he will shortly bring the Squadron to this place for Water in which case Mr Suffrens will effectually relieve Cuddalore and the present Enterprize on this success of which every thing depends will be entirely Defeated — Sir Edward Hughes is continuing therefore with his Majestys Squadron at Cuddalore in order to Cooperate in the reduction of the place and to prevent further Succours from being thrown in to it is an object of the very last Importance and that nothing on our part may remain unplayed to effect it Resolved that every possible endeavor be used to convey both Water and provisions to the Squadron soon here and that the Indiamen in the Road this Winter bore Francis and Mansfield be held in readiness to proceed to Cuddalore and that

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that there be laden on each 200 Tons of Water and as much provisions besides as they can carry — Orders to be sent accordingly to the Commanders of those Ships and to the Master Attendant and his Agent that an Advertisement be issued requesting all who have Packs to lend or sell them to Government for the present important Service

Conformably to the foregoing Minutes and Resolutions agreed that the following Letter be written to Sir Edward Hughes

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.

Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in

India

Sir

To Sir Edw.d Hughes — the Comm.t are much concerned at the sickness which has broke out in his Squadron — requests that he will co-operate in the reduction of Cuddalore in the same Manner that he did in 1781. in the reduction of of Negapatn.m stating the necessity of an early one against Cuddalore with employ and desire to Encourage to convey to the Squadron supplies of Stored Provisions &.c &.c

We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 4th. 6th. and 9th. Instant and are much concerned at the sickness which lately broken out among the Crews of Some of your Ships

As you do not intend to proceed to Trincomalee We most earnestly request that you will together with the whole of his Majestys Squadron co-operate in the reduction of Cuddalore in the same manner as You did in the year 1781 in the reductions of Negapatam; such Cooperation is become the more essential as it cannot fail to accelerate the events of the Reduction the more necessary at present as the

advantages

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advantages gained by Tippoo Saib on the Malabar Coast
may enable him to bring or send in a short time so con-
siderable a force towards Cuddalore as might render its
reduction uncertain and it is therefore highly necessary
to bring about that Event before such Succour can
arrive — Your provisions with his Majesty's Squadron
in Cuddalore Roads cannot fail to destress and distract
both the besieged — to divide and distract their attention,
to receive their hope of further Assistance by Sea and to
weaken their desposition to long resistance as most likely
to be awaiting — or should they confiding on their European
force determine to sustain Assault the Assistance of
Your Marines on such an occasion might be of great
Importance

The Successful attempt of Monsieur de
Suffren to throw Succours into Cuddalore notwith-
standing the imminent Danger of their being intercepted
by his Majesty's Squadron may encourage him to
renew Such Attempt unless the actual possession of the Sea-
shore at Cuddalore shall render his succeeding a second
time totally impracticable

For the purpose of enabling you to remain
at Cuddalore as long as your provisions shall be necessary
we have determined to Employ considerable Tonnage in
transporting to you in that Road Stores provisions and

Water

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Water and we shall send orders to the Southward to supply you with every necessary article they can procure as well as Boats to convey Water to you from the Adjacent rivers and General Stuart will supply you with some fresh provision from the Stocks of the Army

We have the honor to be

&c

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The alarming Intelligence from the Malabar Coast renders it highly necessary that Colonel Fullarton Army should be Strengthened and that both he and Captain Edmonds should be Strictly on their guard against any attempt from Tippoo Saib Agreed therefore that a reinforcement of 200 Hannoverians (being all the Europeans that can possibly be spared) and 4 Six pounder field pieces be sent to Colonel Fullarton and that the following Letter be written to him

To Colonel Fullarton
Commanding the
Southern Forces

Sir

We have had the honor to receive Your Letter of the 12th May and have great Satisfaction in observing

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observing the spirit and public zeal which have distinguished

your entrance on your Command

You will long since have heard of the dangerous

situation of our Affairs on the Malabar Coast and of the reports

of the actual Surrender of Bidenoor and the Capture of

General Mathews and the Troops under his Command —

should this Event have already taken place there is reason

to apprehend that Tippoo Saib may make your Army

his next object and as it has been represented as insufficient

to oppose him with any hope of success we trust you have taken

every prudent precaution adapted to your situation and you

may be assured that we shall consider such precautions as

meritorious as we should actual Reinforcements where

there are means to accomplish them

Should the present expedition against

Cuddalore prove successful we shall order such a reinforce-

ment to your Army as will make it equal to every purpose

in the mean which we hope to be able in a few days to detach

you 200 Europeans which are all we can at present possibly

spare together with 6 Lacs Pounds

Sir Eyre Coote will have made you

acquainted with the contents of our late dispatches to Anjengo

by which you will perceive there is a chance that you may

be reinforced from thence but we think it too uncertain

to influence your present measures

we

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We have the honor to be

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Mr Sadlier delivers in the following Minute

Having in the first Instance disapproved
of the Revocation of the discretionary powers to General
Stuart with respect to Colonel Fullarton's Army, even
before we were confirmed now almost beyond doubt, of
the Loss of Bidenore & the Capture of Mathews &
events more than ever seeming to convene me of the
Propriety of Genl Stuarts Sentiments with respect
to the operations of Colonel Fullarton I am against
urging the Prosecution of Colonel Fullarton's Plan
in the manner proposed & for adopting what General
Stuart Recommends in his late Letters. The
existence of an Army in the Field in any operation
depends on our Success against Cudalore & the attainment
of that Object every secondary consideration should give
place

The possession of Dindagul affords an
excellent Barrier to our Southern possessions and no time
I think should be lost in securing those Passes &
providing for the Safety of those Garrisons which are

now

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now so trained All Accounts agree that there is little Store of Provisions or Stores in them or with Colonel Fullarton so that in case of Tippoo going in Force against the Army little can be expected from it in the way of defence And such is the Seat of its operations that I judge it the Most likely Route for Tippoos Army if he should determine on his Return to the Carnatic for the Relief of the French at Cuddalore

A. Sadleir

The President delivers in the following minute

The President has the honor to observe to the Committee that Mr Sadleir in the Paper containing his Dissent to the Draught of a Letter to Colonel Fullarton has happened to mistake the Conduct of the Committee towards Major General Stuart in relation to the Discretionary Powers given him Those Powers were required by him for Reasons and on Conditions which as appeared by a Letter and Enclosure to which Mr Sadleir assented were totally overlooked by General Stuart and the Letter to which Mr Sadleir has dissented was no otherwise a Revocation of such Discretionary Powers than as it called back the General to his own Declarations and per mean on obtaining it, and that it Secured the Committee against

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against any further Breach of such Promise by the Precaution of desiring his Orders to Colonel Fullarton to be sent thro' the Committee with his Reasons for them that those Orders might be executed if conformable to the Original Principles on which the Power of giving Such Orders was granted and that the Orders already given Should be countermanded until it should be found that such Orders were so conformable Mr. Sadleir is likewise mistaken in his Conception of the Scope of the Letter to which he has now expressed his Dissent on the Ground of its urging the Prosecution of Colonel Fullartons Plan. It being on the Contrary a Letter expressly written for the purpose of putting him on his Guard and urging him to Precaution as to the Prosecution of any Plan that the Sudden March towards him of Tippoo Saheb might render Dangerous; a March which Tippoos late Success towards the Coast of Malabar might enable and induce him to undertake and a Precaution which the Letter could not more Strongly recommend than by declaring that it would be considered to be as meritorious as actual Enterprize when the means for Enterprize are not Sufficient.

The President is authorised from a consideration of the Number State Disposition and Supply

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Supply of the Army under Major General Stuart com-
-paratively with those of the Enemy. Troops in a Place
allowed to be untenable to believe and he is warranted by
the Generals own repeated Declarations to apprehend that the
latter must yield to the former. Those Declarations were
made before the Arrival of a Reinforcement he Since has
received Which must render his Success not only more sure
but if he pleases more quick. The General does not even
pretend that the Junction of Colonel Fullarton's Troops
is not otherwise necessary than in the case of the Return
of Tippoo Saheb into the Carnatic. Tippoo Saheb left
the Carnatic for no other Reason than because our
Troops penetrated into his Dominions. It is possible
that while any of our Troops continue to make a progress
in any Part of his Dominions, that upon the Same principle
he will not return to the Carnatic - If Colonel Fullarton
retreated from Tippoo Country the latter could not any
longer, whatever might be his inclination to remain at home
for the Preservation and Settlement of his Extensive Terri-
tories and dubious Dominions to avail himself of the
Cause in favor of his quiet Possession of them in the
Maharatta Treaty, avoid yielding to the Solicitations or
Neglect coming to the Relief of his Allies the French-
The more important the Success of the
Expedition against Cuddalore is likely to prove the
more

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move the Committee should endeavour to prevent Tippoo from being tempted or persuaded or at leisure, to return to the Carnatic to impede it. The Seige of such a Place as Cuddalore declared by General Stuart and indeed universally acknowledged to be incapable of Defence cannot be protracted unless by some Delusive and fatal System of Delay which instead of producing Certainty of Success against an Enemy spurred upon as the French are gives time for the production of accidents which may be favorable to them and perhaps even the Arrival of Succours or supplies, and will deprive the General of the Co-operation of the Fleet, of which the Presence alone near Cuddalore must alarm the Enemy deaden their hope of Relief wear them their Disposition to Resistance and induce their speedy Surrender

Colonel Fullertons Army is now supposed to be about Two hundred Miles from Cuddalore The March of an Army in a Direction opposite to which it has made Preparations and on the Reverse of a Plan already Combined must wait to take the Precautions which the New Plan Suggests and to overcome the Obstructions and Delays against which no Provision had been made. The Retrograde March of the Army would be so Slow, as that it would not arrive in time at Cuddalore: but it would restore to the

Enemy

Enemy, without any Efforts or Risk on their Part or any Division from their other Pursuits a Country which affords Resources to the Possession of it, it would encrease the Confidence of the Enemy and produce the Opinion in the minds of the People aimed at by Tippoo that the advantages gained by him in one place, are decisive of his Superiority and of the Weakness of the Companys Arms in every Place Our Opinion operative upon their fluctuating Attachments. The Steady Countenance to be shewn by our Troops does not exclude but on the Contrary it warrants the Proper Precautions which Colonel Fullarton no Doubt would have taken were without the Committees Recommendation, but Extension of the Committees expecting more Enterprize than the Circumstances may allow The more Critically he is situated whatever may be his future Destination the more he requires the early Reinforcement the Committee can send him. If it were possible to suppose that after all he should be overtaken and defeated by Tippoo Sahib and that such a Panic and such an Attack should have obtained Tippoo so long from the Carnatic as to occasion the fall of Cuddalore & the Capture of the French before he could arrive after those Events to their Relief, the Gain occasioned by the Loss would more than compensate for it and the great Object the Expulsion of the French would be obtained.

Bengal

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Dindigul which Mr Sadlier mentions as an excellent Barrier to the Southern Provinces is better defended by the Presence of Colonel Fullartons Army near it and ready to cover it if necessary, and the Revenues of the Country and Possession of the Garrisons are better covered and secured by an Army advanced and placed between them and the Enemy than by exposing them to that Enemy on the Army's retreating a hundred Miles from them as well as from the Enemy

Resolved that the following Letter be written to Capt. Edmonds

To Captain Edmonds
Commanding the
Expedition on the Coromandel
& Coddapah Countries
Sir

To Captn Edmonds informing him to be Watchful on his guard against any Surprize & to furnish the Comm.r with every Intelligence he can procure of Tippoo's Motions

We have received Your Letter of the 28th Ult. and are much pleased with the Success which has attended your operations in the reduction of the Fort of Cummum

We conclude you must have heard of the Dangerous situation of Affairs on the Malabar Coast and of the Reports of the Actual Surrender of

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of Bednore should this Event have taken place there is reason to apprehend that Tippoo Saib will soon turn his attention to the recovery of the possessions that have been wrested from him on other parts and as your force is too inconsiderable to oppose any large Detachment from his Army We recommend it to you to be constantly on your guard and to take such precautions as may ensure you a safe retreat in case that measure should become necessary

We desire also that you will use your utmost endeavours to obtain and transmit to us Intelligence of the [illegible] of Tippoo Saib and particularly with regard to the truth or [illegible] report of the Surrender of General Matthews

We are
Sir
Your

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The Committee taking into consideration the General Letter of the 6th Instant with the one to him from Lieutenant Colonel Ross inclosed and [illegible] are equally convinced of the Propriety of Tippoo Saib and particularly with regard to the truth or [illegible] report of the Surrender of General Matthews

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Minute of the Comm[itte]e on Lt Col. Ross's complaint of Col. Nixons supersession

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for rank by referring it in very favorable terms to the Court of Directors but as he has thought proper to renew it without waiting the result of that reference and to make the promotion of Colonel Nixon a subject of Complaint as an Injury to him we disagreed that General Stuart be furnished with an Extract of the Companys General Letter of the 23d March 1780 which contains their Appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Ross and their Establishment of the Corps of Engineers in which it is expressly ordered that the Chief Engineer shall rank as Lieutenant Colonel and to that Degree that the first Officer in that Corps shall be confined Colonel Ross could not be ignorant of the footing on which he entered into the Companys Service and if he really supposed that the Chief Engineer was to rise in the general line of the Army it is remarkable that this should be his first Complaint of Supercession Altho other Officers have been promoted to the Rank of Colonels who were Juniors to him at the time of his Appointment to the Station of Chief Engineer If Lieutenant Colonel Ross held that rank when Colonel Nixon was only a Captain he should on the other hand answer that Officer was a Captain when we had no rank whatsoever in the Companys Service

Read the following Letters

This

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of Madras

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr. Cuthbert requesting the Council that the Months Provisions for the Squadron may be ready to be shipped whenever they shall furnish Ships to convey them

I am directed by Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes Knight of the Bath and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Squadron in the East Indies to inform You there is a proportion of four Months Provisions for the Squadron now ready to be shipped in part, or in whole as requisite warning on such Ships as you may appoint to carry it to the said Squadron

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Madras the 9th June 1783

Arthr Cuthbert

Agent for Victualling His Majestys Ships &c

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c Council of

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I beg leave to acquaint you that

there are a Number of Casks & quantity of Cordage & other Naval

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From Naval Storekr
requesting likewise Conveyance
for a number of Cables
& a Quantity of Cordage
for the use of the Squadron

Naval Stores that the Squadron is greatly distressed
from the want of ready to send to sea whenever you will
be pleased to find a Conveyance

I am with great respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
Wm
Naval Storekeeper

Fort St. George
10th June 1783

Agreed that his Majestys Agent Victualler and
Naval Storekeeper be respectively informed of our
resolution for sending the Indiamen above mentioned
to the Squadron and that the Commanders will be
Ordered to receive whatsoever Stores and provisions
they may tender to them for his Majestys Squadron

The President lays before the Committee
the following Translation of a Letter which he has
received from Mr. de Bussy in answer to the Letter
which his Lordship wrote to him on the Subject of
Cartel

Translation)

My Lord.

I have received the letter you honored
me with on the 11th Instant, dated in Fort St. George

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From M. Bussy is willing to establish a Cartel for the Exchange of Prisoners provided the Admiral be included on condition he binds himself in favour of the English Prisoners who are delivered to Hyder Naik to exert themselves to engage the Dutch to conclude a similar Cartel — mention that none of our Prisoners have been sent from the Island

I flatter myself you are fully convinced that I am possessed of those Sentiments of humanity which induce all European Nations to alleviate the Calamities of War: my Ideas on this Subject are on every respect conformable to yours and in acting agreeably to them, our Conduct cannot but be approved of by our Sovereigns. You must conceive my Surprize when on my arrival at the Isle of France I perceived that their Intentions were not complied with in India — Of course My Lord I am willing to accept of the Exchange you have proposed to me on the part of your Government with the Concurrence of Sir Edward Hughes Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Ships in these Seas for the respective Prisoners of the two nations in India on the same terms as the Exchange in Europe — Permit me to observe that the Prisoners of your Nation who were sent to our Islands all remain there till this present time except one single person who obtained permission to proceed to Europe On my passage to the Isle of Bourbon they preferred requests which I thought it not proper to comply with — before I settled with you the terms of a Cartel — The Prisoners taken by M. de Suffren Commander in Chief of the Ships of His Most Christian Majesty from your Nation are not at my disposal — This Commander was under the necessity of confiding them

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His

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them to the Protection of an Ally of France but he adopted this measure not until the Exchange which he had proposed was refused — and had forewarned that such Refusal would render the Proceeding unavoidable as the letter he had the honor of addressing to you on the 11th April last fully sets forth —

It appears then My Lord that all that lies in my power to do in favor of the Prisoners whom Mons. de Suffren was obliged to deliver over to Hyder Ally Cawn, is through the means of representation to his Son, and the Demands my Heart may dictate, because these Prisoners are no longer in my power I promise you sincerely that I will interest myself most warmly in their behalf — In the meantime I see no obstacle to delay the Exchange of those who are at this present time in our hands respectively.

As to the Dutch Prisoners I am sure with you that they ought to be included in the Exchange, but the Commandant of the Dutch Troops no doubt has authority from his Superiors to effect an Exchange of the Prisoners of his Nation agreeable to the Cartel which in all likelihood has taken place in Europe if it should not prove so I will exert myself very earnestly to conclude with the Government of Batavia the Exchange of the Dutch who are Prisoners with you

In

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In a word. I am convinced my Lord that your Sentiments of Humanity (unprivate) and those of your Nation in general are perfectly comfortable to my own and those of my Nation — We shall agree without difficulty to liberate the Prisoners that are respectively in our power and this Proceeding as your Excellency observes shall be cautious on all times and circumstances which the War may render favorable to the unhappy objects —

I have the honor to remain with Sentiments of the most perfect regard

My Lord

Your very humble and very obedient Servant

(Signed) Bussy

Camp at Mangeauncour
24th May 1783

To Lord
French Transl.

I the President proposes to write to Monsr de Bussy that the return of the English Prisoners delivered to Hyder Ally Khan is a demand of right on the part of Mr Bussy, as the Prisoners were only sent for convenience as safely under the care of another which motives no longer operating that effect in case of a Cartel. and Hyders Son having no claim to detain Prisoners he or his Father did not make their Exchange as a necessary consequence of the Cartel. of which this Presidency

those

must

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must consider it a breach. if those Prisoners be not returned as shortly as the Nature of the circumstances will permit. for the Ally of France cannot have the least reason in this case to refuse them

That in this persuasion of the return of the Prisoners and in the determination that no delay shall intervene in the relief of the respective Prisoners as no precaution of Humanity overlooked by the Representatives of the English Nation all the Prisoners taken in the Service of France shall without delay be sent in Cartel Ships to Monsieur Bussy from whom all the English Prisoners will be expected to be sent here immediately making out a Statement of the Ranks & numbers of the several Prisoners respectively so as that the balance on which ever side it may turn may be afterwards settled in Europe according to the Regulations already made and that all Prisoners made in future shall on both sides be like wise restored on the same terms and as soon as the circumstances of the times may happen to allow — That Mons.r de Bussy may be likewise informed that the same Conditions are ready to be made as to the Dutch Prisoners either with him or the Representative of that Nation who shall announce his consent to such an Agreement —

The Committee approve of which the President proposes

to

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to Mr Du Bury and request of his Lordship to cause the
Letter to be Dispatched to him and the French Prisoners to be sent
to Jaffna Mala or Cuddalore at whatever time he shall
Judge most proper

The President Laye before the Committee the
following Letter and enclosure from Lieutenant Colonel
Stones

Enclosure Letter from him of the 1st June and
Enclosures from Lieut. Taylor

To the Right Honble the President and
Select Committe Fort St. George
My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor of sending you
inclosed a Letter delivered to me by Capt Du Pont Commanding
the first Battalion of Grenadiers desiring that it might be
laid before your Lordships and the Select Committee
I have the honor to be with Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedt
Humble Servant
Thos Stones
Lt. Col.

From Col. Stones —
enclosing Letter from
several Officers laying
their Claim to a Share
of the Prize Money
taken at Trincomalee

Ellore
1st June 1783

Army

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Government having thought proper to Send part of the Army Cantoned at Ellore against Oppanow Rajah of Nuzzeed

Major Lysaght with the 1st and 2d Battalions of Grenadiers commanded by Captains Dupont & Roberts were Sent on that Service & the Major Judged it expedient to detach Captn Dupont with the first Battalion towards Ragapore in Order to intercept the Rajah Should he take that Raud and kept with him the 2d Battn & one Company of the first

While Captn Dupont was employed on that Service by much the most fatiguing, having a march of above thirty Miles to make thro' a country covered with Jungle. The Major with the 2d Battn and the Company of the first arrived at the Fort which they found evacuated—

We therefore beg leave to lay our pretensions before the Select Committee whether we are not equally entitled with the 2d Battn and the Company of the first to a moiety of the Prize money found at

Nuzzeed

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Muzzled Horses as the Company belonging to the first Battalion above mentioned has received a Share of the said Prize money.

This being the case we the Undermentioned Officers think it our Duty and for the Good of the Service to represent this to the Select Committee Not Inasmuch on our account as that of our men. who Suffered by much the greatest fatigue of the Expedition and whom we are Sorry to See excluded from what we consider their Due

We have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Every Humble Servants
John Du Pont Capt.
Alx Taylor Lt.
I Durand Lieut.
John Reid Adjt.
Christr Lysaght Ens.

Clare
this 1st June 1783

(Signed)

The Committee having taken into Consideration the Transaction related in the foregoing Letter Minute thereon to Colonel Innes Resolve that the following Letter be written on the subject be written to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam

To

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To James Daniel Esqr

Chief & Council of

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam — expressing the Comm.rs Surprize at Major Lysaghts Making any Division of the Prize Money taken at Mangeed which legally belongs to the Company - desiring them to investigate the matter & to require Major Lysaght pay the full amount of the property in to the Company's Treasury

We transmit you Copies of a Letter and enclosure which our President received some Days ago from Colonel Jones and cannot avoid expressing our Surprize at having received no advices from you of the extraordinary transaction therein allowed to your Board nor Neither Major Lysaght can be ignorant that it is only when Forts are taken by storm that the Booty belongs exclusively to the Captors they have no more right to Grain or other property found in places evacuated than to Grain found on the open Country but admitting there were any room for Doubt or Discussion on this point Major Lysaghts and the Officers who were with him taking possession of the property found in Mangeed and desiring at among themselves without any sanction or Authority but their own Decision was a proceeding totally irregular and Subversive of all good order and Discipline

We desire you therefore immediately to investigate this matter and report to us your opinion thereon and on the mean which of the Forts regarding the capture have been as stated in the enclose Letter you will call upon Major Lysaght

to

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to pray you to lay before the Committee of the foregoing Letter from Captain Black and let it remain on your Treasury for our discussion regarding it

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

& Humble Servant

Fort St. George

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The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from Captain Black

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Capt. Black encloses a Return of Horses brought by him from Bengal requests that the Coming will issue Orders for the payment & return to Bengal of the Black Officers &c who accompanied him & that they will give him an Order for eight thousand Rupees

I have the Honor to Acquaint Your Lordship &c of my Arrival at your Presidency with a Detachment of Cavalry from Bengal a Return of which I have the Honor to enclose your Lordship &c Permit me therefore to beg that you will do me the Honor to send me such instructions relative to them, as your Lordship &c may think necessary

I have the honor further to Acquaint Your Lordship &c that I was Authorized by the Hon'ble the Governor General & Council of the Presidency at Fort William to provide the Sick & Horse Keepers three Months Wages or

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on their Arrival here exclusive of their Pay during their
March Round, and their passage back to Bengal, either by
Sea or Land as their respective Casts led them to Chuse
I therefore hope your Lordship &c will issue such Orders
as will enable me to fulfil my engagement to these people.
The Black officers Cavalry and Troopers who Accompanied
me are also Ordered to return to their Duty in Bengal.
I therefore Request your Lordship &c will issue an Order
respecting their joining in the most convenient manner.

As I had not an opportunity of procuring Cash
Sufficient to defray the Necessary charges on the Road I
took up such things as were wanting, and gave Bills pay-
able on my Arrival here. I therefore entreat your
Lordship &c will give me an order to Receive Eight
thousand Arcot Rupees which will be Sufficient for
the different purposes of paying the people who Accompanied
me, and of taking up those Bills on being presented for
payment. I Request also Your Lordship &c will issue
Orders for myself, the Officers & Sergeant who Accompanied
me to Join our Corps on Bengal

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient &
Most Humble Servant
Sam.l Black
Capt.n Cavalry

Madras
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The President informs the Committee that He desired Capt.
Black to Deliver to General Sir Johon Burgoyne as
many horses as He wanted for his Majesty's 22d Regiment
of Dragoons and to send the remainder under the Charge
of Harry (the horse Jockey) in order that they might be taken
care of and sent to Europe and the President thinks it right
to lay before the Committee the following Letter on the
subject of the Horses from Sir Johon Burgoyne

(My Lord)

I have the honor to send your Lordship
the return Major Sydenham informed me you wanted
by which you will see I have to return Capt. Black
83 horses — I expect daily to get Horse sold with some horses
from the North but as I do not know their number I
have not included them in the return — when they
Arrive I must return an equal Number — you will
observe I have kept horses for the six pounders Tumbrils
& Large Cart — I have also sent a Letter for the Select
Committee on the subject of horses for myself which
I think your Lordship must in Justice acknowledge
I ought to have — I am sorry to add that on a strict in-
spection of the horses there is not above three of the whole
number which have not sore backs Above 100 of which
I

Sir Johon Burgoyne
Complaining that all
the Horses from Bengal
have sore backs

he

must

horses

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I am convinced must not be mentioned for at least a Month to come; it a grievous disappointment and what I never expected

I am my Lord Your Lordships
Most Obedient Humble Servt
J. Burgoyne

A Comme. Ordered to examine & Report the Condition of the Horses

As it would appear from the foregoing Letter that the horses have been delivered by Captain Black in bad Condition (not above three on the Whole Number without Sore backs) it is agreed that a Committee be appointed to examine and report the state and Condition of the horses Delivered by Captain Black to Major General Sir John Burgoyne and that the said Committee consist of Lieutenant Colonel Floyd Lieut Colonel Kennedy and Lieut Orr - and it is agreed that General Burgoyne be informed of this Resolution

Eight Thousand Rupees to be paid to Captain Black

Agreed that the Military Paymaster be Directed to pay Captain Black the Sum of 8000 Arcot Rupees for the Expences mentioned in his Letter and that it be carried to the debit of Bengal Presidency

Read the following Letter from Captain Oldham enclosing Copy of one of 29th Sept. to General Stuart complaining of being superseded in the disposal of Sepoy Corps

To

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

It is Painful to me to trouble Your Lordships &c about the Situation and feelings of an Individual when I conceive your time must be fully employed in Matters of Public and general importance but a Soldier of Seventeen Years Service without Censure many Occasions in Actual and trying Occasions and Whose Conduct at all times in the Field has met the Approbation of his Employers, has a Claim to the Attention of that Government whom he hath thus long and thus faithfully served

The Accompanying Copy of my Letter to the Commander in Chief of the 29th Sept. 1782 together with my Letter to Your Lordships &c. bearing Date the 27th of March last sufficiently express my present wishes and Requests

Major General Stuart Put on the Semblance of friendly Regard when he Pretended that my ill health was the Reason why he did not Recommend me to the Command of a Battalion of Sepoys

From Capt. Oldham enclosing Copy of a Letter from him to the General complaining of the Insecurity of his situation in not being permitted to take the Field by Junior Officers obtaining the Command of Battalions

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Sepoys because the Active Duties of Such a Situation would in his Opinion Soon Put an end to my existence

I expressed My wish at that time and Now Repeat that my own Report be taken for my own Situation in Point of health, Thank God my health is Sufficiently equal to the execution of all Military Duties incident to my Rank on any Service to which Your Lordship &c may be Pleased to Call me and Cannot avoid expressing My Surprise at the Scruples of the Commander in Chief on the Score of Bodily incapacity Circumstanced As he is, that was the last Footing on which he Should have grounded an Objection I submit the whole to the Consideration of the Honble the Select Committee & Most Respectfully Request to be honoured with an Answer which will highly oblige

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful and

Obedient Servant

John Oldham

Madras
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To Major Genl Sr Stuart

Commander in Chief

Sir

Without intruding on Your time I beg leave

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to mention to you my Situation as an Officer —
With a good deal of experience & some Services in my
favour and a Professional Character I believe un-
exceptionable, it has been my unhappy Lot not
only to find myself Superseded on the Dispersal of
Sepoy Corps but left unemployed at an Active War useless
and unemployed at Madras —

I have frequently mentioned my
Situation to Sir Eyre Coote but notwithstanding his
intentions expressed to me on those Occasions in the
variety of more important affairs I remain Still
disappointed — Impressed with an Ardent desire
of being usefully employed I most to Your Honour
importunately for an opportunity of asserting Myself
and of Shewing how far I have deserved this Neglect
which I have so long Suffered in Silence
I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Oldham

Madras
29th September 1783 Copy

Read the following Letters as entered in
Miscellany Book Vol.
from Lieutenant Pain representing his
Services

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Miscellany Papers with the Resolutions thereon

Services on which he was employed by Sir Eyre Coote and requesting that a provision may be made for him

From Captain Tod of the Ship Busbridge enclosing Bill for Wine expended for the use of the sick Troops on board his Ship amounting to Pags 165 and requesting payment

From Captain Hoar a Bill for the maintainance of 9 Hanoverian Officers at St Salvadore; amounting to £7.. 6.. and a Bill for Wine for the use of the Sick Troops on board his Ship amounting to 56 Pags

From the Surgeon of the Roundisel with Bill for the Expenditure of medicine for the Sick of the Kings Troops on board that Ship amounting to £6.. 10.. 6..

From 5 Ensigns Passengers on the duke of Athol, stating their Losses from the distinction of that Ship. and requesting an Advance of Pay

From Surgeon of the 23d Regt requesting Payment for extraordinary diet Expence of the Hospital amounting to Star Pagodas 169.. 30.. 16..

From Mrs Mamony requesting that Bills on the Honble Court of Directors or Bengal may be granted her for Payment of a Company Bond to the amount of Pagodas 3000 — Due to her deceased husband

From the Militia and Store keeper requesting That

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That the Exchange of 400 Arcot Rupees for each 100 Pags
may be allowed him for the Bills granted him on Bengal

On the foregoing Applications resolved
as follows

That Copy of Lieut. Paris's Letter be sent
to General Stuart and that the General be desired to
inform him whether the situation he was employed for the
Services he allowed to if the General Stuart) should see
no particular Objection for it

That Captain Toad's Bill for 165 Pags
be paid in Bills on Bengal at the Buzar Exchange

That Captain Hoare's Bill for the Subsis-
tance of the Hanoverian Officers cannot be granted
but his Bill for Wine for the sick amounting to Star
Pagodas 56 be paid him in Bills on Bengal at the
Buzar Exchange

That the Surgeon of the Bountiful be
paid his Bill of for the sick Troops in the same
Manner

That the Military Paymaster be ordered
to advance to the 5 Ensigns 50 Star Pagodas each
on account of the pay and take their Receipts for the
same

That

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That Mrs Mowatt be acquainted her Request cannot be complied with as the Treasury would not admit of discharging the demands that would be made by others on a similar Predicament with herself for the exchange of 400 Arcot Rupees for each 100 Pagodas

That the Military Storekeepers requests be complied with but that he be acquainted for the future Whatever Bills he may receive there will be made out at the Buyer Exchange

Ordered that the Garrison Storekeeper pay Mr Solomon Van Reeden Star Pagodas for the 30 Leagers of Arrack received of him

Resolved that the Surgeon of the 23d Regiment be informed his Request for the discharge of the extraordinary diet expence of the Hospital cannot be granted & that on his Conversation with the President nothing passed that could authorize him to make such a demand all that was said on the occasion was that should any extraordinary Sickness prevail in any of the Regiments the Committee would & then take such Care in Consideration & grant Some Reasonable Allowance for the same over and above the rate settled in Mr Pasleys time for the Sick of his Majestys Troops

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The following to be issued in General Orders

Mr Agnew returns with his Rank

Mr Patrick Agnew returned with his Rank in

their Establishment

Pistol

Messrs Hinchman & Bristol Offrs. Consigns

Messrs Hans Hinchman and John Bristol

being desirous of entering into the Company's Service

being cordially will recommended agreed they be admitted

Cadets & appointed Ensigns

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1.st

In consequence of the resolution of yesterday relative to Casks —

The following Notice is now issued —

Notice for Water Casks the Men of the Fleet

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee having came to the Resolution of sending as large a Supply of Water as possible to the Fleet and having appointed Ships for that purpose will be obliged to such of the Inhabitants of the Settlement as have Casks fit to contain Water, if they will lend them for this Service and Government will account to them for their Value, or return them whichever they chuse. The Inhabitants who have the means (and the Select Committee are convinced that no one will be found to want the Inclination) to assist the public Service on this important Occasion will be pleased immediately to give Notice to the Master Attendant of the No.r of Casks they can Supply, who will send for them and grant Receipts — accordingly —

By Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee —

Fort S.t George
12.th June 1783.

To Captain Richard Snow
Commander of the Honble Company's Ship
Minerton

Sir,

I am directed by the Right honble the President

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that

To the Commanders of the 12th Winterton Francis and Montagu to have their Ships in readiness to proceed to Cuddalore and to receive on Board Stores Provisions & water, for the use of the Fleet

Sir

President and Select Committee to desire that you will hold your Ships in readiness to proceed to Cuddalore Roads and that you will receive on board what soever Stores provisions and water shall be tendered to you by his Majestys Agent Victualler and naval Storekeeper and the Master attendant for the use of his Majestys Squadron.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

your Most Obed.t Servant

Fort St George
12th June 1783.

(Signed) John Hudleston Jun.r

The Same to the Commander of the Francis & Montague

To Arthur Cuthbert Esq.r

Agent for Victualling his Majestys Ships &c.a

To Messrs. Cuthbert & Smith informing them that the Francis Winterton and Montagu are ordered to proceed to Cuddalore and to receive on Board whatever Stores or Provisions they may tender

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant and to inform you in answer that they have resolved to send the Honble Companys Ships Winterton Francis and Montague to Sir Edward Hughes in Cuddalore Roads with Stores provisions and Water for his Majestys Squadron and that Commanders of those Ships will be ordered to receive on board whatsoever provisions tender to them for the said Squadron.

Stores

you may

I have the Honor to be

Sir

your Most Obed.t Servant

Fort St George
12th June 1783.

(Signed) John Hudleston Jun.r

The same to Messrs Smith the Naval Storekeeper with the Difference of the Ward Stores instead of Provisions

or provisions

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12th.

To Colonel Floyd

Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy

and Lieutenant Orr

Gentlemen,

To Col: Floyd, Lt. Col: Kennedy, and Orr, advising them of their being appd a Committee to examine & report the State of the Horses delivrd by Capt. Black to Sir John Burgoyne.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You that they have been pleased to appoint You a Committee to examine into and report to them the State and Condition of the horses lately delivered by Captain Black to Major General Sir John Burgoyne for the use of his Majestys 23d Regiment of light Dragoons, and to desire that You will proceed to execute this Service with all convenient expedition —

I have the honor to be —

Sir

Your Most Obed. Servt —

Fort St George
12th June 1783.

/ Signed / John Hudleston
Sec.y

Sent to the Captain of the General Coote & the Surgion of the Bountiful Orders for Bills on Bengal for the arrival of their respective Bills, for wine & Medicaines Supplied the Sick in those Ships — —

Sent the following Letter to the Surgion of the 23d. Regiment of Dragoons — —

To Mr. Mc Cullock

Surgion of the 23d. Regiment of Dragoons

To the Surgion of the 23d. Regt. of Dragoons informing him that his extraordinary Charge for the Hospital cannot be complied with —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You that the extraordinary Charge for the expence of the Hospital, cannot be complied with, and

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12.th That in regard to your Conversation with the President nothing passed that could authorize you to make such a Demand; all that was said on the Occasion, was that Should any extraordinary Sickness prevail in any of the Regiments, the Committee would then take such Case into Consideration and grant Some reasonable Allowance for the Same, over & above the rate Settled in Mr. Bailey's time for the Sick of his Majestys Troops —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Servant

Fort S.t Georg.
12.th June 1783.

/Signed/ John Huddleston Sec.y

Sent Letter to Mr. Mahony as entered in MB

Mr. Mahony cannot comply with the request contained in her letter of the 29.th Ultimo

informing her that the Select Committee cannot comply with the request contained in her Letter of the 29.th Ultimo —

Sent Letter to Doure Dunbar, white Edwards & Mackenzie as entered in MB

Messrs. Doure Dunbar White Edwards & Mackenzie allowed 50 Pagodas on Account —

adviseing

Sent Letter to Mr. Mahony as entered in MB of the Select Committee to allow them 50 Star Pagodas each on Accounts of their pay, in Consequence of the Loss they have Sustained by the Explosion of the Duke of Atholl Indiaman —

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13.th Received the following Letter from the Commanding Officer of Calamcottah & Madura — —

Letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President & Governor &c. Select Committee, Fort S.t George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I had this day the Honor to receive your Letter of the 24.th Ultimo directing me to Suspend the

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Fort St George, June 1783

From Capt. Gibbings will support the Amildar and obey every order of the Committee.—

13th instant Amildar and his Servants, under the Inspection of Mr. Irwin, in the Districts under my Command I will continue to support him, as I have hither to done, to the utmost of my power, and beg leave to assure you that I will implicitly obey every order the Right Honble the President & Select Committee shall please to honor me with.—

I have the honor to be with the great Respect.

Madura 16th May 1783.

My Lord and Gentlemen.

(Duplicate)

Your Most Obedient

and Most humble Servant

(Signed) Robert Gibbings.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

My Lord,

From Dr. writing the Carnatic Peons allowed the Renter may be put under his Command and paid by the Company's Paymaster.

I wrote you yesterday enclosing your Lordship a Return of the Seapoys Entertained for the use and assistance of the Renter agreable to the Orders sent me by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee dated the 5th June 1782 and I acquainted you that Colonel Fullarton had appointed three Officers to discipline those people without his knowing that it cannot be done without Injury to the Renter, for he cannot manage his business without them, and they cannot be disciplined while dispersed all over the Country in the manner they are. An Adjutant me in getting reports of them and in making a Return &c. &c. is all the Officers that are necessary. I am informed that the Renter is allowed a large Sum at Money for Carnatick Peons, Provided those Peons are put under My Command, to be paid by the Company Paymaster and Returns & Reports of them made to me, as of the Seapoys, I could make them assist in the Collections, and

discipline

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13th pursuing the Sepoys and make good Troops of them at least as good as this Country will afford, for the best of the Sepoys entertained there will desert. If Ordered to the Northward of Madura, therefore very improper to compliat other Battalions from. I request your Lordship will be pleased to favor me with your pleasure relative to what I wrote you day & to day have wrote you. —

I am My Lord
your Lord Ships
Most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant
(Signed) Bidecliffe

Palamcottah
29th May 1783.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

My Lord,

I wrote your Lordship the 28th Instant relative to the Sepoys Entertained for to assist the Renter in the Collections &c &c Enclosing a Return for your inspection, and that Colonel Fullarton had sent me Orders to give the Command of them to three Officers whom he had appointed to discipline them, which from the nature of the Service they are employed in is not possible to be done without great Injury to the Renter, who cannot manage his business without them, I now send a Duplicate of the return & request you will appoint me to the Command of them as before that you will please to let me have Mr. Jarvis appointed Adjutant to assist me in getting report and Returns of them and I also request that the Comm may be Confirmed in his appointment, on Account of h having been very serviceable in assisting me to rem

Mr. requesting to be appointed to the Command of the Sepoys assisting the Renter that Mr. Jarvis be appd. his adjutant & that the Comman on account of his Services be confirmed in this appointt.

enclosing Copy of a Letter from the King of

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Fort St George June 1783.

13th. I inclose your Lordship a Copy of a Letter from the King of Travancore to me in answer to one I wrote him in consequence of your letter to me.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
your Most Obedient & most
humble Servant.

Salamcotta
30th May 1783.

(Signed) Bideliff

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

My Lord,

From Dr. inclosing a Letta from the king of Travancore has delayed putting Col: Fullarton's orders into execution apprehending they might be attended with prejudice to the Hunter - the Polleygars besieging Chocampetta - Cotta Bonia Naig taken the Field - a small privateer on the Coast -

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to me relative to the King of Travancore a Copy of whose Letter to me in consequence, I inclose for your information, as it appears to me that a new Arrangement is likely soon to be made in this Country. I shall hope to receive your directions relative to the Troops as soon as Convenient to your Lordships I have delayed putting the late Orders I wrote by Colonel Fullarton respecting the Troops [illegible], in execution as I appre- -hended it would be attended with trouble & difficulty to the Hunter, until I shall receive his further pleasure. I had sent him a Copy of the Orders of the Right honourable the President and Select Committee to me dated the fifth of June respecting them, I daily expect his answer, Colonel Fullarton has Ordered him companies of the 25th. Battalion to return hither and some irregular Horse; The Polligars are yet besieging Chocampetta, Cotta Bonia Naigue took the field him self as soon as he heared Our Army marched from Dindigul. A Small Privateer or Cruizer from Ceylon is now on this coast but has not attempted to lend or do any mischief that I have heard of.

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I have the honor to be — My Lord
Your Lordships
most Obedient and Most
humble Servant
Bilteff

Palamcottah
31st May 1783.

(Signed)

Sent the following Letter to Sir John Burgoyne.

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Sir

To Sir John Burgoyne
advising him of a Com.tee
being appd to examine into
the State of the Horses —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letter to the President of the 7th Instant and to inform
you that they have appointed a Committee to examine
into, and report the State and Condition of the horses
delivered by Captain Black for the use of his Majestys
23d Regiment of light Dragoons —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Huddleston Jun.r

Fort St George
13th June 1783.

Recd a Letter from Paym.r
of Palamcottah inclosing
Indent for Stores —

Received a Letter as entered in Miscellany Book,
from Paymaster of Palamcotta inclosing Indent for Stores

Sent the following Letter to Captain Black
with the order therein mentioned —

To Captain Black

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and
Last

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Fort St George June 1783.

To Captain Blair — ordering an order on the Military Paymaster for 8000 A.R. — to defray the expences mentioned in Bulletin of the 9th Instant —

13th. Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 9th Instant and to enclose your an Order on the Military Paymaster for 8000 Arcot rupees, to defray the Expences therein mentioned —

The President has already answered your Relative to the other Parts of that Letter —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obed.t Servt.

(Signed) John Hudleston

Sec.t

Fort St George

13th. June 1783

Received the following Letter from Col: Floyd —

To the Right Honble

the President & Select Committee

Madras —

From Col: Floyd has obtained Sir J. Burgoyne's Consent to execute their Commands & has appd. tomorrows Morning for the Inspection of the Horses —

My Lord, and Gentlemen

I had the honor of your Commands of yesterdays date, & communicated them to Major General Sir John Burgoyne, under whose immediate Orders, I am — Having Obtaind the Major Generals consent to proceed, I have in consequence, written to Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy; & Lieut.t Orr, who are joined with me in this Committee and appointed the Inspection of the Bengal Horses for to-morrow Morning —

I have the honour to be

My Lord, & Gentlemen

your Most obedient

Humble Servant —

J. Floyd

Col: in Ind:

At the Mount June 15th. 1783.

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The following intelligence is received by a Sepoy from Bednore.—

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Intelligence received 14th June 1783.

Intelligence by a Sepoy from Biddanore

Golaum Modeen Sepoy of the 9th Battalion is arrived from Biddanore, which he left about one Month & half Ago, he Says that when Tippoo arrived in person at the top of the Ghauts, General Matthews with two Regiments of Europeans and from Battalions of Sepoys was in Biddanore, that Some Sepoys had been left to guard the Ghaut, and the Remainder Garrisoned the places on the Sea Coast (as he was told for he was a Prisoner in Biddanore and Released when it was taken by General Matthews / When Tippoo Arrived the Country People the Country People Showed him Some bye pathe by which he took the Posts in the Ghauts without much difficulty, and appeared before the Town of Nagar or Biddanore which he possessed himself of after a Spirited Resistance from the Garrison, who were at Last obliged to retire to the Fort. That Immediately Tippoo Saib Commenced his Attack against the Fort, erected Batteries and breached two Bastions besides the Gateway— That the Seige Lasted about 90 Days — During which time General Sallies were made by the Garrison and great Numbers of the Enemy Killed, two or three French Officers or Soldiers were taken prisoners and Brought into the Fort, that as Soon as the Breaches were practicable Tippoo Saib Sent a Messenger to General Matthews

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14th Matthews at 12 at Noon, importing, that he would admit him to a Capitulation that his Garrison should be allowed to March Out with their Arms, the whole to be sent away in Safety by Sea, and that their private property should be untouched. That the General consented to deliver it upon these Terms, & that it was accordingly delivered at 4 oClock in the Afternoon, the Garrison Marching out into the British with their Arms as had been Stipulated, but on their Arrival they were Immediately Surrounded & made Prisoners, & then returned, as such, to the Fort where Guards were Set over them.

This Man escaped the same Night to Cundapore, from thence to Sanoor-Bunkapoor. & Adone: Those other Sepoys came with him he left them at Adone with their Families and Came to Cummum, where he received Subsistence from Captain Edmonds. He heard when he was 7 Days March from Beddenore at a Fort Called Situated on an Hill in the Seringapatam Country, from a Servant belonging to one of the European Prisoners, That General Matthews had been brought a Prisoner to Seringapatam — When asked if he will make Oath that he saw Tippoo Saib take possession of Nagur, and General Matthews, and his Garrison Prisoners he Says he is ready to do so whenever required. —

W.m Sydenham
Town Major —

Sent Copy of the above Intelligence to the Governor General and Council and General Stuart —

A Copy of the above sent to Bengal —

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Dispatched the following Letter to the Secretary to
the Supreme Council with Copies of the Translation of the
French Letter of which the [illegible] is stated in Committee
the 11 Instant —

To S. P. Auriol Esqr.
Secretary to the Honble the Governor General & Council

To M. Auriol inclosing copies of Letters obtained from General Stuart to be laid before the Gent. Genl. and Council. the Intelligence contained therein confirmed by a Sepoy —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to send you the inclosed Copies of letter obtained by General Stuart and request that you will lay the same before the hon.ble the Governor General and Council — I am also directed to acquaint you that the unfavorable Intelligence therein reclaimed as far as the fact of the Capture of Bednore is confirmed by a Sepoy escaped from that place and who is one of the Battalion that was liberated by General Matthews when he took possession of it whatever be the Case it is extremely improbable that the French Account be exact.

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

Fort St George
14th June 1783.

Dispatched the following Note to General Stuart —

Major General Stuart
Comm.d in Chief Camp.

Sir

I write this Short Note to acquaint you that

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To Genl. Stuart -
acquainting him of
20,000 Bags being sent
by the San Carlos - inclosing
which of the Diffs Articles
sent by sea - The More
to sail in 2 or 3 days
with 10,000 Bags of
Rice and a proportion
of Grain the Comtee
Surpaized he does not
acknowledge receipt of
their Letters - -

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That the San Carlos which sails this Night will carry 20,000 Pagodas, & we shall continue to send for the Supplies for for the Army as Sall Money is receive & means of case conveyance offer -

Inclose is a List of Different articles sent by sea to the Southward Since your Departure from the Presidency The More will be ready in two or three days & will carry 10,000 bags of Rice & a proportion of Grain -

The Committee are extremely Surprized that you do not regularly acknowledge the receipt of this Letter - your last of the 10 Sept. came Safe to hand Yesterday - -

I have the honor to be with great Truth,
Sir
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant -
(Signed)

Received the following Letter and inclosure from Governor Genral and Council - -

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

From Bengal - inclosing Extract of their letter of the 26th Augt to Sir Eyre Coote concerning Treasure sent from Bengal are sorry that Colonel Owen should have refused to deliver up the Treasure consigned to Sir Eyre Coote - concerning their Proceeding on the Generals Bond to the Admiral —

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have been honored with your letter of the 8th instant inclosing Extracts of the Proceedings of your Select Committee on the 28th of April and of your Consultations of the 2d and 6th instant respecting the five Lacks of Treasure Consigned by you to the late Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote and then in the possession of Colonel Owen -

2342 Fort St George June 1763.

14th On the first intimation from Colonel Owen himself of the demands made upon him by you and by Admiral Sir Edward Hughes for the appropation of this Treasure which we Received by the Lizard, we instantly transmitted orders to him to deliver the outer Consignment to your Charge and at the same time wrote to you desiring that you would Cause Sir Eyre Coote's Bond to the Admiral for one Lack of Pags. borrowed of him for the use of the Army to be discharged with Such Interest as might be due upon it

We are concerned that Colonel Owen who knew that this Money was consigned to Sir Eyre Coote for the public Service Should have hesitated to deliver it up immediately to your Order as by retaining it in his possession, no one could benefit by the Supply but we are also concerned to observe the nature of your proceedings upon the Occasion and we must in a great Measure ascribe the difficulty which has Occurd to your own refusal to discharge the late Generals Bond to Sir Edward Hughes out of the Treasure which we consigned to you by the Active Frigate whom you know that this debt was incurd purely to forward the public Service by paying off a part of the Arrears due to the Army in whose of the greatest Need and that it was our intention that a part of this Remittance Should be appropriated to the discharge of it since our letter to Sir Eyre Coote of the 26th August last in reply to one which We had Received from him upon the Occasion arriving at Madras after

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after his departure from it was as we understand
Communicated to you by the Generals Secretary and
our Letter to you of the 4th of March proceeding which
accompanied this Consignment expressly desired that
would constantly honor the Generals drafts to the
extent of the remittances which you should receive
from us, As we deem it proper that our letter to him
of the 26th of August should be more formally Befor
You than it has yet been We transmit You an
extract from it inclosed. ~

We have the Honbr to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
Signed / Warren Hastings
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables ~

Fort William
the 26th May 1783.

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General &
Council To Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K.B.
Commander in Chief &c. ~ —

We read with deep concern the Account which
you give of the long arrears of pay due to the Army under
your Command and the means to which you have been
reduced of employing your own Credit to borrow a Sum
of Money from the Admiral for their present Relief —
We have lately dispatched Six Lacks of Rupees in

olution

these

2344 Fort St George June 1783.

14th Treasury by the Active and Six Lacks more by the Revolution
we have also taken other Means for the raising Cash of about
7 Lacks and altho them Supplies are consigned to the
President and Council at Fort St George we have expressly
desired that they may be wholly appropriated to the pay
of the Army and we hope they will be so applied in time
to afford You that aid for which our endeavors have been
Uniformly exerted and which it is our most earnest desire
on all occasions to grant to your Military Operations.—

You request that you will repay the Admiral
out of the first Supplies You receive any Sums which you
may have borrowed from him for the use of the Public
Service and if You should find it necessary hereafter to
take up further Loans upon Your own Credit for the
disbursements of the Army we pledge ours for the early
and punctual Repayment of them.—

We are with Esteem &c
(Signed) Governor General & Council
(A true Copy)

Fort William
26th Augt 1783.

Rec'd Letter from Paymaster of Chingleput
inform'g us 1813 with advice of the Safe Arrival of 1814
Slaughter Cattle, and 2342 Sheep at Permacoil —

15th Dispatched the following Letter to the Admiral —

2345 Fort St George June 1783.

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India &c.

Sir

To Sir Edward Hughes will give every assistance to the Sick - the Montagues Indiaman laden with Provisions &c to be dispatched in a day or two every exertion to be made to send further Supplies &c

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 11th Instant with its Several Enclosures,

We beg you to be assured that we shall give every assistance in our Power for the Accommodation and Relief of the Sick you have sent to this place -

We have already informed You of the Measures we resolved on to enable You to continue at Cuddalore, and you will be acquainted by Mr Cuthbert of the Progress already made in Shipping Water and Provisions for your Squadron. We expect that the Montague Indiaman laden with those Articles will be dispatched to you on Wednesday on Thursday Night, and every Exertion shall be made Use of to send the others as soon as possible. -

We have the honor to be &c.

Fort St George
15th June 1783.

(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee.

Received Letter from the Commanding Officer of Cornwallis as entered in M.B, with Intelligence of our army having Marked in carried the French lines at the Bound hedge of Cuddalore. —

Intelligence from Cornwallis of our having attacked and carried the lines at the Boundhedge of Cuddalore

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15th.

Fort St George Sunr 1783.

Received the following Letter from the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam.

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

From Vizagapatam on the Necessity of leaving some Europeans in that Garrison in preference to sending some more from hence.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

As the first Sea Conveyance will carry away the few Invalids that were incapable of Marching or going by Land to Ganjam and as the presence of Europeans were inspirited and debilitated as they are, is absolutely necessary as a Check upon the Sepoys which has been fatally evinced in the Mutiny there in the Year 1780 when the Property of the Company and the Lives and property of the Inhabitants fell indiscriminately a Sacrifice to a concerted Tumult and Outrage which never would have happened had there been a few Europeans in the Garrison We cannot consistently with our Duty to your Lordships &c: to the Company and Ourselves, avoid taking the Liberty of requesting that when the Situation of your affairs will admit of detaching any part of your Invalids your Lordships &c: would be pleased to send us such a Number of them as you shall judge adequate to the purpose of overawing our Black Troops.

We are, very respectfully
My Lord and Gentlemen
your Most faithful
& Obedient Servants

Vizagapatam
4th June 1783.

/ Signed / Claud Russell
Nath[l] Barlow

2347 Fort St George June 1783

16 Received Letter & proceedings from the Committee of stores as ✓ in the office —

Ordered that an ~~ord~~ act of Bills on Bengal to the amount 134 & 27 be granted in favor of Captain Thomas Brettel of the Honble Companys Ship Montague for Necessaries supplied the Sick Troops on board his Ships —

Monday 16th June 1783 —

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Alexr Davidson Esqr. Morgan Williams Esqr.

Major General James Stuart absent on Service

The Minutes of last Committee read & Observed —

The following Letter dated the 28th May last received from the great quantity of other Business that has intervened the Copy was not finished until yesterday / to the Governor General and Council on answer to their Letter and enclosures of the 13th January directing the Surrender of the Assignment is now read and being approved is signed and ordered to be dispatched —

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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr

Governor General & Council of Fort William

Gentlemen

On the 28th of March last we had the honor to receive your Letter of the 13th of January preceding to gether with Extracts from your Consultations, Copy of an Engagement executed by Syed Ufsam Cawn, and twenty three Appendixes

When those Papers arrived, Mr Davidson One of the Select Committee of this Government was indisposed, but was expected to be soon able to attend to Business. Mr Holland then of the Committee being absent, the Committee present in that situation, consisted only of Two Persons, the President and Mr Sadlier, beside Major Genl Stuart who commands the Army now in the Field, and who has a Seat and Voice only on particular occasions. The Decision of Questions before the Committee might then, before the Recovery of Mr Davidson, have depended on the President alone by the Preponderance of his casting Vote. From a Precaution of Delicacy on him which cannot be condemned, he therefore postponed for some Days, and until the Determination of the Committee could no Longer be his Determination only, to offer for the Consideration of the Board such measures as might be productive of important Consequences, but of which a short Delay could not alter the Nature or Effect.

Among these was the Surrender to the Rajah of the Assignment granted by his Highness to our President

Port St George 16th June 1783.

on behalf of the Company, and for which you have been pleased to give Directions in the letter which we have now the honor to acknowledge. The Assignment could not in itself have been considered as an Evil by the Nabob who acknowledged in his letter to the Court of Directors that it was a Voluntary Act of his own; nor has it been condemned by you who on the contrary have expressed your entire Satisfaction with it, and applauded the address and Ability with which so considerable a Point must have been gained. The Subject of Complaint into an Investigation of which from the consequence of it you have since declared yourselves to have been forced to enter for the sake of doing Justice to the Nabob and to retrieve the injury supposed by you to have been cast, in the minds of the Country Powers, upon our National faith, by that infraction of our Engagements which occasioned the Complaint, did not however appear to you of that kind of Consequence which required either immediate Decision or even investigation; for the same Complaint appears to have been laid before you in July last, and tho the Ratification of a preliminary Treaty with the Marattas was then in Suspense which was likely to be effected by any Distrust of our National faith, and this that Treaty previous to the Death of Hyder Ale, was an Event from the accomplishment of which very real obstruction required to be instantly removed. You were unwilling at that time to be obliged to listen to Representations of such a kind, or to enter upon so disagreeable an investigation as required, when the Situation of the Enemy

General Letter from the Court of Directors July 1782 - Paragraph 40 stating the Nabob's letter of the 26th January 1782.

Letter from the Governor and Council of Bengal March 11th 1782 —

Letter from Govr & Genl & and Council January 13th 1783 —

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Letter from Governor Gamal and Council of Bengal. January 13. 1783. — Enmity and the Circumstances of our Affairs threatened the very existence of the Company's Possessions, and those of the Nabob in the Carnatic, and being also in hopes that the Dissatisfaction of the Nabob might shortly be appeased by the Disposition which you mention to have been conferred by us to support him in all the forms and ostensible Dignity of his Sovereignty, and trusting in our Endeavours to reconcile his mind to the Necessity of any Acts which the Distress and Urgency of Public Affairs might render indispensible; and You accordingly prevailed on Syed Ahmed Cawn to withdraw his Memorial. The Complaint in this Memorial of which You have since taken notice consists in the Employment by us of Persons in the management of the Assigned Countrys who had not been confirmed by the Nabobs Seal and Signature. It was true indeed that From the Correspondence and Transactions which had come at an early Period before the Committee of assigned Revenue, They were led to suspect an improper Influence in the Affairs of the Revenue which was likely to interfere with the application of it to the use of the Company, while the Nabobs Amildars were continued in their Offices; and the Committee observed the want of Attention in the Amildars to the Orders issued by the Governor, and the uniform appearance of studied Delay in complying with them. The same Committee observed likewise that the Nabob continued to give Directions to those Officers in matters relative to the Revenue contrary to his Agreement. And that Committee have with

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Minute of Committee of assigned Revenue Febry 18. 1782 —

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Minute of Committee of assigned Revenue March 25. 1782.

Concern the opposition which was made to the Collection of the Revenue in every Province of the Carnatic; and added that that to repeat orders to the Nabob's Aumildars that would not be obeyed and could not be enforced, would only tend to confirm that Disobedience. Mr. John Sulivan, to whom the superintendance of some of the Provinces had been intrusted, had already given information that every Letter he receive from the Southward mentioned some instances of Countraction. The People were taught to look upon the interference of the Company as a Temporary measure that must soon terminate, and Vengiance was denounced against every man who should dare to oppose the Mandates of the Durbar. As in a former letter, Your Board, after expressing Your Regret that we Should have suffered any consideration even of Delicacy towards the Nabob to restrain us form availing ourselves effectually of the Assignment reminds us that we had given You before hopes of our adopting, as our own, the Conduct which You then recommended to us by the Revolution expressed of placing persons in the management of the assigned Countries, who were likely to be more under our authority and Control, and of taking such other measures consistently with the spirit and meaning of the Nabobs agreement as might give full Effect to every Stepulation in favor of the Company: and as you told us at the same time that if we continued the Nabobs Agents or suffered them to remain under whatever Denominations in the actual Charge, or

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> virtual Control of the Revenue, they were, under the System
> so Wisely established, our Servants, and we alone Should
> be deemed responsible for all their Acts, which might be
> the Effects of the influence of the former System Still
> Subsisting, by our permission of it; as in reply to that letter
> after accounting for the Delay on our part on this occasion,

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> which upon regarded, from our anxious Desire of making
> the Nabob a principal and willing Party to measures
> taken for his own immediate Security; we added, as a
> Circumstance, that was alone to you as much as possible
> for our former Delay, and that must put an end to
> such Regret on your part, that you must have observed
> that the Moment we received from the Nabob so unequi-
> vocal a Testimony of his Disposition as his Refusal
> to Confirm the Renters we had appointed in conformity to
> his own Engagements, we did not hesitate to take the
> Line which our Situation prescribed; As the Nabob had
> thus refused to confirm the Persons thus appointed by us,
> and as unless those Persons were authorized by us, notwith-
> standing the Refusal of such Confirmation, to act in
> the room of the Nabobs Agents, the latter must have
> necessarily remained, and agreeably to the warning you
> had given us would have been our Servants, and we alone
> Should have been deemed responsible for all their Acts
> as influenced by the former System Subsisting by our
> permission of it; that Line which, for your Satisfaction
> we hastened to declare to you we did not hesitate to take,

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and which not only our Situation here, but our Situation
in respect to the effect of your Authority and Recommendation,
prescribed to us, could consequently be no other, than that
of authorising the Persons of our Appointment to act in
the Offices to which the express words as well as the spirit
and meaning of the Assignment authorized such appoint-
ment; authorised such Appointment; and without
doing which, we should not indeed have filled the
Scope of your Recommendation and Desire, which was
not confined to the mere form of Appointing, but
extended to the real fact of placing Persons in the Management
of the assigned Countries who were likely to be under our
Authority and Control. The particulars of this Transaction
were likewise transmitted to you among the minutes of the
Committee of assigned Revenue, where it is declared by us that
as it was obvious from the Nabobs letter that he had no

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Minutes of Committee of assigned Revenue April 18 1782.

intention to sign the Tarana Chits or nominations of
Aumildars and that as much time had been already lost,
and the Season of the Year so far advanced, and that any
further Delay in sending the several Renters to take Charge
of their farms would be attended with Considerable Loss of
Revenue, it was agreed by the Select Committee that the
Tarana Chits should be signed by the President and delivered
to the Renters before the Select Committee; that they
should be immediately put in possession of their respective
Farms, and that all the Power of Government should be
exerted

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(neceſſary to eſtabliſh and ſupport their Authority.

Your Anſwer, to the Accuſation You there received of what we

conſidered as the Line of our Duty, and to which we ſincerely

Yours of our Determination to adhere in the confidence of Your

effectual Support, is of a Date ſubſequent to that of the

Memorial in which ſuch execution of our Duty is arraigned

by the Nabobs Agent at Cuſſeuttar. Yet this Anſwer from

You conveys not the leaſt Cenſure of our Conduct or ſentiments.

Our Opinions were indeed ſo much Your own, that it was,

as to our firmneſs and Steadineſs, only in the proſecution

of them, that You ſeemed to entertain a Doubt. But upon

the receipt of our Letter You expreſs Your ſatisfaction

with our Declaration that we would perſevere in the moſt

entire execution of our Duty, maintaining at the ſame time

all the Reſpect, and attention towards the Nabob himſelf

that could be poſſibly reconciled with the faithful and

upright Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in us. You add a

wiſh that the Plan for the final Diſcharge of the Debts

might obtain the Nabobs ſanction as neceſſary to it Validity

and Efficacy. You take the precaution of looking forward

to a future Tranſaction which may require the Sanction

of the Nabob; but in the Tranſactions actually carrying on,

and upon which You were to pronounce Your Opinion,

which indeed was that of approbation teſtified by Your

Sense of Satisfaction. You are expreſsly told in the proceedings

of the Committee of aſſigned Revenue, then actually before

You, that on the Refuſal of the Nabob to Sign the Perwana

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Letter from Gov. Gen.l & Council on Aſſigned Revenues July 4th 1762

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Chits or nomination of Aumildars, or Renters, it was agreed that they should be Signed by the President and delivered to the Renters before the Select Committee, and that they should be put in possession of their respective Farms and supported therein. This direct and full Information drew from you no Signal of your Sense of the impropriety, no Doubt of the Propriety of the measure. It did not induce you to withhold the Expressions of your Satisfaction at our Declarations to preserve in the entire Execution of our Duty; a Declaration that accompanied our information to you of having taken that Line in respect to such Renters which our Situation required, and was not a general Assurance given in the abstract, but in reply to your Letter, and expressly applicable to the regret you had expressed at our former forbearance in relation to the Nabob, and to the Renters, and in return for the Certainty of your effectual Support of measures recommended by you. concerning them. If in the Refusal of the Nabobs Signature to the nominations, he had, by the assignment authorized to be made, of Aumildars, we ought to have prevented them from exercising the functions of their Offices, and consequently must have Suffered the Nabobs former Renters to remain, over whom we had no effectual Control, but for whom Acts you had forwarded us, we Should, by Sufferance, have become responsible, & you might have immediately advised us of our mistake in the Execution of our Duty; & you Might in this actual Instance have informed us of the Nessity of the Nabobs previous Sanction, as you did in the instance of

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of a future plan for the payment of his Debts; Upon Might
perhaps have urged him to have given that Sanction, Upon
might have desired us to withdraw before it was too late,
our Accumulators, until such sanction was given; Upon
might at least have desired us to forbare sending any others
without the actual Confirmation of the Nabob Upon would
have thus prevented the continuance of this Supposed Abuse
of the Assignment; Upon would, by such a timely Correction
of it, have prevented the necessity to which You have by
such Countenance since considered Yourselves reduced, of
directing the Surrender of that Assignment of his Revenues,
which Upon had erroneously recommended to be demanded
from him, for which, in a different from, Upon had Upon's
- values Stipulated, and for which, when obtained by our
President Upon applauded the Zeal and Ability which
dictated and brought to effect that important Measure.
If we had really erred in the manner of executing our Duty
in respect to those Orders and to the Nabob, to persevere in
that manner would be to continue in our Error; if it had in
fact appeared to Upon to be an Error if Upon imagined it to be
an act of Injustice to the Nabob, if Upon imagined it could
be capable of casting an injury upon our National faith
in the minds of the Country Powers at a moment when we
Sought for their Reliance on our faith, Upon would not by the
expression of your Satisfaction at our intentional Perseverance
encourage us to persist in such a Conduct. Upon Encouragement

Letter from Gov.r Gen.l and Council of Bengal April 5. 1782.

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to preserve implied on the Contrary that Your approved our
Conduct. Neither the Remonstrance of the Nabobs Agent, who
had been already soliciting You for a considerable time, nor the
Arguments contained in his Memorial, nor Your own Reflections
upon a Subject fully Then before You, were sufficient at that
time to induce You to suggest to us the necessity of deviating
in any point from the Line we had taken, or to determine
Your Board upon any retribution of Justice, which if now,
was than already, due to the Nabob. Of his Highness's intentions
to obtain if possible, the Surrender of the Assignment, we
could not indeed be ignorant, after his formal proposal to us
for that purpose, before we removed his Aumildars upon
the ground, which could not be denied, that the Assignment
had not then hitherto been productive to us. It is true he had
known of Our intention to exercise our power of appointing
New Aumildars, in order, by the Removal of the old, to
remove the Cause which defeated our Endeavours and to render,
agreeably to your Recommendation the present Assignment
effectual for the purposes for which it had been demanded.
The failure of those Assignments which preceded it, under
the continued management of the Nabobs Aumildars and of this
while they continued, pointed out the Necessity of discontinuing
them, His former Assignment of the Provinces of Tinnevelly
and Trichinopoly, to our Predecessors in this Government for
the praying purpose of supporting the War, was not suffered,
under the Management of his Servants, to secure that purpose:
To a similar management was left the Execution of the
Assignment

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Letter from Govt. Genl. and Council April 5th 1782 –

Letter from Govt. Smith to the Nabob April 30 1781 –

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Assignment stipulated with you by Treaty, which subsisted
from the 2d of April to the 2d of December 1781 with a
similar unsuccessful Issue. It must be owned that the
Experience, which the Nabob had of being able to baffle the
Complaints of his failure to contribute to the Expence of
defending his own Territories, by a readiness to enter into Engagements
announcing some Sacrifice of Power and of Revenue, for the
Relief of the Public Distress, without the reality in view,
of any Sacrifice diminishes the merit of obtaining from
him any new Engagement which he might expect to
affect him a little as the former. But as soon as it did
become likely to affect him, and that such a Sacrifice
to the Public Welfare would be realized in Consequence of a
Resolution of taking such effectual Measures as would
produce it, we were not to be surprized at a Design of
putting an End to the whole and the Inefficacy of the
Engagement was certainly the best Argument for the
Dissolution of it. It must be confessed that the Motive
proposed upon us by his Highness, for surrendering the
Assignment, if it continued to exist, must have operated
its Effects. If the Assignment had continued to be unproduc-
-tive; it would have been incumbent upon us to have restored
it. From the 2d of December 1781, when this Transaction
took place, till the Removal of the Nabob's Immediate
Journal (?) to the afterwards, no Revenue whatsoever
was brought forward to the Public Treasury. It is obvious
that if, with the power of the Company the Authority of the
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Nabob which is absolute, had been really, as it was apparently, united, an implicit Compliance would have followed It requires no allusion to the facts already related of the Misconduct of the Amildars from the minutes of the Committee of Assigned Provence, or of the practices of the Nabobs Ministers from the Information of Mr. Sullivan, It requires no Reference to the Testimony of Specific Consideration, because the Event Itself is, under such Circumstances the Strongest and an insuperable Testimony of a general Contraction, to enforce the Necessity of removing the means by which it had been effected. The Continuance of the means would be to continue the Effect. The Nabobs Aumildars in the Management of the assigned Countries ensured the Nabobs Object of a Speedy Surrender of the Assignment. They must have, of course continued til others were admitted to Succeed to them To prevent the Succession of others, or to maintain the former was therefore the Same in Effect and to obstruct the Effect of your Recommendation to the Select Committee, for placing in the management of the assigned Countries, persons who were likely to be under their Authority and Control, became thus an Object with the Nabob or with his Ministers in his Name. To appoint however such persons to such Places was an Authority expressly given to our President by the Assignment It was not a simple Recommendation or merely ashore in the Choice or nomination of such Aumildars or Renters. It was the effective Appointment

Assignment from the Nabob to Lord Macartney Dec. 2. 1781

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Consultations of supreme Council January 8 1783 —

Assignment from the Nabob to Lady Macartney Decr. 2. 1781 —

Appointment of South Arnlers which was transferred intirely by the Nabob: He reserving only, what you justly have observed to be a mere form the form of confirming them by a Cowle or Grant from him; but by an express Covenant obliging himself to give such Cowle or Confirmation to the persons appointed by the President; a Covenant expressly precluding the possibility of mistaking such Confirmation, as implying that a Deliberative Choice, or even a negative power remained with him in this particular. The want of what you declare to be a mere form could not vitiate the Substance, Should not retard the Effect, of a power in all Sides acknowledged to have been necessary and important. But that Ceremony could have become indeed a most fatal Obstacle — on, if when offered to be undergone it was refused to be performed and that the Refusal was to prevent the operation of that Substantial power. The Grant of the Assignment implied the possibly of exercising it, and Called to the Court of the Mogul exercised. It required no specific Justification; being the common Course and expected Consequence of the Assignment; but a justification if necessary was indeed at hand. The Practice of the Nabob's Ministers, the Disobedience of the Arnlers, the Advice of the Committee of assigned Revenue, Your Recommendation armed with your Power, and above all the irresistible part of the unprecedentedness of the Assignment in the hands of the old Jumidars denying all Relief to the pressing and instant Necessities of the State, hastened the appointment of new Jumidars: But it was not of a nominal

Ceremony performed

irresistible

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Carrum or nugatory Appointment that such Motives were impulsive. They called for a real and immediate exercise of office. It was requisite that those persons should actually be placed, to act up to the Tenor of your Letter, in their respective management. Tho they were in fact possessed already of the Substantial Authority of the Nabob thro our president who His Highness had empowered to confer it, yet his Highness's personal Confirmation of them individually by the Delivery to them of the Cowle would have been an ostensible Evidence of Dignity that might have graced their Entrance into Office, that might have conciliated the minds of his immediate Dependents in the respective Districts that might have engaged their Co-operation for the publick Service. It must have been agreeable, and probably would be useful. What was thus desirable was instantly and earnestly desired. What lay with this Government to do was done accordingly The appointment was signified, The application for the Cowle was regularly made to the Nabob What lay with the Nabob to do, was not done, The Cowle or Confirmation was refused he declined, and declining, renounced the previlege he had reserved of giving the Cowle or Grant to the Aumildars. He declined the honorable previlege of forwarding, for the sake of impeding the publick Service. It was a Violation of the express Words of the Assignment, not to give his Cowle to the Aumeldars appointed by the Governor. The Confirmation consisted in giving such Cowle, and it was not therefore optional in his Highness to withhold it. The Clause

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Assignment Dated 2d 1784.

for this purpose is positive and absolute, and admits of no Condition. It was not a Cowle to be given if this Highness pleased, or to stay the choice. The Choice he had already left to the Governor, in empowering him to appoint, and in engaging to confirm by his Cowle, The Delivery of the Cowle was merely to be an External Act involving the Nabob's intention of complying with this Engagement, but not necessary implying any approbation of the Choice. And this formal Confirmation as you justly declare it, was necessarily to follow the appointment, which, of course, must have been the Substance. The Power which the Nabob, indeed, gave was not simply to propose or recommend, but determinately to appoint. The appointment was the act which was incumbent upon the Governor: The Confirmation or Delivery of the Cowle was the Act which was incumbent upon the Nabob. It was too much to expect that his own Breach of his own Covenant should be successfully set up by him as an Objection to the Operation of his own Deed. Had the Aumildars, which the Nabob empowered the Governor to appoint been in vain, had they not been placed according to your Recommendation, in their respective managements there was an End to the Assignment of which Arrangement was the Essence. It would indeed have been a cruel Delusion upon the Company and the Court of Directors to whom his Highness declared that this Engagement for a Sacrifice of his Honor and Revenue to the public

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publick Welfare for a limitted Period was entered into Volun-
tarily by him; if he could at pleasure and before the
Expiration of that Period annihilate every purpose of such
Engagement But an Engagement to Continue for a Certain
time, and executed by mutual Consent, cannot be made to
cease before that time but by the like Consent Tho the
Assignment should not have been made perfectly to obtain,
without the Nabobs Could which was not in our power
to procure all the purposes we had in it became our
Duty to derive from it all the Benefit which Still was
in our power. It would have been contrary to the original
Design of it, and Contrary to our Duty to Suffer it to
cease entirely. Nothing in the Assignment forbid us from
allowing our appointment of Aumildars to operate its
Effect We have Shewn that every Motive of Right,
Reason, and Necessity impelled us to it. — When in consequence
of Such appointment the Assignment could no longer be
defeated by practises upon the Spot, and Ministers were
sent by the Nabob with a View to effectuate its Surrender
at Calcutta, we owed to the Character of Justice and
Consistency of your Board, to suppose that you would
insist upon the Nabobs representation passing thro
the Channel of our Board that you might be furnished
with our Sentiments upon it at the same time. It was
just to do so, as otherwise You must Judge by partial
Representation. It was consistent with your own
Declarations to do so; for so early as in 1775 upon a
Direct application to your Board from the Nabob to be

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included in the Defensive Treaty of Peace with the Marattas,
Upon requesting him to convey any further Proposals he
might have to make thro the Channel of our Board, that
you might be furnished with our Sentiments at the same
time, respecting the Advantages also to be obtained for the
Company on the Side of India; and You added that we might
rest assured that You should observe that Conduct towards
the Nabob on all similar Occasions. If any Difference
there be between that Occasion and the present, it is that the
latter required still more Strongly the same Precaution
on Your part, as being an internal Transaction of our
Government which the immediate Exigency of our Affairs
required: concerning which Transactions the Company's
Expressions addressed to your Board, after disapproving
of Your interference in prohibiting this Presidency from
Sending Troops to Bombay, are, that, at the same Time Act for
regulating the Company's Affairs expressly forbids any
of the other Presidencies to engage in political Negociations
with the Natives without the participation and Concurrence
of the Supreme Council, yet it clearly leaves each distinct
Government power to take from time to time such Steps
as the immediate Exigencies of their Affairs require for self-
defence or protection. That You have a paramount Jurisdic-
tion in political Negociations, - concerning which Your
might perhaps be warranted to receive Separate Communi-
cations from the Nabob. Yet an Interference in those
matters where Each Government has a Discretionary Power
to take such Steps as the Exigencies of their Affairs
require

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required on your part particular precautions in the admission and consideration of Representations concerning them. On a former occasion of Differences between the Nabob and some of our predecessors in the Government, you declared that you offered your Opinion as Mediators Voluntarily Chosen by the parties themselves, that by the Act of Parliament the President and Council of Fort St George were enjoined to transmit to the Governor Genl and Council Advice and Intelligence of all Transactions and Matters whatsoever that came to their knowledge relating to the Government, Revenues or Interests of the Company; but that no Power was given to the Governor General and Council to exercise any Controul or Authority over the other Presidencies in this matters; their Powers being solely confined by the Act to Hostilities and Treaties. These Sentiments continued to be those of your Board so lately as in Febry 1781 and applied to the very Subject of an Assignment from the Nabob. After observing that every Part of the Carnatic not immediately protected & invested from this Enemy by our Troops was in the hands of a foreign Power, and all his hopes of recovering it depended entirely on our Arms, you declare that Such a case would certainly justify us in demanding from the Nabob the immediate Transfer of his whole Country in exclusive Assignment for the Expences of the War; You add that in your Opinion Such a Measure becomes by the Necessity of imposing it an indispensible Obligation.

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Letter from Governor General and Council Febry 16. 1781.

You correctly advised and you accordingly say that had you
the authority to command, you should ~~positively~~ peremptorily command
it. — His Refusal (you observe) ought to be construed as it
would virtually prove, a declared Seperation of his Interests
from those of the Company, and would require the adoption
of a new System both for the present Security of the latter,
and a future Indemnification for the Expence, and hazards
entailed on the Company by their former Connexion with the
Nabob. The Earnestness of your advice to us to demand the
assignment, and the Declaration of your readiness, had you
the authority to command it with your mission to give any
such Commander Demanded to a sufficient Declaration that in
relation to such Transfer of his Country you conceived
that your Interference could not exceed Advice. These Limits
to your Interference were probably understood by you to relate
to a Surrender of Countries assigned to us, as well as to a
Demand of it; for the present Governor General declared
after a mature consideration of the Act for regulating the
Company's Affairs, that he was of opinion that it clearly
limitted the controlling powers of the Government of Bengal
over the other Presidencies to that of the commencing of Hostilities
the declaring of War, the negociating or concluding Treaties
of Peace but did not authorize them to order a Surrender
or Exchange of any of the Company's Possessions dependent
on the other Presidencies, nor those Presidencies to obey such orders.
An Opinion to which only was opposed of the necessity
of obtaining Peace, which cannot be applied to the Nabob with
whom we are not at War. That Opinion of the Governor
General

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General seems to be consonant with that of your Consult Board
when since you were acquainted with the Intentions of the Court
of Directors in their Letter of the 11th. of April & 9 June 1781
that your Presidency should take the lead in all Military
and Political Operations: For you still candidly adhere to the
Distinction, with which you understood their former Intentions, in
your Declaration of not disputing our legal power to decide
on any internal measure of our Government. But reverting
to the original case of the Nabobs application to you to be
included in the Maratta Peace concerning which your Authority,
of acting indepently of us, has not been questiond, and which
yet You chose to be made thro the Channel of this Presidency,
tho then, as now, at variance with the Nabob, it became us
to suppose that in a case where that Authority was subject
to some Doubts You would be still more cautious in your
Proceedings & the Exertions of it, and that at least You would
follow the Rule that had been prescribed by your own Board.
This, as we informed You, the Public began to feel the benefit
of the measures we had adopted, that some Revenue was
already applied to the Public Service, that the obstructions
to the Progress and Subsistence of the Army from the different
Aumildars while dependent on the Nabob concerning which
the General, Sir Eyre Coote, a member of Your Board, had
so often remonstrated to the Committee Subsisted no longer,
that the Aumildars were protected against the Interference
or injustice of civil or military Officers residing in their
respective Districts, and that the People were less liable to
oppression from Aumildars, who, no longer holding on a

precarious

Letter from Gov. Genl. and Council of Bengal Decemr. 19. 1782.

Letter to Govr. Genl. and Council of Bengal June 29th 1782.

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persecutions, had an interest in the prosperity of the
Inhabitants to those advantages, of which the Company and
their Sovereigns the Nabob would alike ultimately partake, had
not persuaded the Ministers and Servants of the latter, who
were affected by that change, from working upon his Fondness
for Authority, and his gratitude of the Performance of the Company
to make a way afford for reviving the agreement he had made.

We were therefore aware, and actual Information was given to
us, that Intrigue, Artifice and falsehood had been employed to
give to our Proceedings, and to those of the Committee of Circuit
Powers, such a Colouring as might be capable of inducing Appear-
ing to overturn a System You had often and strongly approved.
A Plan was said to be regularly formed for throwing upon us
such a multitude of Aspersions, that it might be taken for
granted there must have been some Ground for accusation
against us. Out of a vast number of false Tales, fabricated
Letters, and Distorted facts, a hope was entertained that a few
at least might make impressions; and that few would have
fully answered the Purpose of imposition. But, by listening
to Representations from the Nabob neither transmitted by us
nor offered to us to be transmitted to you, a Regulation of your
own Board was directly infringed, Yet it still was possible
that You might feel reluctance in communicating to us the
Result of such Infringement. You might have thought it
due to us to give no credit, or pay no attention, to such
Accusation against us. You might at least have wished to
avoid the appearance of being forward after such an infring-
ement in entering any Steps consequent upon it, of which,
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first Should have been no doubt the Communication to us of the Complaint against us We wished to free You from those Embarrass= =ments by rendering that communication the Consequence of our own desire, and therefore wrote to you immediately that we neither desired to avail our selves of the Suspicious appearance of Such accu= =sations nor of Your Reliance on our Integrity, nor on Your Confidence in the Capacity and Fidelity of the Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue, but wished to have a Communication of every Argument urged Against the Plan we had adopted and of every Charge asserted against our Conduct in the Pursuit of it thus to give us an opportunity of Justification before any Opinion Should be formed or Resolution taken upon either by Your Board The Application. This repeated in a Subsequent Letter had however no Success. we observed to You that the Collections were attempted to be interrupted and embarrassed by his Highness the Nabob as You would perceive in the instance of Letters from the Persons imployed in that district, That his Highness's found his declarations on the flattering expectations he Asserted to have received from his Agents at Calcutta that the Assignment would be soon Ordered by Your Board to be Surrendered to him. That the Members of this Government were sensible how little ground there could be for such a Rumor knowing as we did the uniform opinion You had entertained and Communicated to us on this Subject, Your most earnest advice that we Should demand an Exclusive Assignment. The Treaty you made with the Nabob in that view the entire Approbation of Your respected of the Assignment Obtained by Your President Your directions not to suffer it to be defeated Your dissatisfaction the delay which from delicacy to his Highness we Suffered to intervene in the effectual execution of it, and lastly the intentions and constant Aim of our Employers that such arrangements Should be made as would take the present free the Presidency

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of Fort St George from a dependance upon the Nabob in regard to Provence, which had been so often disappointed our trusts Elsewise that in case of a representation of any abuse of this Government Such Representation would be communicated to us for our Answers before any determination could be taken upon it by Your Board but that His Highness the Nabob might have the weakness to flatter himself with Less regular Proceedings on Your part and very doubt Suggest to the People of the Solidity and permanency of our Authority might lead to the necessity of exerting not merely that Authority but the Actual force of Government, in order to Carry the Public Measures into execution, that the misrepresentation of the Nabobs Agents were apt to gain some credit here from their Supposed Communication at Calcutta with the Members of Your Board as they should have the Opportunity of knowing immediately Upon Sentiments, that it was an Inconvenience which we confessed, we had not foreseen and therefore had no objection to the Nabob sending any of his Members or Servants whom he pleased; but that the Event had brought to our Minds the wisdom of the Court of Directors in expressly requesting his Highness to Confine his Communications with them to the Channel of their President and Council of Fort St George a Rule which Your Board might from what had happened be inclined to adopt in future. That we were apprised that the Nabob having lately appointed Embassadors to the Court of Great Britain his Majesty's Ministers declared They would receive no Representations from His Highness but thro the East India Company: such relation not precluding his Highness from Complaining even against the Company nor on our part to

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Should we be able were we inclined to any Complaint lodged
against our Conduct, tho our Board were to be the only Channel
for its Communication and that these Precautions on the part
of Administration and the Company seemed to arise from their
Conviction that delegated Authority lost the weight and influence
necessary to the Purposes for which it had been intended, if
recourse could be had at pleasure, and without its knowledge
or intervention to the Superior or Superintending Power.
These Answer to our Letters did not anow even the existence of
the memorial to which these applications
Memorial had been presented the month before to the Governor
General It must have been received for Otherwise it could
not have been with drawn. The knowledge of it was not
confined to the Governor General he must have Communicated
it to You; for it was it Seems, the Collective Body of your
Board that afterwards prevailed upon Syed Assam Cawn to
with draw that Memorial It gave You however no alarm You
even chose at time to Suppress all mention of it tho the
mention of it might have put us upon our guard as to the
Continuance of the Misconduct charged in it, tho Such mention
might have received or Strengthened the disposition which You
Say we had expressed of Supporting the Nabob in all the
Arms and ostensible Dignity of his Sovereignty and of which
the Effects might work forgiveness for our past offences and
by which You state hoped that his Dissatisfaction might
Shortly be appeased, and tho Such a mention would well
have warranted at least your Exhortation to us to redouble
those Endeavours in which You say You trusted for our
reconciling his Highness mind to the necessity of any acts

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which the distressful and urgency of Public affairs might render indispensable but this hope which Time & you entertained even after those Complaints of the Nabob were presented to you has convinced that you still considered him notwithstanding such Complaints as actually vested all the forms and Ostensible Dignities to which he was entitled for a support of him in them in the Construction of an official and formal dispatch implies of Opposition of them immediately proceeding. And the Point upon which you still placed in us manifested likewise that you perceived it might be possible that the Acts which we were represented to have committed might by the distress and urgency of Public affairs have been Necessary and indispensible and consequently justifiable that the Nabobs mind might be reconciled to them. That hope therefore and that Point could not have existed in your mind unless it had been evident at the same time to you that either the facts contained in such Memorials were not true as there in stated or if true had not the effect of divesting the Nabob of the Forms and Ostensible Dignities of his Station, and that so far from a propensity to the Commission of those Acts of Power in Opposition to his Highness which were not necessary we were inclined to take Pains to reconcile him to those that were so Neither Such a Conviction in your minds or Such Expressions of it can be construed to have arisen from any Sentiments of Partiality toward us or even from any Resolution to avoid entering into animadversions upon our Conduct, for the very day upon which you expressed your satisfaction to us in relation to the

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to the Nabob, You wrote to us another Letter expressly containing animadversions on our Conduct in relation to other Subjects thinking yourselves in one instance sufficiently warranted in accusing us of falsehood on the ground as you expressed it of Upon thinking that you could trace in your own Records strong Presumptive proofs of such falsehood without waiting on Since having been able to turn that Straight into Certainty or those Presumptions in to Proofs. It is not unlikely therefore that if at the same time, You could warrant also the same belief of being able to trace any such Presumption against us in relation to the Nabob you would on such ground have condescended to comply with our Earnest desire and indeed our well founded claim of having this Accusation likewise brought forward without delay. It is there Probable you thought it so / so false that any mention or notice of it must have done discredit to the Nabob. At any rate you did not think the Complaints of a Nature sufficiently / or important to proceed immediately upon the investi= =gation of them. Or the Contrary You expressed your sorrow that we should have allowed so much credit to the Reports which appeared to have taken up our Attention when we wrote to you on the 2d. of June and 12th. July so far from hinting to us that / they were alledged to you on which you since have grounded your Directions for the Surrender of the Assignment, which / there might lead you to the / necessity of such / decision so far from hinting to us that the Nabobs minister had made any representation, or any such as would even in him have warranted the

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hope of obtaining that decision. You acquaint us that
you are assured by the Minister that he never wrote a letter
to his master that conveyed the most distant Suggestion of
an Intention of your Government to recall from ours the
Surrender of a posture Engagement on which this first and
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natural means of maintaining the defence of the Carnatic
depended and which upon your
and upon your giving us upon your promise that you would not
Countenance such Reports as we had alluded to, and you
express your wish that we should give Credit to your
own Communications for the knowledge of your sentim.ts
and Intentions: as there is no change of Sentiments
Communicated by you to the Assignment which you
had declaredly approved, nor as to the proceedings of the
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Committee of Assigned Revenue to whom Management the
Assignment was committed by us, and whose Conduct
you highly approve for the great attention and ability
they shewed in our management. We were by your own
Letter from Governor Gen.l & Council on Assigned Revenue July 4. 1782.

desire Authorized to suppose that you had made no
alteration in the Sentiments your continued approbation
implied by your own Rule, encouraged us to continue in
the Conduct we had followed, We were in some sort for-
- bidden by you to suspect any disapprobations which
you did not declare. Had you indeed begun to suspect
any abuse of Authority by us. You would not probably
Several Months after the Presentation of this Memorial
have allowed same merit from having requested us to
assume by authority by which you could assist us in
collecting and applying the remaining Resources of the
Carnatic. This merit too you claim when for the first
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time you intimate that Complaints of a very heavy
nature were pressed upon you daily by the Nabob of the
Carnatic which you had, you say, as it avoided to take into
Consideration from a which to support our measure.
Complaints, which you add, if founded in facts that
were not justified by a Public Necessity of which you
could scarcely conceive the Extremity were ruinous to our
national Character, and might prove the Cause of very
extensive mischief to your present Negociations for a Peace
and alliance with other Native Powers. But you add that
you would not lightly change that Opinion which you declared
to us, and to our Employers of your particular Confidence in the
ability and Integrity of our President. The force of Treaties

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the Acknowledged Rights of Princes, and the degree in which
public necessity should admit a Deviation from the Strict
and legal attention due to both were objects which you
thought the Experience of our President happily calculated
to determine upon, and you still hoped that the Nabobs
Complaints may have been founded upon misconception and
that they might find redress where it could alone be effectually
agreeable and useful to them. The Complaints then daily
in October last pressed upon you must have been same
other Complaints or pressed upon you by some other means
than those of the memorials which not [illegible] after you had
decided on them, you relate to us, or you must have
anticipated the intention of the Memorialists for in your
letter which we have the honor now to answer of the 13
of January after the Account you are pleased to give us
of your motives, and Success in prevailing upon Syed Assam

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Cause to withdraw his first memorial in July last. You seem to have enjoyed in this Particular a kind of neutrality until the month of November, you mention that you were disappointed in the wishes and expectations you had formed that the Nabobs dissatisfaction would be, and his mind reconciled for that in the Month of November signed Assam Cawn in Consequence of orders which he had received for the purpose drawn up a Second memorial which he presented with the former and solicited your Consideration of them. It was by the Means of the Governor General that these Representations were communicated to you. The month of November seems then to have been the Era of the Arrival of these Solicitations; neither then, nor those you mention of the preceding October, the of a heavy Nature were however of such a Nature as to preclude the possibility of being justified by a proof to be true the possibility of which you could scarcely conceive the Public Necessity. Extremely and therefore required that beside such an Enquiry into the facts as could be satisfactory or conclusive only by hearing the Testimony of both Parties, such a Reference to us of them and such a demand for and in consideration of our Motives as might enable You to judge whether they were Motives of the Public Necessity of which you still admitted the possibility, and which if such could look from our Conduct even of the Allegations against us had been true, all the Blame and all the Danger of which only otherwise it appeared to you to be Susceptible. Your Reliance particularly on the Ability, Integrity and Political Expence of our President led you likewise to hope that the

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Nabob's Complaints were founded upon misconception; and your hope that he might still find Redress here furnishes an Idea of Redress that you must have then thought adequate the short indeed of what you have since meant to have given for the same in the Surrender of the Assignment which you could not suppose warrantable in us, after your earnest Advice to demand it your repeated approbation of it when obtained, and which grew out of your own Treaty; the Responsibility of which you warn us, if we should suffer it to fail of its full Effect; upon Request that we should assume every authority by which you could assist us in the Collection and application of the remaining Resources of the Carnatic; and, above all, after the Declaration which was before you from our President, as acting for the Government, to the Nabob, that this Assign- ment or agreement was referred to the Court of Directors; and that therefore it was totally out his power to comply with his Highness's Request for annulling it, were he even satisfied of the propriety of such a Measure.-

Letter from President to Nabob Dated March 20th 1782 being No 14 of the Appendixes from Bengal.

The Complaints therefore which you say you imagine had been made in the first instance to our own Board, must have been, by you imagined, to be Complaints that required a Remedy more within our own Power and a lesser Sacrifice of the Public Cause. You could not indeed suppose that we should release in any Part of the Assignment after the Expression of your Dissatisfaction for our having once done so, and your warnings against our doing so in future. You did not even think it necessary that we should enter into controversial Explanations with the Nabob on Matters in which he had no present concern but that we might refer him to that Period at which he might require from us a Restitution

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of our Trust, and a faithful Report of the manner in which we had discharged it: and that all intermediate Acts were independently our own, and could only be made subservient to their Interests being independently Ours. How could Neither be so Identify between Complaints which you imagined had been made to us and Complaints which you mention as exhibited against us, Even if the Original Subject had been same, the Ground must change in some Degree with the Tribunal, and the last Complaint must contain a Charge of a Denial of Redress, upon presentation of the former, which, before such presentation, could not have existed. But no Imagination on your part or ours or our Certainty that Complaints against us had been first made to us, could warrant us in supposing you so inattentive to all justice, and to the public Interest involved in the fate of the Assignment as to condemn our Conduct, or annul that Assignment, without affording us a specific Communication of the Charges brought against us in relation to such Assignment, as well as without giving us any notice of Trial; without requiring our Answer, hearing the Testimonyes we might have to disprove such Charges; or the Justifications we might have to set up against them. But on the very first intimation which you gave us that heavy Complaints had been made against us by the Nabob we expressed our Surprize to you that you should with held a moment from us the Communication of such Complaints. We observed to you that we had adopted no measures in relation to the Nabob but such as you previously directed and afterwards approved. That our Delicacy towards his Highness and our forbearance in many instances from that Delicacy to take such Measures which our situation required and your Directions expressed had

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had been, if any thing had, the only censurable part of our
Conduct, and you expressed your Regret at it. We recollect-
-ed that to our former application to you to be made
acquainted with any Objections reported to be made to
our Plan or execution, you seemed in your answer sorry
that we should give Credit to such Reports; and kindly
promised not to countenance them; But we observed to you
that we should hold it a countenance most injurious to us
to suffer the public to take you there took of such Com-
-plaints to continue in their then state of suspence as to
the Grounds and Motives of them without giving us an
opportunity by an immediate Communication of them
as we already had desired, to justify ourselves against
them. if all founded we concurred indeed with you in
the Opinion you had given us in your Letter of the 5th
of April 1782 of the Impropriety of our Declining any Con-
-troversial explanations personally with the Nabob; but
that we were anxious to receive his Complaints thro your
Board that you might after you had heard our Defence
be the sooner able to form a Judgement of our Conduct;
for that as we had already declared to you, we disclaimed
that Tenderness which should conceal any information
or materials that could elucidate our Conduct.-

For the Surprize we then felt, at your
withholding, for a moment, a Communication of Com
-plaints against us, which you withheld for Several
Months, our Motives have been Strengthned by your
Subsequent proceedings. For tho the very Existence of this
Complaints is concealed from us from July to October at
the same time that our Suspicions are quelled by your

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Dear Sir

Dear that we should credit only upon our own Accounts, tho when the fact of Complaint is mentioned in your letter of October, not one is transmitted to us for our Answer, nor even the nature of them explained, except that they were by any Complaints, or any account given to what they were preferred; tho we were the Parties accused, this was not heard; tho in the regular Course of Business we might have expected them to be transmitted to us, who could best explain them to you, and to the Court of Directors. Yet those Complaints contained in two Memorials one presented first in July and again with the other in November, were, as you relate, entered upon your Records before the Departure of the Lively packet, They were both in fact entered in December not necessarily so at that time for the necessity, if any must have related back to July or November when they were presented; but they were entered before the Departure of the Lively Packet. In mentioning them in your letter to the Court of Directors you simply refer to the papers themselves: You state no Remarks upon them. You had not indeed then taken them into consideration. You had not as yet had even the accusers Testimony, but you send the accusation you did not chuse to leave to send the Answer of the Accused. This partial Transmission is however to be considered as impartial Justice, because you added no Remarks you did not therefore remark that you kept those accusations carefully from us; by which means you left them to their full operation against us and secured for them the benefit of a first and long impression before any Defence can follow on our part, depriving us, until it may prove late, of the opportunity to deny or refute, or explain the

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Charges, or to offer what we had to offer in our justification;
it was a Cause it seems to be heard only on one side Had
the Lively packet been ordered to call at Fort St George as
she past the Coast, some intimation of this Transmission
might have reached us so as to follow it within a reasonable
time by a transmission on our part; and than the whole would
come fairly before our Masters. But the Lively packet
was not suffered to call at Fort St George. It was however
usual, and agreeable to the Intention of the Court of Directors
for packets from Bengal to call, when the Season would
allow, at this presidency for its publick Dispatches for the
Company. It would be a needless Multiplication of
expence to the Company to have separate packets forom
neighbouring Presidencies. No Season more favorable
for calling here than when the Lively sailed To call here
could then have lengthened her voyage but a very few Days.
No time at which the latest Accounts from this Presidency
the seat of War, could more anxiously be sought, or be
more requisite to be known, by our Employers. She did
not carry from Bengal the ratification of the Maratta
Treaty, or of any Signal event of which the Importance and
Long anxious expectation might account for the laudable
impatience of conveying [illegible]me, without requiring for
the events upon this Coast [illegible] when She sailed no account of
Hostile Ships upon the Coast to render Dangerous the Approach
The Lively packet had been sent merely for Repair to Bengal
from this presidency. A Note had been delivered on the part of
our president to the Governor General, on Publick Affairs and
for Publick use, in which among other Things it was mentioned
That Lord Macartney made a point of not detaining even
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private Ships; and took care to have his Dispatches ready, or deferred sending them to another Opportunity. It gave him therefore much pain, that the Swallow Packet should have been kept at Madras Several Days, which was entirely for Sir Eyre Coote. Lord Macartney desired to assure Mr. Hastings, that he would not detain any Packet from Bengal beyond forty Eight hours. As he had few Opportunities of sending immediately from thence by any quick Conveyance, He requested the Packet from Bengal might be directed to touch at Fort St George. As the Nancy Ketch did not do so, it would be a disappointment to him if the Lively should not be ordered to call at Madras. This Request, and those Reasons, motives of public Duty, or private Civility were not sufficient to allow the Lively to touch at Madras, The Countenance already injurious to us in suffering the public notice you had taken of Complaints against us to continue in a State of Suspence without giving us an opportunity by an immediate Communication of them, to justify ourselves against them, became still more injurious by the advantage thus given to our Accusers without our knowledge.

Note forwarded to the Governor Genl. at Calcutta March 26 1782

At what period you determined to take those Complaints into consideration we cannot ascertain. Were we to judge by the Reason which, you alledge, had forced you to do it, it would fix it to July; for the Infraction of your Treaty, and breach of the Condition of the Agreement, which you say appeared to you of such Consequence that for the sake of justice to the Nabob, and to retrieve the injury which in the minds of the Country powers such an