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That Offers, to join us, by Sea, you will likewise give orders (as before) for a Detachment of His Majestys 15th Hanoverians equal to 200 with the Proportion of Officers, to Embark, at the same time. — I have wrote to the Commettee upon the Subject, & I doubt not of their finding the proper Conveyance and Accommodation; —

Whatever Grain you Supply your Regiment will need to bring them here, must be either carried with you, or sent forward to Chinglipat or Parnacoil, for there is none on the Road, and very little here as Still you There is a large quantity of Slaughter Cattle, Pickup at Parnacoil, which I have ordered to remain there, until they can be escorted by your Regiment, and the 12th Battn of Sepoys. —

The Gallopers, 6 pounders, Attached to your Regiment, should be drawn by Horses. —

We have given the French a smart tickler quite unexpected by them, but it cost us rather dear

tickler

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

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

Camp in Advance one mile South of
Cuddalore
June 15th 1783.

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... The Committee refer to the President's Minute of the 18th ... of December last in Relation to the Authority of the Company's Presidencies in India for the disposal of His Majesty's Troops sent out for the protection of the Company's Possessions.

on the authority of the Company's Presidencies on the disposal of His Majesty's Troops—

The Committee having approved, and by adopted the Sentiments contained in that minute, and in the President's Letter through the Channel of the Secretary, put in to Consultation the 15th of the same Month, and having in conformity to those Sentiments Required General Stuart at their meeting the 18th ... "to acquaint and Signify to Colonel Jones that he is in future to comply as far as may be in his "power with whatever may be desired for the Public Service "by the Chief and Council at Masulipatnam, and for "required General Stuart to send no orders or Instruct "to any of the Kings or Companys Officers, emp at "a distance from the Presidency, excepting on matters "detail, on the discription of the Troops without previ by "communicating such Orders or Instructions to the Select "Committee for their approbation ...

These circumstances which so lately occurred, and particularly the Requisitions above Noted must be fresh in the memory of General Stuart notwithstanding which he has thought proper in the Letter now read without Asking the Consent of the Committee consulting them at all upon the Subject, to such or to one of the Kings Officers for part of His Majesty's and even part of those which at present compose the Ga

of send orders Troops

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to join the Army

Read Letter of the 15th Instant from General Stuart received the 18 and ordered on the Diary of that date containing his relation of the action of the 13th Instant The Committee which they express at the success which has attended the attack of the Enemys Lines — and subjects at Cuddalore have encreased on finding that it has been so dearly purchased — Resolved that General Stuart be desired to communicate to the army the Thanks of the Committee for their brave and steady Conduct in the late trying occasion.

On the Letter from General Stuart of the 18th Instant

Resolved that 200 of his Majestys 73d and 101st Regiments of Manoeuvres together with the Recruits and Invalids now at St Thome be ordered to hold themselves in readiness to embark for Cuddalore at the shortest Notice, and that all officers belonging to Corps in Camp be ordered to join the Army with all convenient expedition —

Resolved

a reinforcement of 200 Hanoverians and the recruits now to join the army

Resolved that Lieutenant Carlos Swartz be appointed aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief vice Lieutenant Peter Campbell deceased and that Lieutenant Richardson be appointed Deputy Adjutant General vice Captain Walter Douglas deceased

Lt Swart appointed aid de Camp to Genl Stuart & Lt Richardson Deputy adjutant General

Resolved that Captain Lord William Murray and Lieutenant Thomson be permitted to join the main Army

Resolved that Mr Burnton Mr Cook and Mr

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Mr. Rose be admitted Cadets and Appointed Ensigns
Read the following Letter from Captain
Edmonds

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

My Lord.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have completed the Service for which this Detachment was at first intended, that of restoring to the Venkatagherry Rajah the Countries taken from him by the Enemy, reducing the Zemindars Circar and fulfilling the Promises made to the Polygars who had revolted and who seem to express much happiness at the change Instead of the Plentifull country I expected to find except just under the walls of their Forts Garrisond by Hyders people the whole Country is Plundered and laid waste by the Polygars thinking thereby to distress the Garrisons We feel the consequences of it severely as it is with difficulty I can get sufficient to subsist the Detachment — this and the distance I am from the Grain lain in the Forts belonging to the Venkatagherry Rajah prevents my making a diversion into the Cuddapah Country which I understand is plundered as is this except near the Forts of Cadenke & Gandicotah

From Captain Edmonds has completed the service he was first sent upon; devoid on his expectations of finding Grain; ready to make a diversion on the Cuddapah Country regarding the renter of Angole & Sadeemahomed Cawn who has two thousand Horse

promises

for

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Palace too strong for this Detachment to attempt nor is our Cannon or Stock of Ammunition to effecting a breach I saw now laying at Yerramacull a strong Fort on the Pass leading from this into the Cuddapah Country which will give the Government People confidence to return to their Villages and I shall be ready to enter the Cuddapah Country or to oppose any Party that may be sent to molest them should a division into the Cuddapah country be thought practicable with this Detachment I will be glad as order be sent to the Commandar of Vellore to supply such Provisions as he may be wrote to for, it being the nearest may only place Supplies can be procured—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships letter regarding the Renter of Bugala he offered to raise Troops and expressed a desire to proceed with me on this Service but I told him I conceived it would not be agreeable to Government knowing they had directed Ram Chunder Rauz to disband his followers since which I have heard nothing from him — Lide Mahomed Cawn who has got together about 2000 Rabble mostly horse is advanced into the Cuddapah Country to succour his friends respecting the Fort in that Country as soon as I hear from him I will do myself the honor to write your Lordships his success— I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord,

Your Lordships Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Alex.d Edmonds Capt.n Comm.d

Yerramacull
10th June 1783—

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The Committee having considered the agreement received by Captain Edmonds from the persons whom he has appointed to the management of the Common Corah it is resolved that a Copy thereof be sent to Mr. Gardener and that he be informed we have appointed him to receive from the said persons the Revenue of the Common Corah, of which and for all the Pertenances, and Subjects belonging thereto he is to attain and exact account and transmit the same to us and that he is to endeavor to establish with the men mentioned in their Agreement regular Visits for the Payment of the Revenue, but that the Management and Collection and the Settlement, with the Inferior Polygars and Inhabitants are to be left entirely to them without any Interference on his Part.

Minutes on the Agreement made by Capt.n Edmonds with the Common People

Read the following regulations for the Superintending Surgeons rendered more full than those before delivered in.

Orders and Regulations to be observed by Surgeons at the Presidency, Subordinancies, Out-garrisons in the field and in Cantonments.

Regulations to be observed by Surgeons at the Presidency Subordinancies in the field & Cantonments

1. The Surgeon Superintending the Honble Companys Medical Stores is to make out the annual Indents to Europe for all Medicines Instruments and Utensils that may appear to him necessary for the use of the Settlement and the Subordinancies, observing to avoid all Articles that can easily and more cheaply be purchased in India

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2 He is to keep a particular and an exact account of all Medicines Instruments Utensils &c. that he may receive into the Honble Companys Godowns from Europe, also a particular and correct Account of all Disbursements of Medicines, Instruments Utensils &c. and of the unavoidable wastage and damage either by vermin, time or weather or any other Accident

3d. He is to lay before the Right Honble President & Select Committee a quarterly Return (or oftener if it be required) of all Receipts and Issues and of the remaining Stock of Drugs, Instruments utensils &c. then in the Honble Companys Godowns; and if necessary he is to point out all Wants and deficiencies and how they can be supplied and desired in the case and expedition that the orders of the Honble Committee may be obtained for that end

4th He is to comply as far as he may judge it expedient or consistent with the Stock of Medicines Instruments Utensils &c. then in the Godowns with all reasonable Orders made to them by the several Surgeons who may be in charge of Hospitals of Garrisons of Cantonments of Brigades and all Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants at the Subordinances who may be acting by authority of the Select Committee taking especial care to reserve at all times a sufficient Part thereof, for the use and consumption of the Presidency

5th He shall be may judge with certainty of the necessity and Propriety of Orders all Surgeons Surgeons Assistants &c. who may be duly authorized to order

for

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For Medical Stores are to keep an Account of all their expenditures and that at the time of tendering to the Surgeon Superintendeing the Medical Stores for fresh Supplies, they are to send to them an exact return thereof, as also a Return of the Locks that may have been under their care from the date of their last Indent otherwise their Application will not be attended to and further they are directed to return the Old Instruments immediately to the Stores upon Receiving the new —

6th He is to supply the Dispensatory or Apothecaries Shops from the Medical Stores with such Medicines, Instruments & Utensils as may be Necessarily required (of what he is to be the judge) for its daily Consumption and he is to direct the Black Assistants and Servants employed in that Department to Comply with no Prescriptions or Orders, but such as may be signed by the Surgeon General, Surgeon Major, himself and other Surgeon or Surgeons Assistants who may be practising by appointment at the Presidency all of which Prescription Orders are to bear the name of the Person for whom the Medicine shall be intended as well as the Persons name Prescribing or ordering; and he is further ordered to file and to enter the same on a daily record —

7th Should at any time the Honble Companys Medical

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Medical Stores be suspended or should there be any — "
unnecessiency to answer the real wants of the Service.
The Surgeon superintending the Medical Stores is to
Purchase all such Drugs Instruments Vessels &c.a as
he may in good faith deem needful for the then present
exigency first Obtaining leave from the Select Committee
so to do and he is to make out the monthly charge —
attending such Purchase, producing his Vouchers —
8.th He is to provide (in lieu of extra charges made by the
Senior Surgeons for Country Remedies &c.a for the use
of the Honble Companys civil Servants Convalescents and
other indisposed persons that may not be thought proper
objects for the Hospital which is supplied by Contract
The Godowns and Dispensatory with wine Spirits
Vinegar Nitre Camphor Opium Squills Oil Wax Wood
Charcoal Sugar Honey Limes Lemmons Jaggery
Sponge and Liquorice root Castor Oil &c.a and in general
all Country Articles whatsoever that may necessarily be
required in the Preparation of Tinctures Syrups, Confections,
Ointments and other Officinal and Pharmaceutical Compositions,
which together with all Contingent expences, he is to —
Particularly specify in a monthly Account which he is
to deliver in to the Commissary General —
9 He is to apply by Indent agreeable to annual form and
Custom to the Paymaster General for Paper Candles —
Lamps

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Sample Pil. of the Cordage Was cloth Sudgeon Pots Tunnel
Bottles Sorts Basketts Coolies to carry the Medicine
indented for to the different Subordinancies &c. a Set
of Books for entries, Disbursements &c. and Stationary —
10 Peons to provide and entertain Black Assistants & Servants,
for the use and business of the Godowns & those agreeable
to the following list

One Writer to enter all receipts and issues &c. @ 5 Pag. Pr. Mo.
Four Black Assistants, to compound & prepare
Medicine @ 2 Pags each ..... } ... 8 —
Two Dr. Surgeons Assistants to prepare Dressings & assist
in Dressing the Wounded ..... @ 3 Fs. each 6 —
Four Coolies to beat the Mortar, bring Water, Sweep
the Godowns &c. ..... @ 1½ Fs. each .. 6 —
Pagodas 25 —

11th If the funds the above number of Servants unnecessary
he is to employ more, duly advising the Select Committee
of the increase, and he has full authority to dismiss
any of the above Assistants and Servants who may
appear to have negligent, ignorant or otherwise
unfit for the Service of which they are engaged and he
has also full authority to open their Dismission to
employ and entertain such others as he may think
qualified for the purposes for which they are wanted
12th

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12th With the Monthly contingent charges of his Department, he is Ordered to draw his own Pay & allowances, the Pay of the Apothecary and the Pay of Black Assistants & Servants conformable to the List in Article 10th to whom he is to be accountable and to take their receipts as his Vouchers.

13th He is to keep a sufficient number of Black Assistants and Servants 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 under dispensably be required.

14th The Apothecary is hereby directed and Ordered to put himself under the Directions and Orders of the Surgeon Superintending the Medical Stores and to give regular and daily Attendance at the Medical Godowns and Shop, to attend and assist in the Packing of all Sundrys and their delivery, to prepare all Officinal & Pharmaceutical Compositions to look after and preserve the Drugs, Instruments and Medical Stores as much as possible for Damage and decay, and to keep them in good and proper order and condition.

15th The Surgeon Superintending the Medical Stores is not to fail, should he in the course of business observe the above instructions to be in any respect insufficient for the guidance or in any part defective to the real design and intention of his Appointment,

to

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to make such remarks and Observations as may Elucidate such defects, and he is to draw out the same in form and lay them before the Hon.ble President & Select Committee for their consideration.

16th In consequence of the foregoing regulations the Surgeons in Camp and Cantonments are in future to make no contingent charges whatsoever nor present any Bills but those for their Monthly Pay and Allowances and as it is supposed that they have hitherto derived some emolument from the Supplying the sick under their Charge with Country Medicines &c. the Select Committee are pleased to establish the following Allowance in lieu of such emoluments — Viz.

derived

To the Surgeon Major with the Main Army when in the field Colonels full Batta and Captains Subsistence

The other Surgeon with the Army Lieutenant Colonels full Batta & Captain or Assistant Surgeons with the Army Lieutenants Pay and Captain Batta —

The Surgeon Major to be allowed the following Servants when in the Field attending the Army.

One Dobash to Prepare Medicines @ 8 Pag.s	8	—
Two inferior Do.	4 Do.	8 —
Two Coolies to attend the preparation of Med.s	2 Do.	4 —
Four Do. to carry Med.l Utensils	2 Do.	8 —
Pag.s		30 —

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17th Art. 16 Ordered that the Preceding Article be no Contingent charges are to be made in future either by Surgeons or Surgeons Assistants Attending Armies or Cantonments, the Select Committee have ordered the Surgeon Superintending the Medical Stores to provide purchase and keep in readiness all those Articles called Country Medecines for the Purpose of supplying the necessary wants of the Surgeon and Surgeons Assistants acting with the Armies and in Cantonments who are to apply to them by regular Indents through the Surgeon Major or Senior Surgeon on the Spot.

18th Ordered that there may be observed a Strict Oeconomy in the use and employment of the above named Articles, and to prevent Profusion waste and Unnecessary expence, the Superintending Surgeon of Medical Stores is to examine attentively the different Indents, and if they shall appear to them unnecessary unreasonable or unnecessary he is to control and Abridge them as his Judgement may direct and further all Surgeon and Surgeons Assistants who may be authorized to indent, are ordered and directed under penalty to send to them an exact and perfect Account (at the time of indenting) of what they may have expended of their last Supplies and a Clear and distinct return of what remains unexpended, together with a return of the number of Sick that may have been under

Their

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their care from the date of their last indent until the time of indenting all of which are to be signed by themselves and certified by the Surgeon Major or Senior Surgeon then on Camp

19th The Surgeon Superintending the Medical Stores is to apply to the Commissary General for Coolies to carry the different Packages to Camp &c. that may be indented for each Package is to be marked with the Surgeons name for whom they may be intended and directed to the Commissary there who will give notice to the several Surgeons of their Arrival that they may take Charge thereof, he Only having instructions to provide conveyances for the same, under whose guard they will constitute the grand Magazine from whence the Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants are to take their necessary Supplies. He is at the same time to acquaint by letter the several Surgeons, that he has complied with their indents as far as he may have judged expedient and consistent with the good of the Service among every particular Articles and their Quantities, and the Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants are hereby ordered to send to them an acknowledgment of the receipt thereof by the first Opportunity

20th When a Surgeon or Surgeons shall be sent on Detachment, he or they are to take with him or them such Articles as may deem Convenient for that expedition

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or Service from their own Magazine and Should the Carriage of such Medicines &c require more Coolies that the established number he or they are obliged to maintain by Order, he or they in that case are to Apply to the Commissary giving him timely notice for the Number that may be necessary for such Service; and on his or their return the Medicine again to be placed under the guard of the Commissary —

25th The Superintending Surgeon of Medical Stores is to take care to purchase all those Articles called Country Medicine at the cheapest rate and of the best Quality, and to guard against every expence on the Purchase thereof that can possibly add to their first cost in order that his Charges may be the more reasonable and thereby save the heavy and superfluous expences that has hitherto been incurred to the Honble Company under this head. and he is to make out an exact and particular Monthly charge of all the Indents with the unavoidable Charges attending the Package Delivery &c thereof, heading each Indent with the name of the Surgeon to whom the Medicines were sent and he is to lay the same before the Honble Company for their inspection & Approbation, who will order Payment for the same Accordingly.

Ordered to be sent on Circulation for the Consideration

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Consideration of the Members —

Read the following Letter from the Attorney General

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

From attorney General on a Letter from Mr Wallgar relative to the detention and loss of the Snow Charlotte

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Mr Secretary Huddleston has laid before me a letter from Mr. Wallgar & the Papers referred to in it relative to the Detention and loss of the Snow Charlotte — He has also informed me that the Vessel on questions was detained here in October last to prevent her carrying intelligence of our then critical situation to the Enemy; then being bound to Tranquebar where the whole, or part of their fleet was stationed. That your Lordship &c. conceive that on time of War every state has a right to lay an Embargo on Vessels in their port whenever the Publick safety requires it & that the exercise of that right was never more necessary than on that Occasion; Yet that as you wish to show every just attention to the rights of Neutral Powers, & shall think it to evince your friendly disposition towards the Tranquebar Government you had deferred coming to a final determination upon the Subject and had directed Mr Lind to desire — that I would furnish you with any Opinion — whether and how far, the Company, is responsible for the loss

Faithfully &

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Sustained by the Owners of the Snow Charlotte.—

From the Protest and other papers which accompanied Mr. Hudlestons letter I understand that had she not been detained by order of your Lordships &c. she would have escaped the Storm of the 15th October by which she was driven on shore at St. Thome where she was unfortunately wrecked. Her detention must therefore be considered as the cause of her loss, and as such I conceive that the Honorable Company is bound to make good the whole of that loss whatever it may amount to. nothing but imminent and urgent necessity can justify such a detention: and when the safety of the State requires it, there is ever by the Law of Nations an implied Promise to dispay all the expences the Stay for all the losses & Damages that may be occasioned by it. The proposition that every State owes its Subjects Allegis it to be that this Promise is performed, and upon refusal or unreasonable delay commands reprisals which may terminate in a warfare between the two Nations to evince Therefore your attention to the right of Neutral Powers and friendly disposition to the Tranquebar Government, and thereby to obviate an occasion of Complaint to the Court of Denmark I humbly offer it to your Lordships &c. as my Opinion that it is proper, as it is proper to make the owners full satisfaction for the loss of both Ship & Cargo deducting

The

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covered

the amount of what they have already received

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Benj.n Sulivan

Fort St George
29th May 1783.

Ordered to lie for Consideration

Mr Harris and Mr Boswell being

Mess.rs Harris & Boswell appointed Assistant Surgeons

extremely well recommended agreed that they be appointed Assistant Surgeons

The President lays before the Committee the following Papers Viz.t

President's Paper comprizing the whole of the Receipts and Disbursements of this Presidency from July 1781 to May 1783 which were sent to Bengal

Statement

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Statement of Disbursements made for Civil Purposes from 1st July 1781 to 15th May 1783

Civil Paymaster Disbursed by him as follows Viz.t			
For Civil Charges in Cash		5624.6.7.	
By Bills on Bengal	75424.34.6½		131776.29.6½
His Majestys Squadron			
in Cash		2765.24.51.	
By Bills on Bengal	38857.24.5½		41623.13.30.
Cuddalore Factory			
In Cash		1435.30.50	
By Bills on Bengal	2908.7.35	4344.2.5.	177739.9.22.
Committee of Works			
Advanced Mr. Mowy for repairs in Cash		2000. " "	
By Bills on Bengal		18916. " "	20916. " "
Account Salary			
Paid out of Cash		107593.4.51.	
By Bills on Bengal		39108.27.2.	146701.31.53.
Gratuity Fund on Bills in Bengal			5757.14.29.
Charges Extraordinary			
Disbursed on that Account in Cash and Bills			32258.12. "
Mayors Court			2910. " "
Masulipatam Factory disbursed on that Account			9558. " "
Ganjam Factory ... Do		Do	553. " "
Vizagapatam ... Do		Do	14933.12. "
Fort St. David Presidency			1066.24. "
Bombay Presidency			15723.31.42.
Account Current London			6672.34.73.
Nagore Factory			1363.4.10.
Charges Merchandize			3405.20.7.
Amount of Bonds discharged		274195.30.1.	
Interest paid on Bonds		140400.30.73.	414596.24.74
		Pagodas	854156.2.70

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A true Copy

Thomas Longcroft (signed) Thos. Lechburn

Depy Secy Depy Accountant

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Statement of Disbursements made for Military Purposes

From 1st July 1781. to 15th May 1783.

Military Paymaster General

Viz.

Viz.

For Military Charges, Charges Hospital Charges			
General Extraordinary &c at Fort St. George			6,89,93,92.35.
To the Paymaster in Camp			2,08,977. 2.56.
To Depy Paymaster			217.516. 18.40.
Vellore Paymaster remitted him			66,820. 24. -
Arnaspore ditto	ditto		32.296. 2. 24.
Chinglepaut ditto	ditto		33.216. 7. -
Poonamallee ditto	ditto		13.426. 13.34.
Pulicat ditto	ditto		47.936. 40.
Remitted to the Southern Army			74.982. 7.33.
Tongamallee Paymaster remitted him			10.946. 16.56.
Sanjore Paymaster ditto			12.870. 17.45.
Carangoolly ditto	ditto		3000. - -
Vellore ditto	ditto		762. 3.40.
Vandewash ditto	ditto		2000. - -
			36,01,086. 28. 3.
Civil Paymaster disbursed by them for Military Purposes			67.399. 2. 34.
Committee of Works disbursed by them in Stockings		4,643. 23. -	
By Bills		4096. 35. 40.	
By Bonds		25,000. - -	
By Copper and Iron		63,890. 16. 6.	1,45,636. 3. 46.
Military Storekeeper advanced him on Cash		38,614. 17. 40.	
in Bills		3890. - -	
in Copper, Pepper and Iron		61.615. - -	
Amount of Military Stores delivered for the use of the Army from 1st July 1781. to 15. May 1783 Pag. 249.239. 11. 50. which received from Bengal			2.15.984. 4. 74.
			155,103. 22. 34.
Garrison Storekeeper Advanced him in Cash		4715. 7. 50.	
in Bills		6,59,690. 11. 37.	6.64405. 19. 7.
Former Agent advanced him in Cash		6470. 33. 70.	
in Bills		29.756. 21. 54.	
Provisions delivered to him & issued by him to the Army		1.11.449. 41. 32.	
Carried Over			1,47,677. 24. 76.

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Brought over		
Present Agent advanced him in Cash	44044.32.40	
By Bills	1,04,839.22.	
Provisions delivered to him and issued to the Army amount to 961.7.55. of which by 31317.2.65 received from Bengal	8,80201.24.25	
Superintendant of the Nabob Disbursements Advanced him in Cash	30,425.7.76	
on Bills	97.501.24.59	
By Bonds	48.942.20.7	1,76869.16.62
Storekeeper Cash advanced him		2,500
Cuddalore Factory for Cash and Bills remitted thither & Bills drawn from that Factory		26,140
Second War with Hyder Ally for so much advanced out of Cash on that account		52.272.31.7
For Horses purchased by Bills on Bengal 37,518.3.76		
Do. Do. by Bonds 6455.		96,245.34.76
Dutch War for so much stand out of Cash on that Account		2,500
Bengal Presidency Do. Do.		5,000
Paymaster at Tanjore disbursed by him from January 82. to 30th April 83.		2,82.323.32.72
		Pagodas...64,4000.9.29

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Errors Excepted

(Signed) pp Thomas Lockburn
D.y Accountant

A true Copy
Thomas Kingscote
Dep.y Secy.

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Statement of Supplies from 1st July 1782 to 15th May 1783

Amount of Cash received for bills on the Mint
Court of Directors ..... 1030.899.12.56.
Treasure Received from Bengal ... 12,46,704.28.67.
Do Remitted by way of Masulipatam 35,250. " "
Do Do on Bills on Mess.rs Pelling & Do Loss % } 32,066.33.48.
Amount of Bills drawn on that Settlem.t 130,773.10.56.
Ditto of Provisions received from Do 31,317.2.65.
Ditto of Military Stores Do 215,984.4.74. 38,857.3.8.65.
Treasure Received from Masulipatam 1,42,030.13.47.
Amount of Bills drawn on that Factory 12,594.11.75.
Do of Provisions received from Do 3,830.23.48. 398,455.13.10.
Treasure received from Vizagapatam 66,252.23.32.
Do remitted hither on Bills .. 74,306.20.60.
Amount of Bills drawn on that Factory 1,19,986.40.
Amount of Provisions received from Do 21,049.4.15. 281589.12.76.
Treasure received from Gingam .. 12,882.18 "
Ditto remitted hither on Bills 29,866.24 "
Amount of Bills drawn on that Factory 4,752.33.22. 84,502.3.22.
Amount of Provisions received from Bombay ... 3346.6.28.
Paymaster at Tanjore Cash and Grain received from the Rajah from January 82 to 30 April 1783 ... 40,432.3.10.
Borrowed from Sundry Persons .. 5,797.24.34.
Received from Mess.rs Cochrane & Digby 92,011.1.34. 284240.28.78.
Borrowed upon Bond from 1st July 1781 to 15th May 1783 ..... 4,740.85.15.34.

Pagodas 64,22,91.29.49.

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Errors Excepted
(Signed) P. Tho.s Cockburn
Depy Accot.

Attest Cosby
Thomas Kingscote
Depy Secy

Abstract of Disbursements made for Civil and Military Purposes

from 1st July 1781 to 15th May 1783.

Civil Disbursements as p. No. 1	8,54,156. 2. 70.	
Military ... Do. as p. No. 2	64,49,000. 9. 29.	73,03,156. 12. 19.
	S. Pagodas	73,03,156. 12. 9.

N.B. Amount of Supplies from 1st July 1781 to 15th May 1783 as p. No. 3 } Pag.s 64,42,291. 29. 49.

Fort St. George 15th May 1783

Errors Excepted

(Signed) p. Thom.s Cockburn
Dep.y Accountant

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D.y Sec.y

N.B. The Disbursements in the Circars amounting to upwards of 9 Lacks of Pagodas are not included in the above.

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Statement of Sums Received on Account of the Assigned Revenue, Farms and Employs at the Presidency of Fort St. George from 1st July 1781 to 15th May 1783

Assigned Revenue received on that Account to 15th May 1783		784924	
Farms	Do	143600	
Employs	Do	582161	1510685
		Pagodas	1510685

Fort St. George 15th May 1783

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(Signed) Thomas Lockburn
Depty Sec.y

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Depty Sec.y

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Receipts from 1st July 1781 to 15th May 1783

Supplies received from Europe, Bengal, Northern Circars Tanjore and by Bond as p. No. 3	64,42,295.29.49	
Ditto from Assigned Revenue Farms, and Employs at the Presidency as p. No. 4	15,10,685	79,52,976.29.49

Pagodas 79,52,976.29.49

Disbursements from 1st July 1781 to 15th May 1783

Military and Civil Disbursements as p. No. 1 & 2		7303,156.12.19	
Cash paid to his Highness the Nabob		1,67,571	
Do. on Account of Charges Genl. & presents	3461	171,032	74,74,188.12.19
By Balance			478,788.17.30

Pagodas 79,52,976.29.49

Fort St. George 15th May 1783

Errors Excepted

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn Depy. Accountant

Attest Copy Thomas Kingscote Depy. Secy.

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Memorandum

Money Received at Masulipatam from Bengal
the 15th May ... Pagodas 351250 - -
Amount received since out of the above ... 256947 - -
Balance at Masulipatam ... 94303 -
Balance of Receipts ... 4,72,788.17.30
Deduct the above included in the Supplies to 15th May ... 94303 - -
3,84,485.17.30 which
Must be the Balance of Provisions and Cash in the Presidency on the 15th May.

Fort St George May 25th 1783

Account of Payments made from the Assigned Revenue including the whole of what is this Day known to have been Paid

To His Highness the Nabob on Account of his Cash Paid
Paid as p last Statement of 8th April 1783 ... P 147500 - -
April 15th in Cash - - P 5000 - -
May 16th in Do ... 19000 - -
in April & May 2000 Bags of Rice ... 5071 - -
20071 - - 16757½ - -

To Charges General
Paid as p last Statement - - P. 1913 - -
Paid since Office Servants for April 59 - - 1972 - -

To Account Presents Paid as p last Statement ... 1489 - -

Total of Payments Pg. 175032 - -

(Signed) J C Barthelona
accountant

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Thomas Hengscote
D. J. Secy

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Fort S.t George 25.th May 1783

Account of Receipts of the Assigned Revenue, including the whole of what is this Day known to have been received

of Pulicat District as p last Statement of 8.th April 1783		P. 2500	--
of Palnaud District as p last Statement		C.P. 19876	--
Received since there April 23.d		1000	--
Do. Do. May 6.th & 10.th		2000	--
Do. by Mr. Gardenier at different times in Money & Provisions as p his receipts			
M.P. 2976 -- 210 p.c	9873 --	32749	--
of Nellore District Received as p last Statement P.P.	40228		
Do. by Mr. Crane from 4.th to 30.th April M.P.	26000		--
Ditto by Ditto from 1.st to 22.d May	32000		--
Ditto here by Committee May 6.th	15700		
M.P. 58700 --	64570	104798	--
of Ongole District received as p last Statement		21955	--
of Trichenopoly District Received as p last Statement		16037	--
of Tinnevelle Country received as p last Statement		141889	--
of Madura District received as p last Statement		19616	--
		783244	--
Batta received for the difference in exchanging of Madras Pagodas into Star Pagodas higher than 10 p.c		1680	--
Total of Receipts Pagod.s		784924	--

(Signed) J. C. Barthelmes
Accountant

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Thomas Kingscote
Dy Sec.y

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Statement of Cash Disbursed for Civil & Military Purposes

From 1.st July 1782 to 15.th May 1783

Civil Purposes

Charges Dist.t Charges General & Extraordinary Salary &c.a &c.a about	2,574.95.27.73	
His Majesty's Squadron	2,765.24.35.	
Bonds discharged about	107349.16.35.	
Interest paid on Do. do.	140400.20.73.	247750.9.28. 508011.25.72

Military Purposes.

Disbursed by the Military Paymaster sent to Camp about	2323722.6.14.	
Disbursed to the Garrison of Fort S.t George & remitted to the Different out Garrisons	859098.5.76.	
	3182320.12.10.	
Civil Paymaster ... about	6000.	
Committee of Works	14,643.23.	
Military Storekeeper	38,614.17.40.	
Garrison Storekeeper	4715.7.50.	
Former Agent	6670.33.70.	
Present Agent	44044.32.40	
Superintendant of the Nabobs Duban.s	3425.7.76.	
Storekeeper ... of	3500.	
Cuddalore Factory	2140.	
Second War against Hyder ally	40000.	
Dutch Ship	2,500.	
Bengal Presidency	5000.	
Paymaster at Tanjore	282323.32.72	3735982338.

Pagodas ... 42437.10.2.30

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Fort S.t George 15.th May 1783.

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The following Papers comprising the whole of the receipts and disbursements of this Presidency from the 1.st July 1781 to the 15.th May 1783 were dispatched to the Governor General and Council the 19.th Instant with the Letter of the 25.th May in consequence of their desire signified in their Letter of the to furnish them with an Account of the Appropriation of the Sums that had come into our Treasury

Read the following Letter from the

Bengal Commissary.—

To the Right Honble George Macartney

President &.ca Council of Fort S.t George

From the Bengal Commissary, on auditing the Accounts of the Bengal Detachment serving on the Carnatic, enclosing different Statements—

My Lord and Gentlemen,

In the course of auditing the Accounts of the Detachment of the Bengal Army, serving on the Carnatic,— I find many charges which are said to be conformable to the Regulations of your Presidency, and Sanctioned by the Government General to admit such as shall appear to be so, but, as correct information of the Pay Batta, and allowances of the different ranks of the Army and of the Lascars, Artificers and Labourers belonging to the Establishment of Fort S.t George, as well as of the usual or medium Prices of Stores, can only be obtained through your favour I take the liberty of applying to you for that purpose.—

Enclose a List of Stores

to

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to which I request the medium rates usually charged for them in the Accounts of your Army may be annexed, by the Inspecting Officer, so far as they are of denominations that form a part of your catalogue of Military Stores.—

I trouble you also with two comparative Accounts of the Pay, Batta, and Allowances of the Fort S.t George and Bengal Establishments— that marked A was transmitted by General Cooke to the Governor General & Council, and by them to me, and the other marked B was afterwards sent to me by the Paymaster.— as these differ in several Particulars of the Pay &c.a of the Fort S.t George Establishments I am uncertain which of them ought to be depended upon; and beg therefore that you will will be pleased to order a correct and full Account to be sent to me.—

Your attention to economy, and to the interests of the Company, is my apology for this intrusion, which has for its object their benefit.

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
John Murray
Comm.g Gen.l

Comm.y Generals office
Fort William 27.th May 1783

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List of Stores

Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Anchor wood	Brooms
Allum	Bricks & Inches
Arack Batavia	Bulger Hides
Almony	Brass wire
Amber	Bellows Large
Amber Grease	Do Brass Smiths
Adzes	Blocks Country
Augers	Brimstone
Anvils European	Boras or Muslobber
Awes Wood	Brass Pans
Do Pitch	Boilers
Basta Wax Cloth	Baftaes
Beauty Bugs Bullock	Blackams
Do Do Hand	Bullock Hides Country dress
Brass	Buoyes
Bamboes Largest	Baskets Rattn Small
Do Smaller	Bolts Iron
Do Smallest	Brass Bolts
Buckets for Wells	Buckets Hand
Bamboes for Ladders	Beds Hospitl or Barracks
Baskets Large	Bed Gowns Do

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Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Bricks & Inches	Bumbin
Brass Pulleys	Candles
Brass Locks Large	Charcoal
Belts for Bayonets	Canvass Europe
Bags Gunny	Do Country
Buckles Brass Small	Chunnam Stone
Do Do Large	Do Surkey
Brass smiths Tools & Sets	Do Water
Belts & Frogs	Do Coarse
Balusters	Chalk
Boxes Ammunition	Copper
Bags Water	Cotton Country
Baskets Longee	Do Bombay
Do Water	Copper Sheet
Bellows Brasiers	Cotton Thread
Do Blacksmiths	Do Tape Coarse
Do Hand	Do Rope
Bolts Brass	Cotton Lace
Books Blank	Curwa
Do Midling	Cochineal
Do Small	Cloth Broad Sine
Brass Fastners	Chintz Bengal
Buckets wooden	Chains Brass & Iron

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Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Chairs Camps	Carpenters Tools & Chest
Cloth coarse Diffs. Colrs. for Carriages	Chizels of Sorts
Croome	Carmine
Cotton Tape	Chains Brass
Cordage European	Do Iron
Cloth Gurrah Coarse	Clay moass
Croome Stone	Cloth Red
Cotts Best	Coal 1st Sort
Cotts Common	Do 2d Sort
Do Rattan Bottom	Compasses Brass
Cases	Copper plate
Codalies	Dammer Country
Colouring Red	Do China
Do Blacks	Doolies covered Red & white
Couches Rattan Bottoms	Dungaree
Chairs armed	Do Red
Catch	Do Blue
Cumming Seed	Dispensers
Cloth Gudgers	Drum heads country
Clarinets	Do Cards
Colours Camps	Do Snares
Cover for locks	Drum hoops
Cinnamon	Drawers Long

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Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Drills	Jonghams
Deer Hide Pouches	Jaubs
Dig Irons	Jurrahs
Dowl	Hides Country Raw
Emery	Hoes
Earthen Potts	Hastall
Files	Handles of Bricklayers
D° Wood Rasps	Hides Europe
Fire Wood	D° Bulgar
Flints Musquet	Hinges Large
Flannel White	Hinges Small
Glue	Hasps & Staples
Gunnys Single Common	Hooks window
D° Best D°	Hides Corah
D° Double Broad 16 Cubt long	Hatchets
Ghee	House
Glass Window	Hammers
Gum	D° for Muskets
D° Bezoar	D° Sledge
Grease	Handles Iron
Grinding Stones	Hasps Brass
Gimblets Diff° Sizes	Hinges Iron

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Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Hinges Brass	Ink stands Pewter
Hold fasts	Inkpots Glass
Hooks Venetian	Ink Red Country
D.o Bell	Knives Grass Cutt
Hones	Kirwah
Iron Europe	Locks Brass middling
Iron Country	Lines Lezing
D.o Wrought	D.o Log Europe
D.o Flat in barrs	D.o Country
Jaggery	Lead White
Jarrs for Water	Lead Red
D.o Small	Lead Sheet
Jute	D.o Pig
Jarrod Plank	Lack Shell
Ink Powder	Lines Teaching
Ink Stands	D.o Europe Park
Indigo	D.o Log Europe
Iron Red	D.o Hambro
Junk	Lamps Earthen
Ink Bengal	Lanthorns Tin
Iron brows	Lamps Globe
Jarr Pegue	D.o Tin

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Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Laboratory Knives	Nails Common
Sack Sample	Nisadell, Sal almaniack
Sack Stick	Nails Sculpser
Sanithornes Horn	Oil Mustard
Leather Pumps	Oil Wood
Do Red	Do Coconut
Locks Small	Do Linsed
Do Do Chest	Oil Sample
Do Do Brass Do	Do Dupsper
Lacquer Black Jc	Oahum
Malls	Oher Red
Mamoodies	Do Yellow
Mussober	Paint Black
Malls Durma	Do Blue
Do Fine	Do Red
Do Mouba	Do White
Mathematical Instrum[t] Case	Do Oher Yellow
Masalls	Do fine Do
Muslin	Do Green
Mallets	Pans Earthen small
Needles	Padlocks
Do Sail	Planes
Nails Europe	Planks Mangoe

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Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Planks Teak 16 foot Long	Painting Brushes
Palmera Trees	Pencils
Perpets	Palms
Paddles	Planks Soondry
Poles Tent Marque & Sett	Pitch
Pease	Powder Gun Country
Poles Tent Bill &c.	Pepper Black
Paper Large for Returns	Pallisadoes
Poles Tent Private & Sett	Pens Tent
Paper Country	Pitchers & Brushes
Do Post	Paper Blue
Do Cartridge	Potts Iron
Pounce	Paper Gilt Demy
Pen Knives	Quick Silver
Prussian Blue	Quills
Potts Water	Quills
Puckalls	Rope Hemp best kind
Do Bullock	Rope Common Coaching
Potts Copper	Do Do Tent
Paint Stones	Do Do Well
Planks Sawb	Rope Marquis Common
Paper Soldert	Rope Beachy Do
Do Blotting	Do Jute Do

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Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Rose Straw	Sewing Silk
Rattans	Soondry Sails
Reeds	Soondry Lumbers
Rattins	Sisso Do
Pine	Do 6 foot Long Planks
Rosin	Saffron
Rasps Large Wood	Sugar
Rub Stone	Sealing Wax
Rules two foot	Scales Weighing Large
Rope Country	Shoulder Knots
Rope Cotton	Sarsnets
Racks fixed Complete	Shades
Red Wood	Spades
Rag Stone	Scales Small
Rope Europe	Soorkey
Rulers Round	Sandal
Steel	Scissars
Do Bars	Salt
Straw Mats 1280 bundles	Do Petre
Saws Hand	Sashes Cotton
Saws Pitt	Do Silk
Solder Tin	Spirits of Wine
Do Brass	Saws Cross Cut

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Names of Stores	Names of Stores
Shott Cases for Grape	Tarr Europe
Spikes Hand	Timbers Sawl
Screws turne	Do Sisoo
Soap	Tiles Cornishong
Sives Water	Tiles Spouts
Spouts Do	Do Common
Sand Writing	Do Small
Saucers	Do Flooring
Scrapers	Do Pace
Screws Iron	Tallow
Do Raspheaded	Tincall
Scythes	Toothenague
Sealing wax Europe	Tin
Slices Spaper	Do In sheets
Spoons Iron	Table Small
Squares Do	Trees Tamarind
Staples Brass	Timbers Foundry
Stroopes	Trees Babell
Twine Europe	Tongs
Do Country Coarse	Tuffaties
Do Fine	Turpentine
Do Side	Tubs Wooden
Do Mudge	Trowells

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Names of Stores

Iron Buckles .....
Urinals .....
Vittry from 60 to 120 ℔ each ..
Vinegar .....
Vermillion Country .....
Verdigrease .....
Vinegar Country .....
Vices Coopers .....
Vice hand .....
D.o Smiths Large .....
D.o Bench .....
Wax cloth Bastah .....
Wax .....
Wheat .....
Wafers .....
Weights Brass .....
Wax cloth Gurrah .....
Wire Copper .....
Wedges Iron .....
Wool Sheeps .....
Wood Red .....
Yarn Spun .....

N.B. The established hire of a Lachem in Bengal is 30 Sonat Rupees ℔ Month. Query what is the hire of a Lachery at Madrass?

The established hire of a Dooly and 5 Bearers in Bengal is 30 S.t Rs ℔ Month including the original cost of the Dooly.

Query; what is the Monthly hire of a Dooly at Madrass?

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The rate is established in Bengal for feeding and
feeding attendants for an Elephant the property of the
Company is 65 Sicca Rupees p Month.

Do For feeding a Camel the property of the Company is
16 Sonat Rupees and if the property of the Contractor
30 Sonat Rupees p Month.

Do For a Draught or Carriage Bullocks the property
of the Contractor 8. 12. Sicca Rs p Mo. including a
Driver to every 2 Bullocks and 1 Sardar to every 12-

Query what is the established rates at Madras and the
ordinary cost when bought?

The full Batta of non commissioned Officer or Soldier
when on the field is 10 Sonat Rupees for a month of any
number of Days, which is allowed to the Contractor
for Victg them, and no other expence is chargeable to
the Company on that Account

Query what is the sum allow. in full of all Charges for Victg
the European Soldiery of the Ft St George Establishment when on the
Field? What is the Prices of Comp Equipage. Viz.

Tents Canvas field Officers, dining lined with Chintz
Sleeping
Capts Do Marques lined with Gingham or Cuscawah-
Subalterns
Private
Bell
Necessary

And the Price of one of each denomination when made
entirely of Country Materials?-

JL

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Artificers & Coolies

	Madras Establishment			Bengal Establishment			Differences
	Pay p Month in Pag.a	Batta p Month in Pag.a	Total Pay & Batta	Pay p Month in Sa Rs.	Batta p Month in Sa Rs.	Total Pay & Batta Sa Rs.	
	P Fo Ch	P Fo Ch	P Fo Ch	Rs as	Rs as	Rs as	Rs as
Smith Mastery	4 22	2	23 12	10	5	15	2 12
Mate (or 2nd)	2 17	1 20	14	7	3	10	4
Foreman	2 13	1 15	12 8	5	2	7	5 8
Fileman	2 13	1 15	12 8	5	2	7	5 8
Hammerman	2 13	1 15	12 8	3	2	5	7 8
Carpenter Mastery	4 22	2	23 12	10	6	16	7 12
Mate (or 2nd)	2 2 20	1 20	12 8	7 8	3	10 8	2
Sawyer	2 2 20	1 20	12 8	6 8	3	9 8	3
Wormadam	2 2 20	1 20	12 8	6 8	3	9 8	3
Carpenter	1 18	1 15	10	5	2	7	3
Gun Mechanic Mastery	2 21	2	16 4	8	3	11	5 4
Workmen	2 13	1 15	12 8	5	2	7	5 8
Sawyer Mate (or 2nd)	1 24	1 15	10 5 6	6	3	9	1 5 6
Painters Workmen	37 60	1 15	7 7 8	4	2	6	1 7 8
Mate (or 2nd)	2 21	2	16 4	4 12	3	7 12	8 4
Workmen	2 13	1 15	12 8	4 4	2	6 4	6 4
Caulkers Mate (or 2nd)	2 21	2	16 4	5	3	8	8 4
Workmen	2 13	1 15	12 8	4	2	6	6 8
Armourers Mastery	4 22	2	23 12	7	4	11	12 12
Workmen	3 37	1 20	19 0	5	2	7	12 0
Braziers Mate (or 2nd)	4 22	2	23 12	6	3	9	14 12
Workmen	2 13	1 15	12 8	5	2	7	5 8
Locklegars Mastery	2 21	2	16 4	7	3	10	6 4
Workmen	2 13	1 15	12 8	5 8	2	7 8	5
Caulkers Mastery	2 21	2	16 4	6	3	9	7 4
Workmen	2 13	1 15	12 8	5	2	7	5 8
Boldars Mate (or 2nd)	1 15	30	7 8	4	2	6	1 8
Boldars	1 15	30	7 8	3	2	5	2 8
Coolies Mate (or 2nd)	1 15	30	7 8	4	2	6	1 8
Coolies	1 15	30	7 8	3	2	5	2 8
Boatbuilder Mate Bullock	3 38 32	1 18	19 9 6	8	3	11	8 9 6
Bullock	3 8 32	1 13	17 1 9	8	3	11	6 1 9
Hand	1 24 10	1 13	12 2	6	13	9	2 2
Sailmaker Mastery	2 21	2	16 4	7	3	10	6 4
Mate	2 17	1 20	14	6	2 8	8 8	5 8
Sailmaker	2 13	1 15	12 8	5	2	7	5 8

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Non Commissd & Private Europeans	Madras Establishment Pay each p Month		Bengal Establishment Pay each p Month	Madras Establishment Pay each p Month		Bengal Establishment Pay each p Month	
	P. F.	B. as. P.	B. as. P.	B. as. P.	P. F.	B. as. P.	B. as. P.
Artillery							
1 Serjeant	6 . .	21. 4. 10	20 . .	1. 4. 10	6 . .	22. 3. 7	20 . .	2. 3. 7
1 Corporal	5 . .	17. 12 1	17 . .	. 12 1	5 . .	18. 8. 4	17 . .	1. 8. 4
1 Drummer 1 Fifer 1 Gunner } each			15 . .				15 . .	
1 Matross	3 . .	12 10. 5	12 . .	. 10. 5	3 . .	11. 1. 9	10 . .	1. 1. 9
Infantry								
1 Serjeant	5 . .	17. 12 1	16 . .	1. 12 1	5 . .	18. 8. 4	16 . .	2. 8. 4
1 Corporal	" "	" " "	" "	" " "	" "	" " "	" "	" " "
1 Drummer 1 Fifer } each	2. 14 .	11 13. 5	11 . .	. 13. 5	2. 14 .	12 5 6	11 . .	1. 5. 6
1 Private	2. 21 .	8 14 .	8 . .	. 14 .	2 21 .	9 4 2	8 . .	1. 4 2.

Madras Establishment
Artillery
Serjeants Pay
Corporals Pay
Drummers & Fifers Pay
Matrosses Pay
Bengal Establishment
Artillery
Serjeants Pay
Corporals Pay
Drummers & Fifers Pay
Matrosses Pay

1 Serjeant	16	2	2.	15	.	.	1	2	2	11	12	6
1 Corporal	15	.	.	15	.	.	.	4	.	.	4	.
1 Drummer & Fifer	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	2	.
1 Gunner	4	.	11	2	.	.	.	4	.	.	4	.
1 Matross	3	.	.	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	3	.
Infantry												
1 Serjeant	3	13	3.	3	.	.	.	13	3.	1	1.	3.
1 Corporal	3	13	3.	3	.	.	.	13	3.	.	14	3.

Madras Establishment
Artillery
Serjeants Pay
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Matrosses Pay
Bengal Establishment
Artillery
Serjeants Pay
Corporals Pay
Drummers & Fifers Pay
Matrosses Pay

1 Serjeant	14	16	.	5	1	2	4	43	8	.	10	10 4.
1 Corporal	6	26	.	1	1	8	2	13	8	.	4	2.
1 Drummer & Fifer	1	24	.	6	10	3.	4	12	.	.	1	15. 3
Infantry												
1 Serjeant	1	24	.	3	12	.	5	8	.	.	4	.
1 Corporal	1	24	.	3	12	.	5	10	8	.	4	4.

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a true Copy
(Signed) C. Hay
Sub. Secy

Madras Establishment
Artillery
Serjeants Pay
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Drummers & Fifers Pay
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Dep. Comm. Genl.

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		Madras Establishment Pay p Month	Batta p Month in Pagodas	Total Pay p Month in Pag.s	Batta p Month in Rupees	Total Month in Rupees	Rupees	Differences
		P.o Fo.m	P. f. C.	A.s a P.o	N.o a P.o	A.s a P.o	A.s a P.o	R. as P.o
Smiths	Mastry	4.22.	2..	23.12.	10..	5..	15..	8.12.
	Mate or 2.d	2.17	1.20.	14..	7..	3..	10..	4..
	Fireman	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	5..	2..	7..	5.8.
	Fireman	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	5..	2..	7..	5.8.
	Hammerman	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	3..	2..	5..	7.8.
Carpenter	Mastry	4.22.	2..	23.12.	10..	6..	16..	7.12.
	Mate or 2.d	2.2.20.	1.20.	12.8.	7.8.	2..	10.8.	2..
	Sawers	2.2.20.	1.20.	12.8.	6.8.	2..	9.8.	3..
	Boatmaker	2.2.20.	1.20.	12.8.	6.8.	2..	9.8.	3..
	Carpenters	1.8.	1.15.	12..	5..	2..	7..	5..
Gun S.t W.s	Mastry	2.21.	2..	16.4.	8..	2..	11..	5.4.
	Workmen	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	5..	2..	7..	5.8.
Lascars	Mate or 2.d	1.24.	1.15.	10.5.6.	6..	3..	9..	1.5.6.
Painters	Workmen	3.7.60.	1.15.	7.7.8.	4..	2..	6..	1.7.8.
	Mate (or 2.nd)	2.21.	2..	16.4.	4.12.	3..	7.12.	8.8.
Coachlers	Workmen	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	4.4.	2..	6.4.	6.4.
	Mate or 2.nd	2.21.	2..	16.4.	5..	3..	8..	8.4.
Armourers	Mastry	4.22.	2..	23.12.	7..	4..	11..	12.12.
	Workmen	3.37.	1.20.	19.0.	5..	2..	7..	12.0.
Brasmen	Mate (or 2.nd)	4.22.	2..	23.12.	6..	3..	9..	14.12.
	Workmen	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	5..	2..	7..	5.8.
Sachlegars	Mastry	2.21.	2..	16.4.	7..	3..	10..	6.4.
	Workmen	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	5.8.	2..	7.8.	5..
Caulkers	Mastry	2.21.	2..	16.4.	6..	3..	9..	7.4.
	Workmen	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	5..	2..	7..	5.8.
Bildars	Mate (or 2.d)	1.15.	.30.	7.8.	4..	2..	6..	1.8.
	Bildars	1.15.	.30.	7.8.	3..	2..	5..	2.8.
Coolies	Mate (or 2.d)	1.15.	.30.	7.8.	4..	2..	6..	1.8.
	Cooley	1.15.	.30.	7.8.	3..	2..	5..	2.8.
Beasties	Mate Bullock	3.38.32.	1.18.	19.9.6.	8..	3..	11..	8.9.6.
	Bullock	3.8.32.	1.13.	17.1.9.	8..	3..	11..	6.1.9.
Sail maker	Head	1.29.40.	1.13.	11.2.	6..	3..	9..	2.2.
	Mastry	2.24.	2..	16.4.	7..	3..	10..	6.4.
	Mate (or 2.nd)	2.17.	1.20.	14..	6..	2.8.	8.8.	5.8.
	Sail maker	2.13.	1.15.	12.8.	5..	2..	7..	5.8.
	Watchmen	1.29.40.	1.13.	11.2.	6..	3..	9..	2.2.
	Sweepers	1.15.	.30.	7.8.	3..	2..	5..	2.8.
	Journeymen	1.15.	1.6.	8.12.	4..	2..	6..	2.12.

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	Madras Establishment Pay each p Month		Bengal Estabt. Pay each p Month	Difference	Madras Establishment Pay each p Month		Bengal Estabt. Pay each p Month	Difference
	Ps. Fs. Ch.	Rs. as Ps.	Rs as Ps	Rs as Ps	Rs. as Ps.	Fs. Ch.	Rs as Ps	Rs as Ps
Artillery								
1 Serjeant	6 " "	24 4 10	20 " "	1 4 10	6 " "	22 3 7	20 " "	2 3 7
1 Corporal	5 " "	17 12 4	17 " "	" " "	12 5 5	18 8 4	17 " "	1 8 4
1 Bombardier	" " "	" " "	17 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	17 " "	4 " "
1 Drummer	" " "	" " "	15 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	15 " "	3 6
1 Fifer	" " "	" " "	15 " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	15 " "	3 6
1 Gunner	3 " "	10 10 5	10 " "	" " "	12 5 3	11 1 9	10 " "	1 1 9
1 Matross								
Infantry								
1 Serjeant	5 " "	17 12 4	16 " "	1 12 4	5 " "	18 8 4	16 " "	2 8 4
1 Corporal }	3 14 "	11 13 5	11 " "	" 13 5	3 14 "	12 5 6	11 " "	1 5 6
1 Drummer }								
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1 Private								

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Staff to the Non commissioned & Private

	Establishment	Bengal Establishment	Difference	Each pr. Diet	Madras Establishment	Bengal Establishment	Total Difference	@ 37½ p. Cent
1 Quarter Mast. Serj.	1 5 8 9 14	1 8 9 16 2	1 4	2 2				
1 Camp Colourman	1 2 6 6	1 2 6 8 1	6	2 1				

(Signed) William Tierney

Paym. to the Bengal Troops in the Carnatic

A true Copy

W. Atkinson

Dep.y Comm.y Gen.l

Lt. Murray states in the above 4 Rupees additional Pay to a Bombardier instead of 4 Annas which is all that has been charged.

Resolved that the Papers enclosed in the Above Letter be sent to the Different Departments to Compare with the regulations

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Received Letter as entered in Miscellany Book from Commanding Officer of Pondamallee —

Dispatched the following Letters. —

To Mr. Robt. Gardiner,

Sir,

To Mr. Gardiner enclosing Copy of an agreement made by the Commune people, for which he is to receive the revenues from them and to establish regular Tolls. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor & Select Committee to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of an agreement given by the persons therein mentioned to Capt. Edmonds who has appointed them to the charge & management of the Commune Lands, and to inform you that the Select Committee have confirmed the appointment and appointed you to receive from the said Persons the Revenues of the Commune Lands of which, & of all the Pagodas & Tributs belonging thereto you are to obtain an exact account, and transmit the same to the Select Committee. You are to endeavor to establish with the persons mentioned in the agreement regular Tolls for the payment of the Revenue, but the management & collection, and the Settlement with the inferior Polygars & Inhabitants, are to be left entirely with them without any interference on your part.

Polygars

I have the honor to be

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To Capt.n Edmonds

Commanding the Detachment in the Tonnuvan Country.

Sir,

To Capt.n Edmonds,
confirming the appoint.
of the people to the
Tonnuvan Farian &
enclosing Copy of Mr.
Gardinar's Letter on the
Subject

I am Directed by the Right Honble
the President & Select Committee to inform ayou that they
have been pleased to confirm the appointments of the persons
mentioned in ayour Letter of the 9th Inst to the management
of the Tonnuvan Farian for one Year, and the agreement ayou
have received from the said persons, and I am directed
to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a Letter now
dispatched to Mr. Gardiner on the Subject.

I have the Honor to be

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advising various Letters

2216 Received Letter from Commanding Officer of
Permacoil (as entered in a M.S.) advising of the two
Fleets being in sight & of various manoeuvres between
them.

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Sent the following Letter to the Committee of
Stores

To Lieut. Colonel Kennedy &c
Members of the Committee of Stores
Gentlemen,

am Committee stores

To Committee of Stores
enclosing Indent from
Paliacatt.

I am directed by the Right
Honble the President & Select Committee to lay before
you the enclosed Indent for Stores received from the

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Commanding Officer of Palamcottah: and to desire you will comply with it as far as the State of the Stores will admit.

I have the honor to be &c.

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22d. June 1783 — 23.

Dispatched the following Letter to Genl. Stuart.

Major General James Stuart, Commander in Chief
at Camp &c.

Sir,

I wrote to you by the Manra Indiaman on the 19th Inst. & sent a Duplicate by Merchant, & I have now the mortification to inform you that the Manra returned to Maire Roads yesterday evening, after having happily proceeded as far as Cadras, but having received certain intelligence that the French fleet was four miles on this side of Pondicherry, could not venture to prosecute her voyage; she is however kept ready to sail the moment we hear that the Coast is safe. We have no Letters from you of later date than the 15th. but there are several in Town of the 18th one of which informs us that M. Suffrein has found means to deceive our fleet and get into Cuddalore Roads during the night, where he took on board a number of troops, in consequence of which you had been obliged to go on with your works without interruption. — All this seems unaccountable to us, as well as the nature of our Sea operation; and we wait with great impatience to hear from you.

Yesterday the Prince Briton arrived here from Bombay in 22 days. She brings News of the Peace

To Genl. Stuart, advising of the return of the Manra understand that M. Suffrein has found means to land troops at Cuddalore, advice from Bombay of Peace, the defeat of Genl. Mathews, and the capture of Col. Humberston instead of Major Shaw.

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23. being signed at Paris on the 20th January, and ratified there on the 8th Feby. the preliminary articles are in all the Newspapers, — We have no official information of this Event; yet I think there can be no doubt of it: but what is very extraordinary we have not received a single line of any sort whatsoever from Bombay by this conveyance. But we know from other hands that Genl Mathews & his whole force had been obliged to capitulate and surrender Biddenore to Tippoo Saib in the latter end of April. Onore & Mangalore are still ours; and may continue so if we can contrive to reinforce them soon. Colo Humberstone & major Shaw are dead of the wounds they received in the Sea fight on board the Ranger with the Mahrattas. Colo McLeod & his companion have been released, and are now at Bombay. You will hear from the Committee tomorrow.

I have the Honor to be with great Truth & Esteem

Fort St. George
23d June 1793.

Sent the following Letter to the Committee of assigned Revenue with the extract therein mentioned &c &c

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

Gentlemen

To Committee of Assigned Revenue, enclosing Extract of the Minutes of the 20th inst. for the Establishment of their Salaries. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to furnish you with the enclosed Extract of their Minutes of the 20th June containing their resolutions for the Establishment

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23d. of Salaries for your Committee, & for your Secretary, and Accountant; agreeably to which the Select Committee authorize you to discharge out of the 5 p.C. Cast apart for the charges of collecting the arrears due of those Salaries to the 6th. Inst. — over and above the other proper charges and the ballance that may remain you are to pay into the Treasury. In future you are to deduct your Salaries quarterly out of the monies you shall receive from the Revenues. — I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
23d. June 1783. —

At a Select Committee present the

Tuesday
24th. June 1783

Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President, Anthony Sadleir Esqr., Alexr.
Davidson Esqr., Morgan Williams Esqr.
Major General Stuart, absent on Service. —

The Minutes of the last Committee read & approved.

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter which he received last night by the hands of W. White Deputy Civil Secretary together with the annexed paper being a Copy of the preliminary Articles of Peace Signed at Versailles the 20th. January last

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you entend for our supply, and remain by that means, as long as I can to the Southward, notwithstanding the State of the Squadron in want of Men, Water, and Provisions; in respect to the first 1100 when short, in Sick, wounded, & lost in battle, exclusive of short of complements before.

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Exclusive

The Co-operation at Negapatam & Cuddalore are different things, there was no Enemy's Squadron to look after, the intended Supplies came to us without protection there, here they must be protected from the Enemy's Squadron, as the Bristol, Naiade, Lizard, & St Carlos, have fortunately been. I sent the Active to try if Porto Novo could supply us water; Captain Trowbridge found it in possession of the Looties, had it been otherwise there was no Craft or Catamaran to be engaged for the purpose, and that Ships was obliged to return on my getting under Sail to receive the Enemy. I anchored here last night to shift Transports, divide the water, & put the wounded Men into the Transports; necessary to be done to put the Ships in condition to attack the Enemy to advantage.

Men

I have the Honor to be

Superb at Anchor off Pallamparra
23d June 1783.

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obt Humble Servt
(Signed) Edward Hughes.

P.S. Superb off Sadras, 23d June 1783

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Since writing the above I find the debilitated State of his Majesty's Squadron in general, particularly being considerably short of complement in Men, exclusive of great number Sick on board and at the Hospital, besides above 600 Men

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24 killed and wounded in the late engagement with the French Squadron off Porto Novo; by which many of the Ships are so reduced as hardly to be able to weigh their Anchors or to be navigated, much less to attack the Enemy with any hope of advantage. The extreme want of water, which can not be supplied in our present situation the defects in the Hulls, Masts, & Yards, not to be repaired without returning into Port; - for this reason I have judged it absolutely necessary his Majesty's Squadron should proceed immediately to Madras; in order to its being put in a State to attack the Enemy to effect, with all possible expedition.

E. Hughes

In Committee June 24th. 1783.

Minute thereon

The Event & consequent resolution of returning to Madras mentioned in the foregoing Letter, puts an end to all co-operation by the Fleet under the Admiral's command with our forces employed against Cuddalore. When the Admiral left this Side of the Peninsula & the Company's principal possessions last Octob.r, it was with the prospect view of putting his Ships, by the advantage of a Dock at Bombay, in such a State as to procure an irresistable superiority over the Enemy's Ships which had oftener fought and had been more damaged than ours, and which however for the purpose of protecting their own possessions or those of their Ally, or for annoying ours thus left exposed, gave up the advantage of going to any Dock; Our Admiral tho' joined by a reinforcement of five line of battle Ships but still determined to secure every superiority in his power over the Enemy, did not listen to the Solicitations from the Bengal Presidency, nor from hence, for his return

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to our relief when the Coast was invaded and this port blocked up by the Enemy; but waited till he brought all his Ships, now Fold, into the most perfect condition: he brought them in number also, as well as condition, Superior to the Enemy. He offered in this State to cooperate with our Views against the Enemy. He agreed with us that he could not better cooperate with us than by taking a windward Station to the Enemy, for the purpose of locking up all Succours from Cuddalore; or, if the desperate situation of that place should force M. Suffren from Trincomalay, the manifest inferiority of his force appeared to render him no doubtful prey. He was then to repay the advantages he had been suffered to enjoy, while a superiority was preparing against him; but he found means not to be locked up, & not to become a prey. Ships of War and Transports went to Cuddalore with powder, ammunition, and provisions, of which M. De Bussy's intercepted Letters shewed there was so much want at Cuddalore, that without such Supply it could not have held out. When Deserters from Trincomalay had given the information of this relief to the Admiral he determined to come to Cuddalore or its neighbourhood for the purpose of preventing at least any further relief, for recovering the Transports carrying Men, Stores & provisions to besiegers, for blocking the besieged by Sea, dividing and distracting their attention, depriving them of the opportunity of receiving succour, and their consequent hope of effectual resistance: - but the Admiral did not stay before Cuddalore, he did not cover our Transports, who were obliged to quit the Coast with part of their Cargoes undelivered. As the Frigates and Transports employed on the expedition against Cuddalore had no occasion to go to the Southward of our fleet, to the Southward of which the Enemy's fleet continued, tho' it had the boldness to come in search of ours from Trincomalay, there does not appear any essential occasion for quitting the Coast and abandoning

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2d. the object then in view. To prevent all communication between the Enemy's Sea Force & their Forces ashore, was in this instance the obvious point of advantage to be gained by the Admiral and his Letter amply a consciousness of it. But the Admiral, quitting the Coast, quitted that object without having the good fortune to gain the windward Station that he sought. The Enemy in the Engagement must have fought indeed with great advantage if in a Contest with Forces, confessedly superior, and rendered so with some loss & a greater risk to the publick welfare, he still maintained an equality in the Combat and a manifest advantage in the event. The Victory must be confessed to belong to him who gains his point. The Enemy's Fleet had a free communication with their Army. Our Fleet retiring to Madras without any communication with our Army, without any intimation from the Admiral of his Intentions to the General in perplexity if not in real difficulty from the want of Stores & money, which, from the failure of protection from our Fleet, the Frigates & Transports could not deliver; and if it be true that the Enemy's Fleet has given us a second opportunity to engage, which not being accepted by the necessity of our Fleets returning to Madras, the Enemy remaining Master of the Seas would leave us in a State of Danger as well as humiliation if the account of a pacification in Europe had not come opportunely to our aid to relieve us from the former.

The being thus left by the Admiral might have been attended with the greater Danger and Distress to our Army, as it was an event totally

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24 totally unexpected by the General, as in his Letter to the President at Tanjore on the 16th Inst. (written after the Action at the Pound Hedge) informed them, speaking of the advantage of possessing Chillambrum, I have got possession of it, and every assurance I can expect from the Admiral has been given me that now we have got it he will water & refresh at Porto Novo — and it appears that, for this important office, a Battn. of Sepoys was ordered half to be Stationed along the Banks from Chillambrum down the River, and half at Porto Novo to protect the watering.

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The General also in two Letters to the President (dated the 9th & 15th Inst.) engages not only for supplying the Fleet at Porto Novo with water, but with fresh provisions twice a week, i.e.

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The President informs

The President informs the Committee that he wishes to have a meeting of the Committee tomorrow morning, and to request the attendance of Sir Edward Hughes, to consider what steps it may be proper to take in consequence of the important information now received of the conclusion of a Peace. The ratification his Lordship observes took place the 9th of February, & hostilities were to cease 6 months from that date, which will not expire till the 9th July.

at this time

But as we know that Great Britain & France are at this time actually at Peace with each other, it becomes, upon every principle, our duty to endeavor to prevent the further effusion of Blood between the respective Armies at Cuddalore, by augmenting

M. de Bussy

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2727 24 M. de Bussy of the information we have received and proposing to them an immediate Cessation of hostilities.

The President requests of the Committee to resolve this Subject in their thoughts, as well as that of the situation of our Army before Cuddalore, in consequence of the sudden return of the Squadron; and also the very alarming intelligence contained in the Letter received yesterday from the Malabar Coast & now before the Committee. These are the Subjects to which the President intends to call the attention of the Committee to morrow; and his Lordship suggests to them as points for them to consider against the Meeting, for two or three of his Majesty's Frigates to convey to Mangalore, Succours of provisions, Gunpowder, and as many Troops as can immediately be spared from France.

A requisition to be made to Sir E. Hughes for some of his Majesty's frigates to convey succours to Mangalore. —

The Main army's taking a position at, or near, Pennacoil (if a Cessation of hostilities takes place) and a strong body of it to be detached to strengthen Colonel Fullerton — and Colonel Jones with as large a force as can be spared from the Masulipatam District to join Capt. Edmonds, and march into the Cuddapah Country. —

Col. Jones to join Capt. Edmonds, with as large a force as can be spared from the Masulipatam District to march into the Cuddapah Country. & c

The following are the Letters received from the Southward yesterday. —

To the Right Honble Lord Geo: Macartney &c &c &c —

President &c &c Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have infinite concern in acquainting the Committee that there now remains

From President of Tanjore the total reduction of Pidamore and the entire destruction of the Mahrattas in Dependancies Mangalore and the re- duction of the Mysoreans

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Note: is of opinion that the only chance of saving them, is by reinforcing Col. Fullarton, and Ordering him to march westw.d Enclosed Copies of his letter to the Admiral Genl Stuart, & Col. Fullarton.

Little doubt of the reduction of Bidenore and of the captivity of Genl. Mathews, and the Troops he had with him. The accompanying Letters from Colonel Campbell and Mr. Sibbald which announce the probability of this Event, will inform your Lordship that Mangalore and the remainder of the Bombay Army are menaced with the same fate, and that assistance from you is the only resource they have to look to.

I have sent Copies of those Letters to the Admiral to Genl Stuart & to Col. Fullarton to whom I have written, I acknowledge to your Lordship &c. that I fear the General will continue to think that the Siege of Cuddalore is the one and only object that deserves attention; and that, instead of reinforcing Colonel Fullarton, he will still desire to be himself reinforced by the Southern Army. The Committee, I am satisfied will think differently, and will send such orders for giving effect to their opinion, as shall not leave it in the power of accident or misconstruction, any longer, to deprive the Bombay Troops of the support so repeatedly solicited for by Genl. Mathews, so particularly recommended by your Lordship &c. to be given, and now so evidently necessary to preserve the remains of a Gallant Army; of the valuable acquisitions obtained by it with so much reputation & so much to the relief of the Carnatic.

I cannot deny myself the melancholy consolation of observing to your Lordship &c. that if the operations of the Southern Army had commenced on Sandy Head of March (as was recommended by you) if the Spirit of your instructions had been followed, none of the Disasters which we have experienced, or are now menaced with, could have happened. I think I may venture to add, that, if a timely & sufficient reinforce

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-ment is sent to Colo. Fullerton, our affairs may still be relieved in the West.

The Army which Gen.l Stuart marched from Madras in the month of April, was then thought to be in force to undertake the Seige of Cuddalore, tho' Sidi Saib had a body of near 4000 horse to harrass & obstruct us. That body is now reduced by Detachment & desertion, to an insignificant Party, incapable of giving cover to Chillumbrum which they have evacuated even while our army is before Cuddalore. The French can have received no considerable reinforcement of late, or if they have, they still continue inferior to the Army Gen.l Stuart marched from Madras, for they allowed him to take up the position he occupied to the Southward of Cuddalore before his reinforcements were reimbarked. I submit therefore to Your Lordship's consideration whether the public Service would not be materially forwarded by your ordering that a body of Seasoned Soldiers, equal in number to the reinforcement that has been lately landed & has joined Gen.l Stuart, should be immediately detached by him to join Col.o Fullarton and whether two Battalions of old Seapoys might not be ordered to follow them as soon as the 23.d Regiment of Light Dragoons & the Seapoys which accompany it, shall have joined Gen.l Stuart.

This would leave him something more than his original force, with the prospect of Chillumbrum and all the irregulars of Warriarpollam which, as well as Sidi Saib's Party were in the Scale of the Enemy, when our army marched for Cuddalore. I would even submit to the Committee whether it would not be better to convert the Seige into a Blockade, if circum-

a few weeks sooner.

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than to hazard the Loss of Mangalore and of all that remains to us in the West: by a desire to lessen the reduction of Hyddaloor than it must of necessity submit. I send, with this, Copies of the Letters which I have addressed to the Admiral, Genl. Stuart, & Colonel Fullarton. I have the Honor to be with great respect,

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your faithful & most obt. Ser.

(Signed) John Sullivan

Tanjore
16th June 1783.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Till. Sherry. 20th May 1783

We did ourselves the Honor to address you from Goa under the 29th Ult., of which a fifth Copy wait on you enclosed; Ours having already been transmitted by different Channels.

On our Arrival at Mangalore we found the Enemy in sight of that Place, and that they were in possession of the Sea Coast as far to the North as Onore; that the Communication with Bidenore was entirely cut off; and that no accounts from Genl. Mathews had been received since the 5th Ult. — In this Situation of affairs, the intention of our appointments being entirely defeated, we landed the Battalion of Seapoys at Mangalore & proceeded on to this place; leaving a Civil Servant there for the purpose of conveying Intelligence.

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While we were at Mangalore Major Campbell Surprized the Enemy's Encampment with a Party of about 1600 Men, in which he had the good fortune to take four of their Guns & about 150 Draught Oxen; four Tumbrils also fell into our hands, but finding them too heavy to bring off, they were set fire to.

Since our arrival here we have received the most alarming accounts from Mangalore of the Situation of affairs at Bidenore; the Extracts from these Letters are now enclosed for your Lordships &c. observation; should, however, the misfortune, related, have really happened, we have still the pleasure to acquaint you that Mangalore is in that State of defence, as to be able to resist every effort of the Enemy; & from whence, at the opening of the Season, if the army is reinforced, the retaking of Bidenore can with ease be undertaken: and, such is the fortunate Situation of these valuable Countries, that about 12000 of our Troops would be sufficient to maintain them against the whole force of the Enemy. But our present numbers are too small to defend such an extent of Country, our whole force not exceeding, we believe, five thousand Men. The people we have entrusted with this Address will return direct to this place with any answer you may favor us with.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obt. & humble Sert.

(Signed) Ta. Sibbald
Sam. Stedman
Robt. Ritson

A true Copy
(Signed)

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Taylor at Mangalore, dat. May 10th. 1783

A very alarming report prevails here at present, one of the Madras Sepoys came in last night, as he says from Bidenore, he acquainted Major Campbell that Genl. Matthews had surrendered Bidenore to Tippoo, after making a capitulation wherein it was agreed that we should keep the Sea coast below the Ghauts, and join the rest of the Army that upon his Marching out, the Enemy breaking faith with him ordered our Troops to ground their arms and made them all prisoners the Sepoy adds many other particulars & says he is willing to remain in confinement untile the News is confirmed and to be hung up if it proves false. How far he is to be credited, I can not say, but at any rate it has put a stop to the march of a Detachment, intended to have been sent out, to endeavor to drive the Enemy up the Ghauts. The Sepoy says he made his escape by running with the Enemy, and appearing as one of themselves. He likewise says that Tippoo was to proceed thither with his whole force & a number of Guns, to besiege this Place; so that a few days must prove the truth or falsity of his assertions.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Taylor at Mangalore, dat. 13th. 1783

I am very sorry to acquaint you that one of Lt. Stuart's Servants is arrived this evening, having made his escape from Bidenore. He confirms the loss of that Place, which, I am afraid, puts it beyond all doubt

A true Copy

Signed Htt

A True Copy

Signed Jo. Call

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My Lord,

I hope the same reason given by me to Mr. Hastings for the enclosed address to him left open for your Lordship's perusal, will also plead my excuse to you for the liberty of this; the subject of my Letter to Mr. Hastings will, I trust be considered of real importance by your Lordship, and in that case I shall entertain hopes of the plan described being carried into execution by your Government. Our Troops might assemble at this place in September & be ready to move the beginning of October. they have not a foot of hostile ground to pass over until they come to Periapatnam, which is only 6 miles from Seringapatam. It may be argued that all the force which we may be able to collect on this Coast at the opening of the Season, should be thrown into Mangalore for the relief of that Place & for enabling them to take the field; and indeed unless the Presidency of Bombay, with the assistance of your Government, can complete their strength at Mangalore to eight thousand Men (allowing a force also for the other important objects) this reasoning will be just and good. But if our whole force could be made up twelve thousand Men, one third of that number would no where be so advantageously employed or so effectually contribute to the success of our arms, in the Bidenore Country, as by the reduction of Seringapatam; and (which moreover the two armies would be of mutual support to each other, and must most effectually distress the affairs of the Enemy. If Bidenore has not forts

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-nately fallen (or reported for want of ammunition) our force upon this Coast at the opening of the Season will not exceed four thousand Men, and I will suppose that Bombay may be able with the Bengal Detachment to furnish two thousand More, from which your Lordship may be able to judge of the propibility of carrying both plans into execution; if only one can be effected there is no doubt of the relief of Mangalore, and enabling the army to take the field must be the first object and that should be done without a moments loss of time. Major Campbell writes me that the relief upon receiving reinforcements & Supplies of Provisions and Stores by the beginning of August - Any advices your Lordship may be pleased to favor me with, of Mr Macpherson at Tanjore will assist change of —

I have the honor to be
Your Lordships most obed.
& devoted Humble Servt.
Signed L. Sibbald

Pallicherry
22d May 1783

My Lord,

Pallicherry - 27th May 83

The boat which I dispatched to Tanjore with the above address, putting back thro' stress of weather, I now send this by two Peons who have engaged to return here in 60 days.

We can not yet obtain any certain accounts from Coddalore, which gives me some doubt I hope that it yet holds out; because I think that the Armament the misfortune happens the Enemy

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will give undoubted proof to the Garrison of Mangalore, and, in short, throughout the Country. It is a most cruel & mortifying Reflexion to think that such great and valuable possessions, the holding of which would inevitably have brought the Enemy to our own Terms, should be lost for want of an additional force of three or four thousand Men. For it is beyond all doubt, that in the happy Situation of the Bidenore Country, that a Body of eight or ten thousand of our Troops would maintain it against the whole Strength of the Enemy; and it is therefore exceedingly to be lamented that Hyder's possessions on this Coast were not vigorously attacked immediately on his entering the Carnatick, altho' the troops for that purpose had been sent from Bengal & Madras, as it would not have failed to bring the War to a happy & honorable conclusion long ago; and consequently been the Saving of immense treasures to the public — A Body of 5000 Men stationed at Bidenore & the like number below the Ghauts, would reduce Tippoo Saheb to a most critical Situation, if he attacked either; and I believe most military Men who know the Country will allow, that his daring to ought more to be wished than dreaded: if he ever came below the Ghauts with two such armies to follow & receive him, he must defeat both or be inevitably ruined; for the Country is not like the Carnatic with a number of Passes for his Horse & Cannon. There are only two difficult Ghauts, up or down which he could not convey Cannon, even when unincumbered, but with great labor and difficulty, nor would it be possible scarcely for his army to make their

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retreat thro', thro' in his possession on the other hand if he attacked our army posted at B that beton the Ghauts could march to their assistance and might bring him between both so that he must of necessity engage us to disadvantage or leave us in quiet possession of the most valuable part of his country, besides this advantage of Situation the Sea Coast being open to us for nine months in the year, by which we are able to transport Troops, Stores, and provisions, from one Port to another with the greatest facility, is a circumstance of the highest importance.

I hope your Lordship will excuse the freedom of this further long address, and attribute to the real motive, which is no other than my Zeal for the publick service.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
your Lordships most ob.t & devoted
Humble Servant
Signed / James Sibbald

Attested Copy
Signed Hastie

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord,

Thomas Mr Sibbald, a prisoner. the great infirmity of Bullocks, bad provisions, and worst beer I met with in Bengal.

I intended now to suggest to your Lordship the very great consequence it may be of to our Garrison at Mangalore, if your Lordship could immediately on receipt of this, dispatch a small Vessel to that Place by the Southern passage, with a supply of Gun Boards of Powder, a hundred Casks of Salt provisions, and 50 Lagers of Arrack, with 8 or 10 Officers: I mention Officers because their number was not complete at the time I was at Mangalore, and yesterday

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have arrived from that place badly wounded, and we have accounts of Capt. Campbell being killed on the 20th in driving a part of the Enemy out of the Town. Their Stock of provision is very tolerable, but their consumption in the course of two months must be very great.

I am with great respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most obt.

Tillicherry
23d May 1783

humble Servant

[signed] James Stibald

A true Copy
[signed] [illegible]

A true Copy
[signed] [illegible]

My Lord & Gentlemen

I had the Honor on the 5th

From Major Campbell
had referred the board in a
former Letter, by the way of
Anjengo, and had then stated
that Colonel Read had been
appointed to the Command
of the Army, & that the conduct
of Col. Mathews had been highly
disapproved of by the Gov.t
of Bombay. Has rec.d accts
of the Enemy's being within
two days march of Mangalore
& of the loss of Bidanore

of addressing you by the way of Anjengo, wherein I acquainted you with the Governor & Council's disapprobation of Gen.l Mathews's Conduct of their appointing Lieu.t Colonel Macleod to the Command of the Army, & of my being provisionally appointed to it on Lieu.t Col.l Macleod & Humberstone being unfortunately taken prisoners by the Marattas on their passage down here: I had, at the same time the honor, as far as my information empowered me, of making you acquainted with the situation of Bidanore, as well as of the Forts now here & the State of the works, since the above date, further confirmation of the unfortunate Business, the Surrender of Bidanore, has been received: but all these the Channel of Sepoys, who vary much in their report. There is still a more

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convincing proof of the arrival of a very powerful Army
under Mahomed Ally neither two days marche of this place
Tippoo Saheb with a body of Europeans and heavy Artil-
lery is said to be following; the Garrison & provision I
now have, I hope will prove sufficient to maintain
this place till a reinforcement arrived which can only
be expected from your Bombay being already very weak
in point of Troops. The mode of sending the relief I
must refer to your better judgment and in confident
confidence of its arriving in good time.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord &c
with Due respect
Your most Obt. Humble Servt.
Signed J. Other Campbell

Mangalore
May 10th 1783

P.S. Onore is still in our possession and sufficiently
garrisoned for the Rains. A true Copy
Signed Jno Hall

From Col. Fullarton.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney
&c. &c. The Select Committee —

My Lord & Gentlemen

I had the Honor of addressing Your
Lordships &c. on the 7th. explaining, my Reason for
having blown up Daraporam, and informing
of the Measures I had taken to put your Orders
in immediate execution for the Demolition of
Carnair. I have since that received a Letter
from Genl. Stuart which I take the Liberty of
enclosing as well as my answer to the General. The
movements I am making and the opinion I entertain
of the military Transactions respecting the Southern
Countries, are so fully explained in the Letter
I allude to, that I shall not intrude any further
at present on the Leisure of the Right Honble
President and of the Honble Board, except to
assure you, My Lord & Gentlemen, that I trust
you will have the goodness to determine how
far my conduct merits the favourable construction
I have incurred by that rigid adherance to
the Letter & Spirit of your Instructions, which
shall continue to be the rule of my actions
while I hold my present Situation. I
have the Honor to be with the greatest respect,

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Your most Obt. & very faithful Servt.

Signed W. Fullarton

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Camp at Avarcourchy
June 10th 1794

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Sir,

honor

I had yesterday afternoon the
pleasure to receive your Letter of the 31st. May, directg
me positively to march the army without delay towards
the Coleroon, and informing me that I shall receive
further instructions from you on my march. In
obedience to this order which you are pleased to give
me as my immediate Commander, and by the
authority of the Government under which we act,
I have moved this morning to Avaroondy —
where I am joined by Capt. Clark's Detachment, &
to morrow I shall proceed to Trichinopoly by Carroor
& I regret, Sir, that the different Letters I have had
the honor of addressing to you since I assumed the
Command of this army, altho' so numerous, of
the 12th., 16th., & 25th. of May, of the 1st. & 7th. of June
should have been so sincerely expressed as to leave
you in the dark respecting any meaning, and
defective in points of information, as to require
that you should receive intimations from other
quarters before you were enabled to judge what
measures I intended to pursue.

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An obscurity of thought, word, or action,
implies either a perplexity of understanding, or a
perverseness of intention; I must, in intimation
of my own deficiencies, beg leave to observe that
however much I may fail in that attempt, it
ever was & ever shall be my invariable rule

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never to deviate into any indirect or crooked line
of conduct while there is a broad & open course
before me, and it has been my constant object to
express clear & unperverted thoughts in simple
and unequivocal Terms.

As the merit or demerit of every man
and measure connected with the affairs of this Country at
present will not only be tried before the Tribunal
of public opinion in general, but will probably
become the subject of particular Discussion in the
National Assemblies; I can not suffer the surprize
and astonishment of my Commander and his allies
disapprobation to any conduct, to stand against
me, without explaining the circumstances under
which I acted. For I am confident that, as soon
as a respite from the perplexity of business and
the Embarrassments of Detail (in which, I presume
you are at present involved) shall permit you
to examine those circumstances of my conduct
with attention and precision, you, Sir, will be
the first to give testimony that they are founded
on the strictest principles of military duty, of
deference to your opinion, and obedience to such
instructions as I am bound to observe.

In proof of these assertions, I need only recall
to your recollection the Instructions that have been
received, and the transactions that have occurred
respecting the movements of the Southern army.
On the 7th of May the Select Committee gave Colonel
Long positive orders to proceed against the Enemy's
possessions to the Westward, and in the event of
any hesitation on his part, enjoined him to
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call a Council of War; of which Colonel Forbes & I were specifically to be Members. Coll. Lang received their Letter on the 24th. March; and on the 6th. April, the Council of War was held; I had the honor to transmit upon a Copy of our proceedings, and there must have appeared to you the opinion of every person in that Council excepting Colonel Lang, that the Committee's orders left no latitude to the Southern Commander; - nor to the Council excepting the practicability or mode of carrying their Instructions into execution. It was further the opinion of the Committee that Coll. Lang ought immediately to reinforce this Army with five Battalions and with all the field Guns that could be spared from the Southern Garrisons; and, even after this reinforcement he would still be too weak to cope with the whole force that Tippoo could bring against him: But that it was his duty with that force to proceed immediately in the execution of the Committee's Orders. On the 20th. of April the Committee did me the Honor to desire me to assume the Command of the Southern Forces, and to regulate my conduct by those Instructions to Coll. Lang and by such requisitions as they might thereafter transmit to me.

But

The Committee also honored me with another Letter, dated 21st. April, directing me to detach such a part of the Forces under my Command as Genl. Stuart might judge to be indispensably requisite for the reduction of Cuddalore, and as my situation may permit me to send — Copies of these reached me the 10th. of May, under your cover & accompanied by a Letter from you dated 28th. April in which you do me the Honor to inform me

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of my Appointment to the Southern Command
You then mention, Sir, that you shall be better
able to judge, on your advance, of the order to be
sent thence; but desire me not to give up any
attainable object such as Dindigul or Nundydroog
on account of the probable exigency of employing their
army towards Chillumbrum & Cuddalore. You
point out the propriety of garrisoning such
places as we may reduce, by troops from
Madura & Tinnevelly, and in part compute the
Duplicates & Triplicates of the same Letters,
which, I believe, were dispatched on the 5th & 6th
of May, which reached me the 16th, you
mention that you had heard we meant to
proceed from Savanoor by against Dindigul &
Nundydroog, you add indifferently that after of these
objects you imagine the Service of the Southern army
will be more beneficial by cooperating with Gen.
Lowards the Coleroon; but you decline sending
me any orders till you shall hear further from
me. In answer to yours of the 20th of April
I opened upon, Sir, on the 12th of May of my
profound attention to the important objects
stated in your Letter; — and in answer to yours
Postscripts of the 1st & 5th May, which I received
the 16th, and informed you on the 18th of every
material Step I had taken from the day I
assumed the Command. I represented the necessity
of reinforcing this Army, whether it were to
be employed to the Eastward or Westward —

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I stated that I conceived myself bound to obey the Instructions of the Select Committee, unless upon them I should find it necessary to employ me elsewhere, agreeably to their provisional orders, and I added that I should remain in the neighbourhood of Dindigul till the 24th. or 25th. — waiting for further commands; and that if no orders should arrived before that time, I should remain, agreeably to the orders of the Committee & to your Directions, with the work I had in hand: but as Nankul was too far removed from Dindigul our nearest and most immediate object would be, Darapooram, where I should be as near at Dindigul to receive any orders you might be pleased to send. On the 25th. I informed you that I had not received any instructions from you since my last letter, I also explained, in the same letter many circumstances respecting the situation of the Southern provinces. On the 6th. June I transmitted to you an account of the reduction of Darapooram, and of the valuable Magazines of Grain & Ammunition found there, and on the 7th. June I addressed you from Cyriacottah, whither I moved to form a junction with the valuable Detachment under Capt. Clarke. In this Letter I informed you, Sir, that I had blown up Darapooram, and had removed great part of the Stores to Strengthen Dindigul, that I had sent orders for the Demolition of Caroor, by Orders of the Board, and that the Stores, Grain, and Ammunition were to be conveyed from thence

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to Petitionapoly were they are much wanted

The following Letter ordered to lie for consideration

The President Says before the Committee a Note from the Master Attendant advising their Lordships that Capt. Dennick of the Success Galley had acquainted him that Capt. Dennick had given over all thoughts of returning to the Southward again - and that He did not urge the accident which had happened to his Vessel as any excuse, but said he was dissatisfied with the treatment he had met with.

The President says before the Committee a Note from the Master Attendant advising their Lordships that Capt. Dennick of the Success Galley had acquainted him that Capt. Dennick had given over all thoughts of returning to the Southward being displeased at the treatment he had received -

By the agreement with Capt. Dennick the Company were to have the use of his Ship two months, at 6000 Rupees pr. month, and after Delivering the Stores and provisions at Fuddalore, he was to proceed to Trangnebar to bring from thence the Company's Madeira Wine, which was also expressly mentioned in the Company's Instructions to Sea. It Agreed that the following Note be immediately written to Capt. Dennick.

To Capt. Dennick -

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to inform you that as you have not fulfilled the conditions of your engagement, nor conformed to the Instructions which you received from the Right Honorable President they desire you write Deliver in writing

To Capt. Dennick informing him that he has not fulfilled the agreement, desires him to deliver in his reasons for this failure and what are his demands for the service he has lately engaged in for Government

Minute thereon.

Yours

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your Honours for such parlive; and also inform them whether you have any and what Demands upon their Government on account of the Service on which you were Lately Dispatched by the President at the desire of the Select Committee.

Fort St George
25th June 1703

I am,
Sir,
Your humble Servant

Read the following Letters.

To the Right Honble the President & Select Comm.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From three Officers on their parole at Tranquebar, have had no Subsistence money paid them, since the departure of Lieut. Baddeger for Madras & cannot procure some other person may be appointed,

We the undersigned Company's Officers on Parole at Tranquebar, beg leave to inform the Select Committee, that, since Mr. Baddeger's departure for Madras, no Subsistance has been paid to us. We therefore request that some other person may be appointed to pay us; or that we may be permitted to draw our Subsistance from the southern Paymaster.

We have the Honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obt. Humble Servts.

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Signed { Lawson Reily, Ensign
James Balfour, Ensign
John Jordan, L. F. Weather

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To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c &c Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

It concerns me that I should be compelled of to Your Honours in any respect whatever — but am happy to find that I have acted in such a manner, as to escape that censure Lt. Innes wished me to incur.

I must beg Your Honours patience for a few moments, while I point out some parts of Lieut. Innes Letter & venture to give my opinion of them. He says "otherwise Money may be made away with &c" Surely, my Lord & Gentlemen, this is an ungenerous suggestion; the Sthowrie takes notice that the Instructions are so clearly laid down in the book of regulations, that no person, but he who wishes to give trouble by raising Difficulties, can misstake them" — This, My Lord & Gentlemen, was equally as unnecessary as impolitic — when I beg leave to represent to Your Honours that ever since I have been appointed to this Palace, I have requested Lieut. Innes to give over the charge of the Slaughter Cattle to me, which he has ever positively refused altho' I believe, ordered to do so by Your Honours, to the Sthe Collector.

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Upon the prayer of Poonamallee, justifying himself against the remarks made use of by the Commandant of that Place, in a Letter to the Select Committee. —

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There are all the remarks I wish to make on Lieut. Innes's Letter, his misconceiving the Instructions [illegible] so clear is a sufficient answer to the rest of it.

I have to request your Honours opinion about another point in difference between us — Lieut. Innes conceives that the Key of the Magazine should be kept by him, and I have all the responsibility for the Stores kept in it. From what I conceived of the Orders in the Instruction book [page 57] viz the charge of the Stores is, as formerly, to be vested in the Storekeeper, &c — I demanded of him — but was refused — the remarking that I knew where to apply if I thought he was wrong

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obt. humble Servant
(Signed) Wm. Hawkins.

Pondamallee
21st June 1763

The President of Tanjour to advance some pay to the Officers on their Parole at Tranquebar.

Agreed that the President at Tanjours be Desired to advance some pay to their officers on their Parole at Tranquebar.

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Lieut Innes to be informed that his Conduct is highly disapproved of.

Agreed that Lieut. Innes be informed that we disapproved of his conduct in refusing to deliver over the Slaughter Cattle over to Mr. Hawkins who, by his Office, should naturally have the charge of them and that he is to deliver them to him immediately — as also the Keys of the

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Storehouses & Magazines.

The Comm.g Officer at Tripassore represents the ruinous state of the works

Read Letter from the Commanding Officer at Tripassore (as entered in M. B.) representing the ruinous State of the Works and of some of the Gun Carriages, agreed that he be informed that we do not think it necessary to expend any more money on the fortifications of Tripassore and that such of the Guns as are valuable may be removed to the Presidency.

Regulations for the Medical Department finally resolved, and sent to Dr. Mulenan for his guidance.

The Regulations of the Medical Department, read at the last meeting, are now finally resolved and ordered to be sent to Doctor Bulman, the Superintending Surgeon, for his guidance; and it is resolved that, as far as regards the Surgeons of the Army, they shall take place from the day they arrive shall be at Madras or so Intimated to the Superintending Surgeon shall be able to Supply them with the proper quantities of Medicines.

Mr. Donal, Spenning & Armstrong admitted Cadets & appointed Surgeons.

Agreed that Mr. Andrew McDonal, Mr. Spenning, and Mr. Armstrong be admitted Cadets and appointed Surgeons.

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Port St. George June 17. 03.

Dispatched the following Letter to General Stuart with Copy of the Admirals letter of the 23d Instant.

Major General Stuart

Commander in Chief at Camp

Sir,

To Genl Stuart, the Fleet returned, the Admiral to be requested to return to the Coast.

I wrote to you last night informing you of the arrival of a Ship from Bombay the Day before and the news of a Peace which she brought

This morning early the Medea arrived from the Fleet which brings the enclosed Letter from the Admiral. The whole fleet is now in sight and we have sent to invite the Admiral to a Committee to morrow morning, the result of which and our Orders for your conduct we shall send you without delay.

We flatter ourselves the Admiral has not taken the Step of returning here without communicating it to you. —

I have the Honor to be

Sir,

with great Truth

Your humble Servant

Port St. George
June 24th 1783.

Letter from Capt. Fenwick on leaving the Station

(Received) Letter as entered in M. M.

from Capt. Fenwick, stating the great risk he ran by the Terms he agreed to, not being complied with, and relative the reason for his being obliged to

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24th to leave this Station; — expressing his great anxiety to serve the Company, and that he has several times gone for much less freight than any other Ships: & ever gone at his private expence, feels himself much hurt at the aspersions thrown out against him

Received the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Cannanore.

John Huddleston Esqr. Military Secretary

Sir,

I have received yours of the 19th wherein you acquaint me by Desire of the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, that I may draw for the Demands mentioned in yours of the 5th. — Also that it is their Desire I should use my utmost endeavours that nothing on my part shall be wanting to accomplish it. — But, without money I do not see how it is possible to be done. I spoke to Capt. Sydenham telling him to send me Two Portable Pumps. I also ordered an indent to be given for Rope, Iron, Iron Work, Files, Planes, and a large Saw. — If they have not been sent off, I beg they may as they are much essentially necessary for carrying on the Repairs of the Boat. I wrote you yesterday of the two Fleets being in sight yesterday at Sun-set neither of the Fleets could be seen this morning at daylight both again at sight and at anchor; our's off Allampauny & the Enemy's off the Red Hills. The French got under weigh some time ago, Our Admiral fired 13 Signal Guns, at 9/4 past 10 — and

to collect provisions etc (but that they cannot

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24th and at present the whole is [illegible] and standing
out North East.

I have the Honor to remain
Sir,
Your most obed.t Serv.t
Signed Nath.l Dawes, Lieut.t Cond.t
Commanded

To Paymaster Gen.l
enclosing papers for
Contingency at Bengal

Sent Letter to Military Paymaster / as ordered
in Miscellany Book / enclosing him two papers
received from the Commissary General at
Bengal desiring him to cause a full & correct
account to be made out, as they differ in many
particulars from the pay of this Establishment.

Wednesday
June 24th. 1703

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At a Select Committee present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President — Vice Admiral Sir Ed.d Hughes
Anthony Padeir Esq.r — Alex.r Davidson Esq.r
Morgan Williams Esq.r
Major General Stuart about upon Service

The President informs the Committee that
agreeably to what he had yesterday the Honor
to communicate to them he has thrown together
and will now submit to their consideration his
thoughts respecting the measures advisable to
be pursued at this important Juncture, in

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During this, this Lordship observes, he has taken a retrospective View of circumstances which may not at first appear so immediately connected with the point now to be considered as they will be found to be in the conclusion of the Minute to which he claims their attention.

Read accordingly the following Minute delivered in by the President.—

In Committee June 25th 1783.

The President has the honor to observe that an increase of duty and responsibility has lately fallen upon the Members of the Select Committee. Early in the War of the Carnatic the Court of Directors had determined that the Governor Genl & Council of Bengal should have the lead in all political and military operations in all the Company's Presidencies and that the orders from Bengal should be implicitly obeyed. In a contest to extend carried on with so many powers, in places so distant from each other, and a Concert of which the success might depend on connected operations, it was no doubt a necessary precaution that those operations should proceed from one Source, and the Presidency, which enjoyed already one controlling Power in making War or Peace, was the most likely to conduct the former, by the fittest means for the speedy attainment

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President's Minute on the powers given by the Governor General to General Coote. Gen.l Stuarts dilitoriness in not having the army in readiness to march to take advantage of the death of Hyder, on his succession to the command of the army;—the slow progress he made on his march to Cuddalore; the ordering of Col.o Fullarton's Detachm.t to join him—his procrastination of attacking the Enemy's Redoubts on the 4th of June, the time he limits the capture of Cuddalore. proposes that a flag of truce be sent to Monsieur Bussy—in consequence of the arrival of the Peace—and that the army can be battalied against Cuddalore—The Southern army to be reinforced—Gl. Stuart to be recalled to the Presidency—Col.o Lowe to command the troops acting in the Cuddapah Country;—Arrangalore to be reinforced.

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of the latter. The Governor General & Council of Bengal tho' they considered that this power implied an injunction to exercise it, did not exercise it, except in the instance of very properly recommending an Expedition against Tellyder Alcy on the Malabar Coast; but exercised another, in which they were not authorised, in desiring that Sir Eyre Coote one of their Members, should have exclusively that lead which the Company meant to be the result of their deliberations of all the Members. Sir Eyre Coote had indeed the merit of chearfully obeying the directions he had received, of repairing to the Carnatic to take the Command of Troops Dominished & Disheartened by Defeat. To his experience and reputation might be added the confidence which the Sepoys placed in his Activity, Bravery, & good fortune. There have been room to hope that particular circumstances in his favor warranted a deviation from the Company's System of confiding the general Plan of operations to the political judgment of the civil power, aided by military advice; and leaving the execution of such plan to the military Commander only. The Persons entrusted with the civil power in the preceding administration of this Government, had in fact inverted Sir Eyre Coote with the conduct of the War. It remained for the present members not to consider whether they should give, but whether

they should take away the authority then already delegated. They fulfilled as much as they could of their duty without interrupting his operations, interfering with his Command, or diminishing his strength: but by the exertion of their remaining means, they partly, in conjunction with the fleet, and partly alone, took all the Dutch Settlements on the Coast of Coromandel and within Negapatam. In the victories of Sir Eyre Coote they had no other share than from the monies they remitted and the supplies they furnished to the army Of the want of any positive and solid advantage gained by that army, if such could have been guided by it, they are absolved from the demerit as far as they could be absolved, by the precedent of their Predecessors, and the desire of their Superiors at Bengal not to meddle in it, and they had but little communication of what passed in it. But it was too apparent that Sir Eyre Coote exercised this Exclusive Command in opposition to the System of all those who conferred it on him, and even refused the requisition of the Bombay Government for a reinforcement necessary to the projected attack of the Enemy's possessions on the Malabar Coast. Since the Governor Generial & Council of Bengal absolved this Government from the necessity of complying with their former desire of leaving the exclusive Command to Sir Eyre Coote those exertions have

have been made by the Government which, by
him had been omitted. Troops were sent to the
Malabar Coast, which together with those from
Bombay, made important Conquests there, and
had the important effect of obliging the Succession
of Hyder Ali to evacuate the Carnatic. A
sufficient number of troops was sent to the
Circars and their neighbourhood, to prevent the
Temptation of an invasion by open Enemies
or Suspected neighbours. Tanjour and the southern
District have not only been protected, but the
adjoining provinces of the Enemy have been
successfully invaded. No effort remained for
this Government except that of taking prompt &
immediate advantage of the confusion which
the death of Hyder Ali and the absence of his
Successor from his Main Army, as well as of
the fluctuating situation of its several Leaders.
The obvious advantages to be taken in these
circumstances was, by an immediate march
of the Company's Army in the Carnatic, or even
of a Detachment of it towards the Enemy, but
such had been the previous disposition, by
Major General Stuart, on whom, by the absence
of Sir Eyre Coote, the Command devolved, of
the means of moving the Army, that, notwith-
standing the desire and direction of the Select
Committee, notwithstanding the promise of
General Stuart, the Army, or any considerable
part

part of it, was not ready to march tile the moment of advantage was past, tile long after Tippoo Sahib returned from the Malabar Coast, till his authority was fully established. General Stuart's conduct in this crisis, and the Committee's conduct are explained at length in the President's Minute of the 10th of January, — and the General's Minute of the 29th of January, which was intended for his Defence, is the fullest confirmation of the President's Minute, as the facts are not controverted or disproved; and the consequences from them are too obvious to be doubted. The inaction of the army on so critical an occasion induced the Presidency of Bengal to suspect that the cause of it should proceed from an Officer which this Government had invested with the Command of the Army, and the whole conduct of military operations. But this Government had not the misfortune to be answerable for investing that Officer with that Command. He was the Senior Officer on that Coast on the Departure of Sir Eyre Coote. He had by the regulations, or at least the invariable practice of the Company, a Claim to the Command. He was entrusted and recommended by Sir Eyre Coote. His his conduct after that General's departure for Bengal had at least testified an inactivity, for which the wound he had received in this war might partly account, yet there remained difficulties in the removal of him from the Command

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Command, which induced their Government to listen
to the hope that their future exertions would attone
for their past mistakes. The difficulties of such
removal arose chiefly from the construction that
was made and the advantage taken of a Commission
from the Crown to Sir Eyre Coote, as Commander
in Chief of the King's forces in India. The King's
forces were inclined while that Commission subsisted
to acknowledge no authority, but what was derived
under it. The Soldier considered it as rendering
him independant, in relation to the King's forces,
of the Company's authority. On going to Bengal
he thought proper to delegate his authority to
Major General Stuart. A considerable part
of the Carnatic army consisted of the King's troops
sent to the Company's assistance. It might
have materially impaired the public service, if
there had been a clashing of jurisdictions between
the operation of the King's Commission, & the
orders of the Company's representatives. May the
failure of the Governor General & Council to give
any Directions as to military operations, the
former & ordinary authority and obligation of
this Presidency to direct them, necessarily received
the measures to be taken rested upon them,
but the instruments were not, under the
circumstances just related, entirely in their
choice. They resolved that the Carnatic or
main army should attack the French troops
separated

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Separated from Tippoo by the necessity of his retiring to his Country in consequence of the War having at length been carried into it. The French were confessedly inferior in Strength. They had no retreat upon the Coast but a place which, as General Stuart declared, to be indefensible, General Stuart, it was to be hoped, would attack without great apprehension of Danger in that State, and without giving the Enemy time to put it in a better State. Every objection made by him to the immediate march of the army was overcome by an immediate provision of some of the Supplies he wanted, and by showing that the others already were Supplied in the abundance that he wished. The necessity of an expeditious march toward, the Enemy — the necessity of an expeditious attack of Cuddalore if they should venture into it, were laid before the General in Committee in the strongest terms. These considerations appeared to be the more necessary as not only the favorability but the importance of the Capture of Cuddalore and the French troops in it depended greatly on the dispatch with which the attack would be undertaken. The capture was more probable to be effected whilst his Majesty's fleet maintained a windward Station to the Enemy, while Supplies could be safely sent from thence to the besiegers by Sea, and before the Enemy's fleet could have had time to come to Cuddalore

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to Cuddalore to encourage the besieged by its presence and assist them with its provisions, its stores, and its men: before part of their wants could be supplied by convoys from the westward; before they should have time to supply the Defects of the fortifications by entrenchments & redoubts: and before Tippoo Saib could have time, were he enclined to return to the Carnatic to the relief of his allies, — The Capture was more important if effected in time to send from the main very such a reinforcement to the South. Forces marching to the Eastward as should prevent Tippoo Saheb from establishing himself solidly in his inherited & recovered Dominions, and from pursuing the advantages gained by him over General Mathews; more important if effected before the French fleet could arrive at Cuddalore to take away the Garrison, the capture of which was the chief thing of the expedition. the temporary possession of the place being of no consequence to either party; and lastly, if effected so as that the Garrison should be embarked befor Europe before the account of the expected pacification from Europe would leave in India men, who ceasing to be the enemies, would not cease to be the friends of the British Nation, and who would give immediate effect to any Cessions of territory or

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on any footing to which the treaty might admit them, as well as opportunity of improving such a situation to the Company's future Security and Detriment. Major General Stuart marched from thence the 21st of April. Tho he did not meet, he was not apprehensive of meeting, any Resistance in the Road. He did not, however, arrive at Cuddalore till June. The length is little more than 100 Miles. The March, at the common rate, and allowing for accidents, is not more than 12 days. The carriage of provisions actually with the army, was avowedly for double the number of those days. On this road there was provided a large Magazine of Provisions. A swift sailing Ship was taken up to land them provisions when she arrived at Pondicherry, within about a day's march of the Ground hedge of Cuddalore. Every effort was made to procure this wants, to ensure his Success, to satisfy his wishes. But this March of twelve days he made a march of forty days, and, in this march, did not equal the average of three miles a day. The Ships intended to land provisions for him at Pondicherry nearer to Cuddalore, he chose should land them at Cozjeuver further from Cuddalore, he halted near such Station, under the Idea of waiting for the whole Cargoe to be landed there, until he expended

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nearly as much provisions as he brought to him,
as if he could not procure him Route directing
the Ships to proceed to meet him again in a
more forward part of his intended route. The
slowness of his march had the same effect upon
his carriage cattle, as could the most rapid move-
ments and incessant fatigues. He reports them
to be diminished beyond the example of any
former reduction, that some were taken destroyed
or dispersed by the Enemy. The General, to
guard against the most remote Events that
might be adverse, obtained an eventual authority
from the Select Committee to order a part of
the Southern army to his assistance, in case
the same should be indispensably necessary
That Southern army was usefully and indeed
essentially employed in protecting the Company
Territories and Dependancies to the Southward
of the River Coleroon and in carrying from
thence the war deeply into the Enemy's
Country, in dividing and distracting that
Enemy's attention, and contributing so
far in preventing him from being able, if
he were inclined, in time to the relief of his
threatened allies at Cuddalore. This authority
over that army appeared however left in
danger of being exercised, and consequently
left likely to interrupt the good effects, that

General

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General Stuart had avowed that the army he
then had under his Command was sufficient
for the enemy he had to encounter; and that
upon the unexpected arrival of reinforcements
here from Europe, a very few days before
the Generals March from hence, a large
proportion of that reinforcement was immed-
diately destined to follow him; as a resource
against accidents or unexpected difficulties.
And this addition was likely to arrive, and
did arrive with others, at Cuddalore, before
any could from the Southward Army. The
General, obtaining this discretionary authority
over the Southern army, on the condition of
exercising it only in the case of indispensable
necessity, exercised it however without any
such necessity, before the possibility of
any such necessity; and before even he
marched from the Presidency. It was an abuse
of the confidence placed in him, and a perversion
as well as Disobedience of orders. And the Order
he issued so contrary to the letter, the spirit, the
Intention of the Committee is forwarded, as
being not merely the exercise of discretionary
power placed in him without condition, but
the actual exercise of the Judgement and authority
of the Committee. A Copy of this order was
not obtained from the General tho' sent from
Fort St. George the 20th of April tho' dated 14th Day of
May

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May, after repeated applications to him, and a Declaration that, unless it was to communicate, his discretionary authority would be withdrawn. Such an abuse of authority required indeed an effort to conceal it. but, after it was discovered, the General still wished to draw the Southern army under his Command, tho' the chief reason he alledged was the possibility of Tippoo's return to the Carnatic tho' such return was against the obvious Interest of Tippoo, who was sufficiently employed in the recovery and preservation of his own Country tho', by returning to the Carnatic he might have the benefit of the Negotiation in the Maratta treaty in favor of his father; tho' the Southern army employed in the attack of part of his Territories was, while so employed, more likely to keep them from the Carnatic than if his Dominions were free, and his arms at leisure to move to the deliverance of his allies; as, if he should be beat on such deliverance the Southern army should not be able in time to follow it into the Carnatic. The General, tho' he shifted his ground in demanding again the command of the Southern army in conjunction with that of the Carnatic, and did not even plead an indispensible necessity, was still in hopes of prevailing on the Committee, and on that Score declared to them, that he should

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had no order for the march of the Southern Army.
till he should know the Sentiments of the Committee,
on what the original Instruction, and this absolute
duty. Then he wrote to the Committee on the
26th of May, and on the same 26th Day of that
Month, the Committee wrote to him to need no
Orders to the Southern army, but upon the condition
and in the circumstances of indispensible necessity,
on which alone he was originally empowered. This
Letter, according to the usual course of the Messenger,
ought to have reached him at furthest on the
31st of May, and therefore gave wrong infor-
mation to the Committee of his Intention
to wait for such receipt, or that did in the
usual course actually receive it: but finding
it contrary to this neither he dispatched a
Letter directly contrary to it, under the
Screen from a charge of disobedience, of
not receiving in time the Committees orders —
and when hereafter he should acknowledge
the receipt of such orders, and of similar
orders sent in duplicate and triplicate
he hoped for the resource of finding the
Southern army so far advanced towards
them, as to furnish a excuse for not
obeying orders — given on a supposition
of its being indifferently situated.
Those subsequent Letters, tho' he desires not
the receipt of them, he defers answering

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he says, he shall have time, but he depen
ds in having obeying the orders contained in
those Letters; — and the delay of doing that
which is decried to be done without delay,
is a positive Disobedience. If the mere
abstracted fact of Disobedience to the orders
of the Committee had been a motive ope-
rating upon its conduct; the misconduct
of General Stuart in the instance noticed
to them in their Letter of the 20th of March,
and in various instances since, would have
already effected the Situation of General
Stuart; but this habit of Disobedience
is adduced as a ground against reckoning
steadfastly on his future obedience. The
public welfare is liable to be injured
by a neglect of the orders given to
prevent it, by the prevalence of
an opposite System on the part of those
who were to execute those orders, and even
by a concealment of circumstances within
their observation. Whatever obstructions
might have occasioned in the march
which could yield only to time, no
obstructions could have occurred after
the march was over and the army
opposite the Enemy which delay
would not strengthen — Yet after
that arrival the Enemy was suffered to

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to have time to recover from its surprize, to gain confidence from the hardiness of their opponents and to increase their means of resistance. The consequence of hardy measures must no doubt be hardy success. General Stuart declares to the Admiral that it will require seven Weeks to conquire the capture of Cuddalore, together with the presence of his Majesty's Fleet before it. Nothing, indeed, could verify such a Declaration, but a Determination to be inactive six out of those seven Weeks. But such a Declaration if not sincere, was highly blameworthy, and might be dangerous. The General knows that the fleet was declared by the Admiral to be straitened for water and provisions. If the reduction of Cuddalore were strictly to require the presence of the fleet for a short time only, the Admiral might be induced, by staying that time, to expose his men to inconveniences, which were to have a speedy termination, and would be productive of public advantage. But seven weeks was a period beyond the term already announced by the Admiral for his return to Madras, to which it was not in the smallest degree

strictly

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Likely that he would protract his absence from it, announcing to him that a shorter stay would in fact prove useless, was not encouraging him to make any stay in Cuddalore roads, in order to alarm the Besieged, to deprive them of the opportunity of receiving Supplies, damp their hope of relief and the contegnent Spirit of defence.

It is possible indeed that the General might have been sincere in the declaration he then has made if it be true, what is mentioned in the most intelligent advices from Camp that the procrastination of his operations had enabled the Enemy to erect very formidable works, that the further protraction of such delay might even endanger the success of the whole Expedition and that the movements of the Army was what at length produced that attack of the Enemy's works on the 18th of June, which was difficult to effect, uncertain in event, and occasioned much Slaughter of the Enemy & Company's troops, from how other cause than because time was given, even after the arrival of the Army by land & of the reinforcements from home by Sea, to erect such works, and which if allowed to be strengthened by the Labor

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of a few days more, would be still more costly of men's lives, and more difficult to carry. Or if he thought that such Delay was more likely, or even possible, if he had formed a judgement in his mind, and had really considered the operations as likely to consume the number of Seven weeks from the date of his Letter to the Admiral of the 9th Inst.— To conceal this judgment or opinion from the Government under whom he acted, from whom he was to receive his Support, and on whose knowledge and discretion the Lives for the public welfare depended, not to impart to that Government every calculation he made, every apprehension he felt, & every precaution that occurred to him, to be necessary, & thus to keep his Government in the dark on Subjects on which it was his duty to give them all the light he had or could procure, was indeed a culpable — concealement the more culpable that, while he commanded, he had the power to verify the negative Sense of his prediction. It was clearly in his power not to take it in less than Seven weeks. But not taking it before Events might happen to prevent his best intentions of taking it then, or afterward

afterwards, or if the took it, of deriving from it the essential advantages which its early capture might have produced in its extensive influence on other operations if the Generals Declarations were to have weight, the surrender of Cuddalore must be uncertain, since the return of Sir Edward Vaughan with the fleet to Madras. Such however, is the inferiority & comparative weakness of the French troops, owing to the loss of their strong entrenchments & Redoubts, and acknowledged in their seeking for retreat and shelter behind the feeble walls of Cuddalore; that it is scarcely possible to desire to take it, without succeeding in that desire. But whether it be taken in this late period, or it be still besieged, is become already likely to be of little consequence. The happy event of Peace between the Sovereigns of the besiegers and besieged, being known to have taken place. The several corroborating circumstances attending the account of this event, tho' it has not as yet come officially, leave no doubt of the fact. The terms of the Treaty are now before the Committee. Ratifications are to pass between his Britannic Majesty and his most Christian Majesty; their

Being done,

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Kingdoms, States, and Subjects by Sea & Land
in all parts of the World. After a thorough
conviction of the truth of the fact, it would
be a wanton, useless, and Criminal dis-
regard of the feelings of humanity to
continue, or even to visit the effusion
of human Blood, under the pretence
that official notice of such fact had
not as yet arrived. It is probable it will
soon arrive; but accidents might retard
its arrival for a considerable time. In
that Interval whether short or long,
the continuance of the contest there
could not alter the terms of the Treaty,
and the loss of one man's life would
be more than this Government would
justify, if the French Government or
Governor be willing to accede to an
immediate Cessation of arms. The
President therefore proposes that a flag
of truce be immediately sent to
M. de Bussy Commander in chief
of the French forces and representative
of that Nation in India; communi-
cating to him that Event with a
Copy of the Treaty; and proposing
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An immediate Cessation of hostilities on Shore, as well as by Sea; with the consent of the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes. It is probable that no political motives will prevent the troops in a town taken or besieged, from listening to the dictates of humanity in accelerating the moment of pacification. In all events the President is of opinion, that the British arms should not in future be otherwise employed against the subjects of this most christian Majesty than in a defence, if necessary, from their attacks or in preventing any attempt by force to march thro' countries in the dependance of the Company; in order to assist the Company's Enemies who have not acceded to any Treaty. If the French should be able in possession of Cuddalore on the arrival of the Presidency's dispatches The President consequently moves that the Carnatic army shall immediately cease its operations against it. The body of the army to remain merely as a Corps of observation, till answer from M. de Bussy shall be known at the Presidency, and Orders sent to consequence to

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to the army, whose movements must in the mean time be regulated by the facility of subsistance near Cuddalore, or Chillumbrum or by approaching to the magazines at Permaool or even Kinglepet: attending even to the prevention of any successful attempt by the remains of Lippoo's straggling troops in the Carnatic, or any march of fresh troops to join them. Lippoo being still at War with the English Nation & Company, whose possessions on the Malabar Coast are at this time attacked or threatened by him, as well as the Carnatic still supported by some of his Cavalry; his attempts must still be repelled by force. The Southern army, on whose vigorous and immediate efforts the success of the Company's affairs on the other side the Peninsula, is on all hands allowed to depend in great measure must be directed to continue those vigorous measures as far as the same can be practicable & prudent; and to render them entirely so — nothing can be wanted by a strong Detachment from the main army against

which there can not remain the possibility
of any objection. The President therefore
proposes, that upon communication
with Mr. Sullivan, Resident of Tanjore,
who will provide boats and bearers
across the Coleroon, and all other
necessary supplies; a body of 500
European and two battalions of Sepoys
with a sufficient proportion of artillery &
European Artillery men do immediately pass
that River & join the Southern army. If
Colo. Fullarton has crossed the Coleroon he is
to go back & prosecute his former opera-
tions. — The Carnatic army may possibly
be then still almost as numerous in
Europeans as when it marched from
the Presidency; and will be much more
than equal to any Native force that could
be opposed to it before it might reach the
Presidency. For the punctual execution of
these necessary measures, the President
can not foresee the observations contained
in Minute contains in relation to Major
General Stuart, rely on the obedience of
that officer; and he been therefore com-
pelled to remind the Commander of those
circumstances as grounding the necessi-
ty of calling that Commander to

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the Presidency, from whence as he has a Seat & voice in the Committee on military affairs, he should be as little absent as possible. When the returns the Committee will have an opportunity of hearing from him at length whatever he may have to adduce in justification of his conduct. But the Committee know enough to determine without any justification, if they were to depend upon him for the future. The Death of the Commander in Chief of the Kings forces putting an end to the delegation from him to General Stuart, puts an end to every apology for continuing him at the head of the Troops in the field. The Committee is answerable now for the measures as well as the measures it adopts.

The personal qualifications & disposition of the former are as much, in the exercise of this Duty, the objects of its consideration, as the propriety & practicability of the latter. The Commander in Chief does not necessarily go to the field, if may be necessary in the Cabinet. Younger and more active Officers, may be ordered thence on the present occasion. The Officers

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now at the head of the Southern army, have given equal satisfaction both in Exertions of Spirit, and in forbearance of prudence, and deserve therefore to be continued on a Service, where they have been successfully tried, and have the advantage of local experience; and the affection and confidence of the troops. Major General Bruce, who, at present alone has verified his reputation as a good & gallant officer, is recommended to assume the command of the Carnatic army while in the field, and to be aided, on account of his late arrival in the Country, with a Council of War of such of the Officers as are best acquainted with it. And the Order for the return of Major General Stuart to the Presidency and the assumption of the Command by General Bruce to be delivered to him by an Officer dispatched from hence for the purpose of securing the conveyance and delivery of such Orders, and due obedience to them. The vigorous prosecution of the War against Tippoo is not for the purpose of perpetuating the War, but of ameliorating Peace

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with that native power, agreeably to the spirit of the Treaty in Europe, and in conformity to it, the President moves that it be proposed in the Letter to M. de Boisy — that Pippoo sail be invited to ameliorate the General pacification agreeably to the 16th Article of the present Treaty with France, & on such terms as may be agreed upon between him and the Governor General and Council of Bengal, or the Presidency with their consent & approbation. But it is, in the mean time the duty of this Government to exert every power within its reach against the Company's Enemies while they continue such; and therefore he proposes and urges the continuation of the expedition against the northern parts of Pippoo's Territories, and for the purpose of rendering its efforts more extensive & more secure, he proposes that Col. Jones may have the Command of the whole with the principal part of the Troops, European & native, now under his Command, together with those lately under the Command of Capt.

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Edmonds, and that Major Lysaght may be
second in Command in the expedition, and that
all such provisions be made & precaution
taken without delay as may be conducive
to promote the success of this undertaking.
But whatever may be expected either
from this northern or the Southern
expedition, it may come much too
late for the preservation of Mangalore;
which, by the last advices, must be nearly
closely besieged by Tippoo's Army. The
fall of such a place would, it is supposed,
be soon followed by the fall of Tellicherry
and the Company's other possessions on
the Malabar Coast. To send therefore
immediate relief to Mangalore is
virtually relieving the places depending
on it's fate. It's immediate wants are
gunpowder, provisions & troops, chiefly
Officers. It is possible to spare from
this Garrison and neighbourhood about
300 European privates, who, together
with their Officers & some additional
Officers, might be sent together with
gunpowder & provisions; but both the
importance of such a supply, and the

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necessity of it's quickly reaching the other coast, call for the safest and quickest method of conveyance, which the Admiral alone can furnish. The President therefore proposes that the Admiral be requested to furnish such frigates and quick sailing Vessels as may be able to take Sam Shave without delay and are likely to arrive expeditiously at Mangalore with the above mentioned Supplies

The President concludes by proposing that Letters be immediately written to the Governor General & Council of Bengal communicating the late Events the consequent measures of this Govern.t and strongly expressive of the necessity of Instructions already demanded, but not obtained, on those points where their approbation is by law made necessary, except in particular cases, or where, from their exclusive knowledge of their negociations and Connections with the Country Powers, their advice would be instructive & useful

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The Committee having taken into serious consideration, and fully discussed the several important matters contained in the foregoing minute thereon

minute
President

Resolved unanimous concur in the sentiments of the Chairman & approve of the measures his Lordship has proposed — Sir Edward Hughes only observing that respecting that part of the Minute which relates to the conduct of Genl Stuart — he of course can not judge of it. Resolved accordingly that a flag of Truce be immediately sent to M. de Bussy — communicating to him the event of a pacification having taken place between his Majesty and his most Christian Majesty with a Copy of the Treaty — proposing to him an immediate Cessation of hostilities ashore as well as by Sea, with the consent of the Admiral Sir E. Hughes.

A flag of truce to be sent to M. de Bussy communicating to him the Peace.

Resolved that Orders be sent to the Army for all operations against Cuddalore immediately to cease, the body of the Army to remain merely as a Corps of observation till M. Bussy's answer shall be known

See operations against Cuddalore to cease. —

Resolved that a Detachment of 600 European Infantry, and 2 Compleat Batt.ns of Sepoys with a proper proportion of

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field pieces and European Artillery be ordered from the main army to the Southern Army unless some unforseen circumstance should render the execution of this measure too dangerous — to be attempted immediately — in which case Col. Fullarton as well as this Committee to be apprized of the delay and the causes of it, and the order to be carried into execution as soon afterwards as possible. Mr Sullivan to be advised of the intended march of the Detachment, and directed to take the necessary measures for conveying it across the Coleroon. Col. Fullarton, if he should have crossed to the Northward of the Coleroon, to be ordered to return & prosecute his former operation.

Resolved that it is necessary upon the grounds stated in the President's Minute and delivered from unconvertible facts that General Stuart should be recalled from the Presidency — that he be therefore recalled & directed to deliver over the Command of the Carnatic army in the field — to Major General Bruce, and proceed himself to the Presidency with all convenient expedition.

Resolved that a Letter be written to Major

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Major General Bruce Desiring Leave to
Joyn the Command of the Carnatic army
in the field, and, on account of his late
arrival in this Country recommending to
him on particular and important occasions
to call to his assistance a Council of war
consisting of such of the principal Officers
as he may judge most capable and best
acquainted with the Military Service in
this Country. —

Resolved that a General Order notifying
General Stuart's Recall to the Presidency
and the appointment of Genl Bruce to
the Command of the Carnatic army in
the field be sent to the Adjutant General
with a Letter directing him to publish
it to the Army.

G. O. removing Gl Stuart & appointing General Bruce. —

Resolved that it be proposed in the
Letter to M. de Bussy - that Tippoo Saib
be invited to accede to the General pacifi-
cation agreeably to the 16th Article of the
present Treaty with France, and such
Terms as may be agreed upon between
him & the Governor General & Council of
Bengal, or this Presidency with their consent
& approbation.

Resolved that in the mean while the
War be prosecuted with vigour against

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The War to be prosecuted with vigor against Tippoo until his intentions are known.

Tippoo Sahib untill we are ascertained of his pacifick intentions, that the invasion of his Countries to the Northward be continued and that for that purpose Col. Jones be directed to proceed with the principal part of the Troops European & Native under his command and join Capt. Edmonds — that Major Lysaght be continued Second in command on the expedition, & that Instructions be drawn up for Colonel Jones agreeably to what the President has recommended.

Reinforcement Supplies to be sent to Mangalore

Resolved that a Reinforcement, and Supply of Gunpowder & provisions as recommended by the President be sent immediately, if possible, to Mangalore — That the Admiral be requested to furnish Ships to convey them.

Letter to be written to Bengal

Resolved that a Letter be written to the Governor General & Council as recommended by the President.

The Committee having resolved to send a flag of truce to M. de Bussy it is now further resolved with the concurrence of the Admiral — that a joint Deputation from this Committee & the Admiral be appointed to proceed with it in the Medea — which the Admiral consents

on His Majes Ship

to

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to furnish for that purpose.

Resolved that the said joint Deputation shall consist of two Gentlemen on the part of the Select Committee, and one on the part of the Admiral, and that the former be Authy Sadleir Esqr Second Member of the Select Committee, and George Leonard Staunton Esqr a Gentleman in the confidence of this Government & eminiantly qualified for such a Commission.

Mesrs Sadleir & Staunton approved to Cuddalore

The Admiral intimates to the Committee that he will determine this afternoon on the Gentlemen to be appointed of the Deputation on his part

Ordered that a Commission & Instructions for the Deputation and a Letter for M. de Bussy be drawn up as soon as possible, and that the whole matter be finally adjusted the day after tomorrow.

The Admiral to send a Gentleman on the Deputation.

Gentleman

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Received the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes.

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

My Lord,

Capt. Allen, our Senior Captain, having the misfortune to be hard of hearing, thought not so proper on this occasion, I have pitched upon the next Officer of that Rank, Capt. Lyle, to cooperate on my part in the Deputation to M. Bupy, & Mr. Secretary Davis to assist Him — & I send the Medea, Capt. Gower, proper as any for their conveyance & will dispatch Her or not as may be needful. I have the honor to be with Regard —

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obed.t
& very humble Serv.t —

(Signed) Edw.d Hughes.

From the Admiral
Capt. Lyle pitched upon
to cooperate in the
Deputation to Le
Marquis de Bussy
on the part of Sir
Edw.d Hughes, & Mr.
Davis to proceed
as Secretary — The
Medea, Capt. Gower
to convey them to
Cuddalore —

Fort — Wednesday Noon

Dispatched this Evening to Bengal —
Copies of the Letters from Mr. Sybbald and Major Campbell —

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Dispatched the following Letter to
the Commanding Officer of Nellore.

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To Captain George Campbell

Commanding at Nellore

Sir

To Capt. Campbell two 24 Pounders with Ammunition & Stores ordered to be got in + readiness & to be delivered to Chief & Council of Masulipatam or Col. Jones with orders to give him every + assistance as he will be appointed to the + Command of the Troops on the intended Service;

As it is probable that two of the 24 Pounders at Nellore with their proportion of Powder, Ammunition and Stores, Compleat for Field Service, will soon be wanted on an + Expedition of importance to the Northward. I request you will get them in readiness without Delay, to be delivered on the Application of the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, or of Colonel + Jones, who will be appointed to the Command of Troops on the Intended Service and as he + may ~~xxxxxx~~ also require the assistance of + Draught and Carriage Bullocks to transport + them and their Stores to ongole &c.a I beg you will endeavor to secure a sufficient Number of each kind for the above purpose, so that they may be Collected at the shortest Notice, and that you will give Colonel Jones every other assistance which

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He may point out as essential to the Expedition

I have the honor to be with great

truth

Your most Obed.t Servant

Signed Macartney

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P. S.

Should Colonel Jones require all the 24
Pounders at Vellore I request they may be
supplied to him as compleat with Stores &c.
as possible — In which case a proportionable
Increase of Draught and Carriage Bullocks
will be necessary

Sent Letter as entered in Miscellany
Book No) to the Master of the Success Galley
informing him that as his Return from his
Station was unavoidable and he could not
fulfill his Instructions an allowance will
be made for the time he was employed at the
rate of 600 Rupees by Bill on Bengal.

an allowance of 600 Rup.s
P.r month made to Capt.n
Fenwick, for the time
he was employed to the
Southward;

Received Letter from the Master of
the Success Galley, as entered in Miscellany
Book enclosing his Bill and stating the vacans
of his being obliged to succeed immediately to

From Capt.n Fenwick, enclose
his Bill & states his reasons
why he declines proceeding
to the Southward agreable
to his agreement with
the President;

Bengal

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Bengal his Vessel making much Water from the loosenes of the Rudder ___

To Dr. Balman, with Copy of the Regulations respecting the Medical Department;

Sent Letter to Dr. Balman as entered in Miscellany Book No. with Copy of the Regulations respecting the Medical Department as resolved on in Committee the 20th Instant.

To Committee of Assigned Revenues;

Sent Letter to Committee of Assigned Revenue as entered in Miscellany Book &c enclosing copy of the resolutions of the Select Committee of the 20th Instant.

Mr. William George Wasey appointed Secretary to the Deputation to Le Marquis de Bussy at Cuddalore ___ D. 27

This day it was agreed that Mr. W. George Wasey should be appointed Secretary to the Deputation to the Marquis de Bussy.

Sent the following Letter to the Admirals Secretary

To Arthur Cuthbert Esqre &c

To Mr. Arthur Cuthbert desiring him to signify to the Admiral that the 24 hours Notice to be given to Capt. Gower for the Gentlemen Deputed to the Marquis de Bussy to return to the Presidency will not

Admiral's

Sir

I am Directed by the Right Honble the President to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to his Lordship of this date and to signify to you for the admiral Information that the Gentlemen deputed by this Presidency and

instructed

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probably be sufficient time & that it would be more satisfactory if he were ordered to wait till the Commissioners should have finished their Business.

Instructed to return without delay after their business shall be finished it is possible they may not be able to return within the 24 hours Notice which the admiral Instructions mention shall be given to them by Captain Gower and therefore that it would be more satisfactory to the Select Committee if Captain Gower were instructed to wait until the Commissioners on the part of the Presidency shall have finished the business on which they are joint, which however is not likely to detain them long If the the Admiral should not alter his instructions in the manner thus desired, the Company's Commissioner incase they cannot return with Captain Gower must trust to some other Conveyance but still propose to embark on the Medea tomorrow morning.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
Signed

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I sent the following Letter to Captain Edmonds.—

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To Captain Edmonds.

Commanding at Ongole and the

Troops in the Cummum Circar

Sir

The Select Committee having

determined to prosecute the Expedition against

the Cuddapa Country without loss of time and

being sensible how inadiquate your detach=

ment is to accomplish that object, and to ++

maintain the posession of the Country, after=

wards against such a force as Tippoo Saib may be

able to send to it Colonel Jones with a part of His

Majesty's 102d Regiment, two Battalions of +

Sepoys, and a proportion of Field Pieces will be

ordered to join you from the Masulipatam +

District, and you will accordingly put yourself

and Detachment under his orders, and follow

such Instructions as he may give for facilitating

his Junction with You.

The Select Committee are so well +

satisfyed with your conduct in the Reduction of

the Cummum Circar (which has fully justified

the

To Capt. Edmonds the expedition against the Cuddapah Country—

determined on, a Junction to be formed between him & Colonel Jones for that Purpose, his conduct highly approved of in redeeming the Cummum Circar, his knowledge of the Cuddapa Country will be the means of facilitating the expedition against it, desiring him to put himself under the Order of Colo Jones who is to have the Command of the Forces.

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the Choice they made of you for that Service) and
so sensible that you have done the utmost
that could have been expected from the means
given you to effect it, that it would have
afforded them pleasure to have entrusted
also to you the execution of the extended
Plan of Operations against the Enemy's
possessions to the Northward, but as, from
the Nature of the force to be employed +
thereon, this could not be done, I have only
to assure you that we shall always retain
a proper sense of your Services, and are
convinced that the knowledge and infor-
mation you have acquired respecting the
Cuddapah Country will be of infinite Use
to Colonel Jones in the prosecution of the
Expedition and greatly tend to promote
his Success.

We have already written to you
our Sentiments regarding the Forts in the
Carnatic Circar and we trust that you
will have taken effectual Means for it
destroying them, as their present Garrisons +

will

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will be a very Necessary and acceptable rein=
forcement to the Detachment.

I have the honor to be with great
Truth.

Sir

Your very Obedient and
most humble Servant.

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Signed Macartney

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. President

Friday
27th June

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes
Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Alexr Davidson Esqr.
Morgan Williams Esqr.
Major Genl James Stuart absent on Service

The President acquaints the Committee
that pursuant to their resolution the 25th Instant.
a Commission and Instructions for the
deputation and a Letter to Mr. de Bussy
were prepared, but on their being sent to
Admiral Sir Edward Hughes for his perusal
and approbation it appeared that a considerable

The President acquaints the Committee that Sir Edward Hughes had changed his Sentiments since the last meeting, for on the Commission and Instructions for the Deputation to the Marquis de Bussy being sent to him for his approbation, it was

Charge

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was disapproved of, as he conceived himself entitled to Presidency in Point of Rank; that his signature should stand first and that Captn. Gold whom he had appointed, should by the first member of the Deputation.

Charge had taken place in his sentiments since the last meeting — difficulties and objections which had not then occurred were urged respecting a Joint Deputation, in particular the Admiral conceived himself entitled to Presidency on Point of rank and that his Signature should appear above those of all the Companys representatives in the Commission and Instructions and upon the same principle that the Gentleman Captain Gold whom he had appointed should be the first member of the Deputation

The Admiral intimates to the Committee that as the Kings Commander in Chief and holding the Rank of Lieutenant General he cannot yeild the Presidency to any Company Servant in India and that he does not entend to depute any one to Mr. de Bussy or his part but merely to send a Letter by the Commander of the medea with the documents to profess regarding a Peace and asking him if on those Documents he consents to a cessation of Hostilities.

The Admiral gives his reasons why he disapproves of the Commission & Instructions for the Deputation to the Marquis de Bussy

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The President proposes that a deputation from this Government shall proceed as before resolved which being agreed to, the President lays before the Committee the following drafts of a Commission and Instructions for the Deputation and of a Letter to Mr de Bussy which are accordingly read and being approved are ordered to be immediately copied fair.

The President moves that the Deputation before resolved on shall proceed. — Assented to —

The Instruction for the Deputation laid before the Committee by the President — Approved of —

For Messrs Sadlier and Stanton appointing them Commissioners to proceed to the Representative of the French Nation now at Cuddalore to communicate to him that Preliminaries of Peace between Great Britain & France were signed at Versailles, on the 20th January last & to propose an immediate cessation of Arms between the Armies of the said Nations in India.

By the Right Honble George Lord Macartney Knight of the most Honble Order of the Bath and of the most ancient and Royal Order of the White Eagle Governor and President of Fort St. George and its Dependencies and Anthony Sadlier, Alexander Davidson and Morgan Williams Esquires the Select Committee

To Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Second in Council of Fort St. George and George Leonard Stanton Esqr.

Whereas Accounts are arrived

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that Preliminary's of Peace between his Britannic Majesty and his most Christian Majesty were signed at Versailles on the 20.th Day of January last and that the ratification of the same were exchanged on the 9.th Day of February last post where it by it is declared and agreed on the Ratification of the said Preliminaries, sincere friendship shall be reestablished between his Britannic Majesty and his most Christian Majesty their Kingdoms States and Subjects by Sea and by Land in all Parts of the World that the news would be dispatched to the possessions of the said Powers in order to stop all Hostilities between their respective Armys and Squadrons and that their respective Subjects may live in the most perfect Union forgetting what is past of which their Sovereigns give them the Order and example And Whereas it is the Duty of all His Majesty's Subjects as well as consonant with the Dictates of Humanity to comply with such Order

and

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Lord

and Example We the said George Macartney
Anthony Sadleir Alexander Davidson, and
Morgan Williams Esquires President of
the said Council of Fort St. George and Mem=
=bers of the Select Committee thereof for Political
and Military Affairs do appoint and empower
You Anthony Sadleir Esquire Second in
the said Council of Fort St. George and George
Leonard Staunton Esquire to be Commissioners
for the purpose of proceeding to the Represen
tative of the French Nation to communicate
and congratulate him upon the important
Event of such Pacification, to propose an
immediate Cessation of Arms between the
Armies of the said Nations in India and to
renew the Declaration of those Sentiments of
regard and Esteem which the respective
qualities of both Nations must excite
reciprocally in their minds, to propose the
restoration of Harmony and good Neigh=
bourhood between them and for such other
purposes as the said Event of Peace may
make necessary to consider and settle

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between the said Nations on the present occasion
and You are acquainted required to proceed
with all convenient speed on board His Majesty's
Frigate Medea bearing a Flag of Truce to the
Marquis de Bussy or the Representative of
the French Nation for the time being, &
now Supposed to be at Cuddalore, and if not
there to proceed to him where he may be gone
provided the same be not beyond the
Island of Ceylon AND WHEREAS in
the Spirit and observance of the above Treaty
we have given directions for the Cessation
of Hostilities against the French Nation
by the forces under our Command You
the said Anthony Sadlier and George
Leonard Staunton are to declare the same
and to engage for the Continuance of it
on a like Cessation taking place on the
part of the said French Nation and for
duly authorizing you to execute all the
above Purposes We have set our hands and
Seals to this Commission at Fort St. George
this 25th day of June 1783

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To Messrs.rs Sadleir & Staunton instructing them to embark without Delay on board the Media and proceed to Cuddalore, where the Marquis de Bussy now is, and to communicate to him that Peace is established between their respective Sovereigns, to congratulate him on it and to propose a cessation of hostilities in India and to invite the Allies of France, to accede to the Pacification agreeable to the 16.th Article of the Treaty with that nation.

By the Right Honourable George Lord Macartney Knight of the most honble Order of the Bath and of the most ancient and Royal Order of the White Eagle Governor and President of Fort S.t George and its Dependencies Anthony Sadleir Alexander Davidson and Morgan Williams Esqrs.rs Members of the Select Committee of Fort S.t George,

Instructions to Messieurs Anthony Sadleir and George Leonard Staunton.

Whereas Accounts are arrived of a Pacification between the States and Subjects of his Majesty and his most Christian Majesty And whereas it is our Duty as well as consonant to the Dictates of Humanity to prevent by an immediate Cessation of Arms the further Effusion of Blood between the Armies and Subjects of the said Nations We have in concert with Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in India determined to import without Delay the

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News of such Pacification to the Representative
and Commander of the French forces in India
and our Determination in consequence
to direct an immediate Cessation of Arms
in regard to the State and Subjects of the
French Nation and to desire a like Cessation
of Arms on their Part and have appointed
you to proceed to announce Such Peace
and settle such Cessation of Arms with
the Commander of the French forces; and
Whereas the said Admiral has been
pleased to appoint His Majesty's frigate
Medea for this Service bearing a flag of
Truce, You will accordingly embark with
all convenient Speed on board the said
Frigate for the purpose of proceeding to
Cuddalore where we are informed that Mons.r
Le Marquis de Bussy Representative and
Commander of the forces of the French Nation
now is, or if he should be gone from thence
before your arrival there, for the purpose of
proceeding to such other place as you may

have

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have reason to expect to find him, not beyond
the Island of Ceylon; and you will commu=
nicate the said Pacification to the said + +
Marquess de Bussy, or the representative for
the time being of the French Nation with +
suitable Expressions of Satisfaction and Con=
=gratulation on an Event so important and
so desireable by all Parties you will furnish
him with the Articles of the said Treaty of
which the sense and Spirit directs that all
Hostilities are to cease between the said States
and their Subjects in all Parts of the World
as soon as the News of such Pacification should
be known to them You will intimate our + +
consequent Orders for an immediate Cessation
of Arms on our Part in the Confidence that
he will immediately issue the like Orders
on his Part, you will agree, on grounds of
Equity and mutual Convenience, to any +
Regulations which may be conducive to
render it effectual and complete on both +

sides

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sides You will give full Assurances of our Esteem for him and the French Nation and of our Disposition to establish perfect Harmony and good Neighbourhood between the respective Settlements of the two Nations in India You will declare our readiness on the arrival of the Official Orders from Europe, which are hourly expected, to comply in a full and amicable manner with the provisions of the said Treaty in regard to those Places, directed by it to be ceded to the Crown of France, which are under the Dependence of this Presidency, and to express our Confidence that the other Presidencies will be equally ready on their part and whereas it is directed by the 16th Article of the said Treaty that in case France has Allies in India they shall be invited as well as those of Great Britain to accede to the present Pacification You will accordingly agree in such proper invitation to any allies of France which M. de Bussy may propose, and You may assure him that we are &

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fully determined to adhere to the Pacifick spirit
and Intention of the said Article of the Treaty
in relation to the Allies of France and You
will engage on our part that we shall +
stop all Hostilities against such from the
moment that such Ally shall agree to a
like Cessation of Arms on his part with +
security to us that no breach of the same
shall be attempted by Surprize But that
untill such Cessation of Arms shall in
such manner take place, we must continue
our Efforts for the Defence of our Possessions
now actually attacked, and the annoyance
of our Enemys You will endeavour to execute
the Purposes of this Commission with the +
prudence
produce it requires, and the Temper most be-
fitting to the reconciliation and Union
which are now to take place between the
respective Nations. You will give us +
early Intelligence of your proceedings and
You will communicate the Result of +
them or as far as may be proper to the +

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Commander of our Forces and principle
Servants of the Company to whom you
may be able to convey it and dispatching
the whole as quickly as possible You will
return to the Presidency.

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To the Marquis de Bussy or Representative on the
time being of the French Nation & Forces in India

To the Marquis de Bussy
the Government of Madras
having resolved on a Cessation
of hostilities with the
French in India, Deputed
Messrs Sadleir and
Staunton to announce
that resolution, and to
require the same from
him.

Sir.

Having received Accounts of a
Pacification between your Nation and ours
corroborated in a manner which does not
admit of any Doubt of the fact tho the Official
Dispatches are not yet arrived to us We owe to
our Sovereign whose Intentions it declares
to our fellow Subjects and to a Nation whom
even in War we esteem to import to you
our Assurance that War no longer Subsists
between us; we have accordingly deputed the
Bearers of this Letter to announce this desirable
Event to you and to congratulate with you
upon it in the manner it deserves. You
will find by our Commission to the two
Gentlemen therein named that we have

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chosen for this purpose one Gentleman who is an executive Member, and the other a confidential Servant of this Government, we wish by such + Messengers to convey to you as the Commission expresses, the fullest Conviction of our disposition to that union with your Nations, of which the Treaty declares that your Sovereign and ours have given to us all both the order and the + Example. We consider that we cannot too soon set about the Restoration of that Harmony and good Neighbourhood which for our mutual + advantage and Happiness should subsist always between us. In the firmest Confidence of a Reciprocal Disposition on your Part and as a Testimony of our Determination to + correspond to it We have directed an immediate Cessation of Arms on our part without waiting for the formality of Official Commands or a previous Engagement on your part to follow our Example the Commissioners whom we + recommend to your attention and protection will quickly communicate your Resolution to us they will both most readily unite in Promoting

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Promoting the Business of Union and [illegible]
Harmony with your Nation and you will
please to rely on them accordingly.

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servants

(Signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

Fort St. George
the
25 June 1783

The Admiral with draws

The following Letter having been
proposed in consequence of the Resolutions passed
at the last meeting are now read and agreed
to.

To Major General Stuart

Sir

We have the honor to inform
you that at a meeting of the Select Committee
held the 25th Instant We were unanimously
agreed in the necessity of recalling you to
the Presidency from whence as you have a
Seat and voice in the Committee on Military
Affairs

To Major Genl. Stuart
directing him to delivered
over the Command of the
Carnatic Army to Major
Genl. Bruce and to return
to the Presidency with all
convenient Speed.

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Affairs you should be as little absent as
possible — pursuant to this resolution
we direct you on receipt hereof to deliver
over the Command of the Carnatic Army
in the field to Major General Bruce and
proceed yourself to the Presidency with all
convenient expedition —

Fort St. George
to
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We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
Signed Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Mr. Sadleir objects to the immediate recall of General Stuart; —

Mr. Sadleir objects to the imme-
diate recall of General Stuart and thinks
he should be left to the first favorable opportu-
nity that may offer for his coming away.

To Major General Bruce

To Major General Bruce directing him to assume the Command of the Carnatic Army. —

Sir
Having thought proper to
recall General Stuart to the Presidency We
have

time to time

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have Directed him to deliver over to you the
Command of the Carnatic Army in the Field. We
accordingly desire that you will assume that
Command to which We have appointed you in
the fullest confidence that you will attend to the
Instructions and requesting you may from
him to him receive from us, and as far as
your late arrival in India you cannot as yet
posess that experience without which the greatest
abilities may for it. and the best Exertions from
unsuccessful. We recommend that on particular
and important occasions You call to your
assistance a Council of War consisting of such
of the principal Officers as you Judge most
capable and best acquainted with Military Service
in this Country.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Signed Macartney &c

Select Committee

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To Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm

&c &c the Adjutant General

Adjutant General

entering

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enclosing General Orders to be published in Camp for Majr Genl Stuart to return to Madras and Major General Bruce to assume the Command of the Army.

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Sir

I am Directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to signify to you their orders that you publish the enclosed General Orders to the Army.

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obedient Servant.
Signed John Huddleston
Secretary

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G.O.

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee are pleased to direct that Major General Stuart proceed to the Presidency and that Major General Bruce assume the Command of the Carnatic Army in the Field.

By order of the Right Honourable the President and Select Committee.

Signd John Huddleston
Secy.

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To Major General Bruce

Sir

To Genl Bruce acquainting him of the Deputation to the Marquis de Bussy for a Cessation of hostilities that the maine body of the Army remain merely as a Corps of Observation 'till an answer is received from the Marquis and that all operations against the French are immediately to cease, the Army to approach the Magazines of Bermacoil or Chingleput if impracticable to subsist near Cuddalore and a Detachment to be to join Colonel Fullarton in order to prosecute more effectually his former operations against the Dominions of Tippoo Saib.

In a seperate Letter to you of this date we desired you to assume the Command of the Carnatic Army in the field — We are now to acquaint you that in consequence of authentic Information of a Treaty of peace having been concluded between Great Britain and France signed at Versailles the 20th January and ratified the 9th February last we have resolved to send immediately a flag of Truce to Mr. de Bussy communicating to him that event with a Copy of the Treaty and proposing an immediate Cessation of hostilities as here, and we have appointed to proceed to Cuddalore with the flag of Truce and make the said proposal to Mr. de Bussy, a deputation consisting of Anthony Sadleir and George Leonard Staunton Esqrs whom we have invested with a Commission and full Instructions for that purpose.

It is probable that no political motives will prevent Mr. de Bussy from listening to

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the Dictates of Humanity in accelerating the mo-
ment of pacification in all events it is our determi
nation that the british Army shall not in future
be otherwise employed against the Subjects of his
most Christian Majesty than in a defence of +
necessary from their Attacks or in preventing any
attempt by force to march thro' countries in the +
dependance of the Company in order to assist their
Indian Enemies who have not acceded to any +
Treaty. ——— We desire therefore that on receipt here-
of all operations against the french may immedi
ately cease and the body of the Army remain +
merely as a body of observation until Monsieur
De Bussy's answer shall be received by the + +
Gentlemen of the Deputation who will communi-
cate it to you with such Instructions for the dispo
sal of the Army as shall appear to them necessary
and consonant to our Instructions with which +
they are fully possessed — and desire you will +
attend to their Instructions in the same manner
as if they came from us. ———

we

In the mean While we are aware that

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the Sudden return of Sir Edward Hughes with his Squadron to Madras and the consequent impossibility of conveying to you any provisions by Sea may leave you without any option as to the movement of the Army which if impracticable to subsist near Cuddalore or Chillumbrum must approach the Magazine at Permacoil or even Chingleput attending to the prevention of any successful attempt by the remains of Tippoo Sahibs struggling Troops in the Carnatic or any march of french Troops to join them.

Tippoo Sahib still continuing hostilities against us It is our Intention that the Southern Army under Colonel Fullarton on whose vigorous and immediate effort the Safety of the Company's Affairs on the Malabar Coast in a great measure depends shall continue those effort as far as the same can be practicable and prudent and to render them entirely so we desire that you will immediately order a Detachment consisting of 500 European Infantry

and

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two

and to complete Battalions of Seapoys with a

proper proportion of field pieces and European

d Artillery men to march and to join the South-

ern Army, unless some unforseen circum-

stance should render the execution of this

measure too dangerous or impracticable to be

attempted immediately, in which case you

will apprize Colonel Fullarton as well as

this Committee of the delay and the causes of it.

and not fail to execute it as soon after as

possible — Colonel Fullarton if he should

have crossed to this Side the Colleroon is to return

and prosecute his former operations — You

will previously advise Mr. Sulivan of the

intended intending march of the Detachment and

he will take the necessary measures for

conveying it across the Colleroon. —

We have the Honor to be

Sir Your most Obedient Servants

Signed Macartney &c.

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Mr. Sadlier disapproves of Colonel Fullartons being reinforced, unless the French should agree to a Cessation of hostilities.

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Mr. Sadlier dissents to that part of the foregoing letter which directs a Detachment to be sent from the main Army to Col. Fullarton unless the french should agree to a Cessation of Arms.

To John Sulivan Esquire

Resident at Tanjore

To Mr. Sulivan desiring him to provide Boats for the reinforcement ordered to join Colonel Fullarton to cross the Colleroon. — A detachment shortly to be sent to Mangalore — All Forts taken from the Enemy to be destroyed that are not necessary for the Security of the Coast. — directing to correspond with the Majr. Campbell & Mr. Sibbald. —

We have received your Letter of the 16th Instant with its Inclosures. —

Having determined to reinforce Colonel Fullarton with 500 Europeans and two Battalions of Seapoys with a sufficient proportion of Artillery and European Artillery men — we desire that you will provide Boats and Boatmen and all other necessary Articles to enable them to pass the Colleroon and to join the Southern Army. If Colonel Fullarton has already crossed the Colleroon in his way to northward, he is to go back and prosecute his former Operations till he receive new Instructions from us. We hope

and

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and we think it likely that the late Events in
Europe will soon bring on a General peace thro' the
whole Peninsula, but till we are ascertained of
the disposition of Tippoo Saib in this respect we
must prosecute the War against him with Vigor
We expect a Cessation of Hostilities with the French
in a short time, We shall send in three or four
days a reinforcement to Mangalore between 300
or 400 Europeans for this purpose and we trust they
will arrive in proper time. Wherever any of the
Forts or Strong places of the Enemy are not absolutely
necessary for the immediate security of the Captors
we think it best to destroy or dismantle them because
it is probable that most of them will be restored
at a peace and it is therefore our Interest in such
case that they should be when restored of a little
value as possible you will please to correspond
with Major Campbell at Mangalore and Mr.
Sibbald at Tellicherry and acquaint them with
every thing in this part of the World which they
may be interested to know. We have recalled
General Stuart to the Presidency and ordered Genl
Bruce

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Bruce to take the Command of the Army and we enclose you a copy of our Instructions to him of this date by which you will be informed of the measure we have resolved on in order to accelerate a Cessation of hostelities with the french

We enclose for your information Copies of our Letters to Major (now Lieut Colonel) Campbell and Mr Sibbald by the Ships going with the reinforcement.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedt Servants
(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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To Colonel William Fullarton 4
Commanding the Southern Army

Sir

To Colonel Fullarton highly approving of his conduct
A Detachment from the main Army ordered to join him in the Command of the Carnatic Army, & assumed by General Bruce.

We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 7th and 10th June, the latter enclosing copy of your answer to a letter you had received from General Stuart by which we find that he had not obeyed the

order

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Orders we sent him to countermand his orders
to you for the march of your Army towards the
Colleroon and that you were in consequence
on your return and had reached Avarcourchy

on Respecting the animadversion of
which you desire our Determination. We are
happy in the opportunity it affords us of decla=
ring our entire approbation of every part of your
conduct and our firm belief that had others
fulfilled our orders and instructions with the
same Zeal and activity that you have shewn, the
on late misfortune of the Malabar Coast and every
ill consequence attending it would have been
prevented. ——

We are now to inform you that we have
judged it proper to recall General Stuart to
the Presidency, and to appoint Major General
Bruce to the Command of the Carnatic Army
in the field we enclose you a Copy of our Letter
to General Bruce of this date, by which, among
other interesting matters you will observe

we

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we have ordered a considerable Body of Troops to be added to your Army we have written to Genl Sullivan to prepare Boats to convey this reinforcement across the Colleroon and facilitate its Junction with you but if in consequence of General Stuarts orders you should have crossed to the Southward of that river in order to join the Main Army you will return to the Southward with your whole force and prosecute your former operations in such manner and to such extent as you shall judge most likely to oblige Tippoo Saib to retire from Mangalore and at length to listen to reasonable terms of accommodation.

Major Campbell gives us hopes of his maintaining Mangalore during the rains, and the reinforcement and Supplies we are now sending him will we trust effectually secure it afterwards. ——

We entirely approves of your having destroyed Coroor and Darapooram and —

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recommend it to you to keep no fort but such as may be useful or necessary to the Security of your operations

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servants

Signed Macartney &c.

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To Colonel Jones

Commanding at Ellore

To Col.l Jones directing him to march into the Cuddapa Country after having been joined by Captain Edmonds and to act offensively against the Possessions of Tippoo Saib

Sir

Having thought fit that a
more considerable force should be employed against
Tippoo Saibs Territories to the Northward than
that now under the Command of Captain
Edmonds, we desire that you will proceed towards
Cumbum with as many Europeans and Sepoys
as can well be spared from the Masulipatam
District and being joined by Captain
Edmonds and his Troops, make an incursi=
=on into the Cuddapa Country which from

the

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the best accounts we have received may be +
easily reduced. ——

It is not intended to keep it as a +
conquest for the benefit of the Company but to
possess it as a detriment to the Enemy that a
final pacification and Settlement of the +
Country take place, it is probable that the +
Country will not remain long in our hands +
and as the Garrisoning the forts and other +
strong places which you may take will send
to weaken your Numbers, the best policy will
be to destroy as effectually as your means will
admit of all such as may not be essentially
necessary to retain for your own Security, we hope
indeed that you will not find it inconvenient
to demolish every one of them. ——

Mr. Gardiner the Paymaster of Ongole
has been appointed to the care of the civil department
and the collecting the Revenues and all monies +
belonging to the Company throughout the Combum and
Cuddapa districts and you will give him all the
assistance

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Assistance in your power for the proper discharge of his Duty.

Major Lysaght will accompany you as second in the expedition unless his services cannot be dispenced with by the Chief and Council of Masulipatam to whom we now write upon this Subject. Captain Edmonds will also have orders to put himself under your Command, but you will take care that a proper Garrison be left at Ongole upon that Subject Captain Edmonds will give you all proper Information.

You will concert with the Gentlemen of Masulipatam with regard to the number of Troops to be taken with you and the best method of transporting them across the rivers in case they should already be too high to pass without boats.

5th There are in the District of Masulipatam the 2.3.4. and 6th Circar Battalions and a Corps of Sibendys from these four Battalions, two Battalions of Grenadiers were formed after deducting which there will remain 31 Companies besides the Sibendies

For

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Perhaps out of these, the 2 Grenadier Battalions of Sepoys and 100 Europeans Infantry of the 102d. — with a proper proportion of Officers with 2 Brass 12 Pdrs and four Six pounders with Artillery men and ammunition Complete may not exceed what can be spared from the Masulipatam district upon this occasion ——

Captain Edmonds has the 2. and 17th Carnatic Battalions which amount to about 1200 men of which a part (perhaps 400 Men) were together with some Polygars sent to Garrison the Forts of Combam and Cotah, but which he has received Directions to destroy and consequently we imagine they exist no longer ——

There are four 24 Pounders complete at Nellore with field Carriages which Captn. Campbell who Commands there has orders to send to you incase you think them necessary — he is also Directed to prepare bullocks to draw them and the ammunition and Stores belonging to them, you have therefore only to send him Your

further

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Further thoughts on this point.

You will be on your former footing of allowances and aid de Camp &c. and as this service requires great expedition we rely much upon your Zeal and activity to carry it into execution without Delay.

We have accounts of a pacification with France which will enjore the Circars from any Invasion ensure by Sea.

We have the honor to be

Sir Your most Obedient Servants

Signed Macartney &co

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To the Chief and Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen.

Inclosed we send you a Copy of our Letter of this date to Colonel Jones. We also transmit to you the original which we desire you to transmit to him and to acquaint him that you will give him every assistance in your power to forward the present service.

The State of Affairs in Europe of late

To Masulipatam enclosing Copy of the Letter to Col Jones: Every assistance to be given to him to forward the Expedition

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which our President accepted the Chief a few days since we think secures the Circars from any Sea Invasion nevertheless it will be proper that you should on no account relax of your Vigilance and attention

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

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(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Draft to Sir Edward Hughes

To Sir Edward Hughes requesting he will order a Conveyance from the Fleet to transport the Detachment destined for the relief of Mangalore.

Sir

Having received undoubted information that the Garrison of Mangalore is now besieged by the Enemy and much straitned we think it necessary to send thither with all possible expedition a reinforcement of 350 Europeans with 500 barrels of Gunpowder a supply of salt Provisions and some other Stores — and we request that you will be pleased to order such conveyance as you can spare from the fleet for that purpose —

As our letters from the other Coast mention the absolute necessary of the reinforcement and Supplies

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supplies arriving there in the first week in August

we flatter ourselves it will be in your power to give

us such speedy assistance in this point as to

insure their arrival there in proper time

We have the honor to be

For Your most Obedient &c.

Signed Macartney &c

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The Admiral having already signified

his Intention to furnish Ships for the Convey.ce

of provisions and reinforcement to Mangalore &c.

he wished that a written application should be

made to him on the Subject, and mentioned

they should be the Bristol and Isis

following Letters were in consequence prepa.d

and are now agreed to

The Bristol & Isis appointed by the Admiral to convey the Provisions & Reinforcement to Mangalore

that would prepared

To Lieutenant Colonel John Campbell

Commanding at

Mangalore

To Col.o Campbell in consequence of the Danger Mangalore is exposed to or reinforcement is ordered

Sir

We

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ordered for that place
Peace concluded between
the belligerent Powers
in Europe, a Flag of
Truce sent to the Marquis
de Bussy — the War
to be prosecuted with
Vigor against Tippoo
Saib 'till his Intentions
are known. —

We have had the honor to receive
your letter of the 18th May —
Intelligence of the surrender of —
Bedenoor, had reached us before from different
Quarters, and our sense of the Danger to which
you must in consequence be exposed had
determined us to send you a strong reinforcement
from the main Army as soon as the important
service on which it was employed (the reduction
of Cuddalore) should have been effected. but the
receipt of your letter and of two from Mr. Sibbald
to our President has made us resolve to strip
this Garrison of a great deal of its European strength
in order to afford you more immediate relief —
We accordingly send you in His Majesty's
Ships Bristol and Isis, furnished for that —
purpose by the Admiral 350 European Infantry
under the Command of Major Bruce together with
a supply of 500 barrels of Gunpowder, 100 Casks of
Salt Provisions 300 bags of Biscuit and 50 Leaguers
of Arrack. —

We send you also the following Officers —
exclusive of those belonging to the Detachment —

With

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With these supplies we trust that you will be able to maintain your Garrison until you shall receive from hence and from Bombay such reinforcements as may enable you to make head against the Enemy in the field, in case the War with Tippoo Saib should be continued

Before this can reach your hands you will probably have heard that a peace has been concluded between Great Britain & France, Spain, and America, we send you enclosed a Copy of the Treaty with France,

Altho' we have as yet received no Official Information of this important Event as there is not the least doubt of its having actually taken place, we have sent a Flag of Truce with a Deputation to M.r de Bussy to propose to him a Cessation of hostilities.

We have also resolved to invite Tippoo Saib to accede to the General Pacification agreeably to the 16.th Article of the Treaty with France and on such terms as may be agreed on between him and the Governor General and Council of Bengal, or this Presidency with their consent and approbation, but if our determination to promote the War with vigor

prosecute

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vigor against him untill we are perfectly ascertained of his pacifick Intentions — force this purpose we have ordered a very considerable addition of force to be sent to Colonel Fullarton's Army which will act to the Westward according to circumstances and we hope, oblige Tippoo Saib to retire from Mangalore or devide his Army; —

We have the honor to be

Sir Your most Obedient Servants

(Signd) Macartney &c.a

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P. S. 4 July

The Admiral has given orders for a Grenadier Company belonging to the 98th Regmt. which has long served on board the Isis to be landed at Mangalore, the Troops sent besides are specify'd in the enclosed return; If with this reinforcement you should think yourself unable to maintain the Garrison we recommend it to you to embark with it and proceed to such place on the Coast as may best suit your Situation and means of — Conveyance. —

The Ships not being able to take in the provisions mentioned in this letter, the Admiral has ordered them to supply you with all they can spare

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spare from their own Stores.—

We enclose you a Certificate ~~~
relative to the time to which the Troops have
been paid and likewise that no Ship Money
or Batta is to be drawn for by the Officers or
Cadets during the time they are on board ships
as we have made a sufficient allowance to
the Captain of the Bristol and Isis for ~
keeping a Table for them.—

inform } you }

Captains

To James Sibbald Esqr.

at

Tillicherry

To W. Sibbald enclosing copy of their Letter to Colt Campbell for his information.—

Sir

Our President has received and
communicated to us your letters to his ~~
Lordship of the 22. 23. and 27th May with ~
their Enclosures a Letter from Lieutenant
Colonel Campbell of the 18th May reached us
at the same time from Mangalore confirming
the Intelligence we had before received from
various Quarters of the surrender of Bednore
and informing us of the Arrival of Mohomed
Ally with a powerful Army within two ~
days march of Mangalore and Tippoo Saib

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following with a body of Europeans and heavy Artillery.

The enclosed Copy of our Letter to Lieut.t Colonel Campbell will advise you of what we have done for his immediate relief together with the Information we have received of a Peace having been concluded between the Great Britain and France and the measures we have taken in consequence, we send you a Copy of the Treaty with France.

Should Tippoo Saib refuse to accede to the General Pacification the plan for carrying the War against him suggested in Your Letter to our President and to M.r Hasting and to M.r Hornby will we hope be adopted and prosecuted with Vigor and effect by the joint Efforts of the three Presidencies.

We have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.ts
Signed Macartney &c
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To the Honorable William Hornby Esq.r
President and Governor &c &c Select
Committee at Bombay

To Select Committee of
Bombay informing them the

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Bombay.

Honble Sir and Sirs.

the reinforcement — destind for Mangalore — Observations on the — proceding of the Fleet & Carnatic Army are — surprized at receiving no official accounts of the Peace from their Board. A cessation of Arms has taken place at Cuddalore inclosing copy of the letter to — Coll.o Macleod. ——

Having received Letters from — Major Campbell Mr. Sibbald & Mr. Redman &ca expressing their apprehensions for Mangalore if not speedily reinforced. we have thought fit to — order between 300 or 400 Europeans with 500 barrels of powder, 100 Casks of Salt Provisions &c to be sent there without Delay. the Admiral has promised to furnish us with a proper conveyance and — we flatter ourselves that they will arrive on your Coast very nearly in August. ——

The true Britton imported here from Bombay on sunday last and brought us our account of the Peace. We are much surprized not to have a single line from your Government on so important an occasion. ——

Sir Edward Hughes and his Squa= =dron sailed from hence for the Southward on the 2. of May and returned here on the 24.th Inst.t An Engagement happened between him and Monsieur de Suffrein off Porto Novo of which we shall say nothing more at present, than that no Ship of War taken or destroyed on either Side. Monsieur De Suffrein is Master of the whole

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whole Coast to the Southward Our Army under Genl
Stuart marched from hence on the 21st April in order
to besiege Cuddalore they arrived at length before
it the beginning of June but did not
commence any attack till the 13th Instant
the French were obliged to abandon their works
and retire into the Town; what has been done
since we have but a very imperfect knowledge
of, as Our Arms have not been attended with
that Success either by Sea or Land which we
had reason to expect the late Pacification seems
to be a very fortunate Event—

We conclude that a Cessation of
Hostilities will commence without delay between
us and the French and we hope that it may
extend to our other Enemys in India, but till
we are fully ascertained of Tippoo's disposition,
we shall not in any degree relax in our operations
against him—

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servants
Signed Macartney &c
Select Committee
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P. S. 5th July

Since writing the above the Deputation + which we sent to Cuddalore is returned with two Gen= tlemen on the part of Mr. de Bussy and a Cessation of Arms has taken place. ———

We enclose a copy of our Letter to Major (now Lieutenant Colonel) Campbell — we have + requested of the Admiral that in case the Ships should find Mangalore in the hands of the + Enemy, the Troops may be landed at any other Fort or Factory of ours in the Malabar Coast, + particularly Onore or Tellichery) (that may be attacked or in Danger of being so) and if none of our possessions on the Malabar Coast should be + without predicament that the Ships may proceed to Bombay and land the Troops there, or bring them back to us, as you may Judge best for the Public Service, and the Admiral has given orders to Capt.n Burney of the Bristol to comply in every respect with this requisition. ———

on

in that

We enclose you a certificate relative to the time to which the Troops have been paid, and we have likewise to inform you that no Ship money or batta is to be drawn for by the Officers or Cadets during the time they are on board Ships as

we

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we have made a sufficient allowance to the Captain of Bristol and Isis for keeping a Table for them; ——

Read the following letter and resolved that it be immediately dispatched to Bengal with the papers there in mentioned and also an extract of our proceedings the 24th Instant comprizing the admirals letter & the 23d and our minute thereon. ——

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.

Governor General & Council of

Bengal

Gentlemen

To Govr. Genl & Council acquainting them of a Deputation being sent to Cuddalore in consequence of accounts having arrived of a Peace being concluded in Europe will inform them of every circumstance on the return of the Commissioners from the Marquis de Bussy

We have the honor to inform you that we have received accounts of a Pacification having taken place between the Courts of London, Versailles, and Madrid, and the american States which accounts are corroborated by such Circumstances as leave no Doubt of the facts, the Select Committee have in consequence of this news and with the Concurrence of Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes determined to communicate the same by a deputation to Monsieur Le Marquis De Bussy, Representative of the French Nation and to propose to him an immediate Cessation of

Arms

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Arms; to this determination we are impelled by
the Dictates of Humanity and by the example of
our Sovereign who has stipulated with his most
Christian Majesty that sincere Friendship shall
be reestablished between them and their King-
doms States and Subjects by Sea and Land
in all parts of the World; we have the honor
to transmit to you a copy of the Preliminarys
which were signed between Great Britain +
France and Spain on the 20th of January and
ratified the 9th February, and also a Copy of the + +
Commission Letter and Instructions which we
have thought necessary on this occasion and which
are perfectly in the Spirit and letter of the Treaty
To the Situation of our Military Affairs on this +
Coast previous to this Event we refer to the +
enclosed Papers from our latest Consultations, and
shall have the honor to write to you more fully
on the return of our Commissioners from + +
Monsieur de Bussy.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servts
Signed Macartney &c.

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Read the following letter from Colonel Reynbold enclosing various accounts of loses sustained by the Hanoverian Regiments under his Command in consequence of the loss of the Ship Duke of Athol.

From Colonel Reynbold enclosing Accounts of the Effects of the 15.th & 16 Hanoverian Regiments lost in the Duke of Athol & requesting an Adequate Restoration be made them

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to deliver the accounts of the Effects of the 15.th and 16.th Hanoverian Regiment consisting in 7 Numbers, who are lost by the blowing up of the Duke of Athol Indiaman and humbly beg for the restoring of them. I beg leave to remain

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant.

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the 25.th June 1783

(Signed) C L Reinbold
Colonel

Colonel Reynbold's request cannot be complyed with;

Agreed that Colonel Reynbold be informed that the Company have not made themselves answerable for the loses which his

Majesty's

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From Mr Swartz requesting an answer to the Return of Expenses &c sent by him to the Committee last Month.

His Majestys Ships may sustain by ship wrecks in their passage to this Country and that we cannot therefore comply with his Request.

Read the following Letter from the Surgeon of the 15th Regiment of Hanoverians.

My Lord and Gentlemen

Directed by your Commands I have sent in the last Month the return of the expences for the Superior Number of Sick as is allowed, also for Europe Medicine, Wine, and other Spirits which amounts from the month of September 1782 till the end of April 1783. to 498 Pagodas 4 fanames, but still here I have not been so fortunate as to receive an answer the Number of Sick never lessens and therefore I find me obliged to render myself troublesome to your Lordships and Gentlemen, in the same time I cannot without mention that I laid out the greatest deal of Money in buying medicines in these last arrived Ships. I flatter myself on that opinion by Lord and Gentlemen will honor me with an answer agreeable to my desires and beg leave to remain.

for that reason

buying with favor

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your

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Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

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[Signed] J. J. Schwartz Surgeon of
the 15.th Regt. Reg.

Minute on the foregoing Letter.

The allowance established is at the rate of 3½ Pagodas P.r Month for 800 Men; but the Committee having intimated that in very extraordinary cases some addetion might be made to it a bill to a considerable Amount is sent in monthly exclusive of + that for the established allowance —— Agreed + therefore that M.r Schwartz beinformed that in future, no more than the established allowance will be paid, and that his bills for Europe Medicines cannot be allowed unless countersigned by the Sugeon General, and in future that he is not to purchase any but to make application to the Superintending Surgeon.

From M.rs Hagon requesting the Pension allotted to Officers Widows. ——

Read the following Letter from M.rs Hagon (as entered in M. B.) soliciting the Pension allotted by Lord Clive, for Officers Widows, and + referring to a Letter and Affidavit before sent + in relative to her Circumstances. ——

Ordered to lie on the Table and the Secretary to enquire and inform the Committee +

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Minute thereon — relative to the Circumstances which gave a claim to the Pension.

Mr. Davidson Delivers in the following Minute.

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Mr. Davidsons Minute on the Action of the 20 June between the British & French Fleets, the Admirals conduct defended.

However indecisive the engagement of the 20.th June has been between Admiral Suffren and Admiral Hughes I cannot put my name to a Committee in which that Gallant Officer is censured without expressing my approval and good opinion of his general conduct in the repeated well fought conflicts between the English and French Fleets — nor without observing that the Admiral will no doubt in his dispatches to Government justify himself against any charge that may be brought against him.

I shall ever be of opinion that the bravery and spirit of the Admiral, Officers, and men of the british Fleet have saved India from the impending dangers which threatened it on the arrival of Monsieur Suffren the beginning of last year with a Superiour Squadron. I am further of opinion that Sir Edward Hughes' conduct in the disposition and arrangement of his Squadron has

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been able and Judicious and that I am confident his personal courage and undaunted spirit in defending the dearest interests of India will do him honour and procure him the Thanks of his Majesty and the Nation.

Signd Alex. Davidson

President's Minute in Answer to Mr. Davidson's

The Committee having considered Mr. Davidson's minute cannot avoid observing that it does not apply to the present case — what is said in the consultation of the 24 June is a recital of recent facts which cannot be controverted or altered by any terms of General approbation relative to former actions.

The Committee have been always happy to give praise on every occasion where it was considered to be due, and the records of this Government bear testimony of it more than once in favor of Sir Edward Hughes but it would be a dereliction of duty in the Committee, unworthy of their Characters if from any personal tenderness or friendship they were to conceal from their Employers what they think and feel to be misconduct in others, or to weaken its impression at this moment by any respective Compliments.

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The appearance of a British Fleet alone must at all times contribute to the Safety of any Country which it is sent to Defend, but we leave to our Superiors to Determine to what circumstances and to whose exertions the Salvation of India is now to be attributed.

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28th Received the following Letter from Mr.

John Douglas —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

of

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr. John Douglas requesting to be paid for Money expended by him for Secret Service during the Administration of Mr Smith —

I beg leave to inform you that I am in the greatest want of Money to repay a Sum which I borrowed, for account of Charles Smith Esqr., whose demand on the Honble Company for Disbursements for Secret Service, has never yet been paid, altho' approved of by the Select Committee and ordered to be paid on the 22d of June 1781

I had the honor of before making an application to you on this subject the 7th of December last and therefore have only now to request that you will be pleased to order this demand to be paid as stated in the accompanying Account

I am respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obt Hble Servt

John Douglas

Fort St. George

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Ordered that Bills on Bengal be granted in Favor of Mr John Douglas to the Amount

of

secret

Bills on Bengal granted for the above

of 6296-1-40 being for a Bill for Money expended for Service during the Administration of Charles Smith Esqr the late Governor. The Exchange to be at 375 Arcott Rupees 100 Pagodas ——— N.B. It was agreed to be paid in Committee the 2d August 1781 but a Bill has not been granted till now

From Paymaster of Vellore — requesting a supply of Money

Read Letter from Paymaster at Vellore dated entered in. Mr. Bu requesting a supply of 40000 Pagodas

Read the following Letter from Cr. Edmonds

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

My Lord Gentlemen

I have the honor to receive your

From Capt.n Edmonds Confirming the Accounts of the Loss of Bidenore and of Tippoo having made an Attack on Mangalore which was resolutely defended — shall take every Precaution for his own Safety — & use his Endeavors to intercept Mr. Hornby

and

spared

Letter of the 10th Since first I heard the disagreeable news from the Malabar Coast reported I have spared no pains to arrive at the Truth of it. And have obtain proofs of the surrender of Bidenour from 151 Europeans part of its Garrison and prisoners to Ghooty twelve days since. The Report circulated at that place is that the Enemy were led within the Ghauts Carrying to the Fort by a Road unknown to our people. that for want of ammunition

circulated

were

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our out parts even soon obliged to Lay down their Arms
and the Garrison which is represented to have been very
weak immediately surrendered – The part of that
Detachment then encamped on hearing It retreated to
Cowrel Bundar or Mangalore and that Tippoo had
followed to that place which continues to make a stout
Defence this is from pretty good authority. but I hope
to receive more certain Account in a day or two; 50 of the
Europeans sent to Ghooty are since Dead owing to the
horrid treatment they receive nothing given them to eat
but Guarrie — I shall do myself the honor to transmit
you every information I receive respecting Tippoo. and
you may depend on my taking every necessary precaution
for my own safety —— I have this moment Received a
Letter from Mr Daniell giving an information regarding
the motions of Mr Hoomaug & shall use my utmost
endeavours to intercept him –

I have the honor to be with great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

Humble Servant

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Capt~ Cand~

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20th June 1783

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Ordered that a set of Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of the Master of the Success Galley to the Amount of 844£ 2s 6d Pagt being due to him for the freight and other charges for Conveying Provisions to the Army &

29th Received the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne &

From Sir John Burgoyne enclosing an Extract of a Letter from Gel Stuart requesting a Battalion of Sepoys accompany his Regiment to Tringlipat and a sufficient Quantity of Grain for his March to Coimbatoor

From Do Do purposing to proceed to join the grand Army, his Health being perfectly re-established

My Lord—

Gardens June 29th 1783

After conversation I had the honor of holding with your Lordship that morning on the Subject of Joining the Army before Cuddalore and taking the Command there of in case General Stuart left it. I have only now to observe to Your Lordship that I was previous to General Stuart departure from hence, appointed by him in publick order to Command the first Line, and which I should immediately have done had I not been prevented by a long Illness, my health being now restored and that order of the Commander in Chief not Contradicted, but on the Contrary General Stuart having frequently mentioned he hoped soon to see me with the Army I mean to take the first opportunity of repairing there to, & take the Command and Rank his Majesty's Commission to me as Major General entitles me to. I have therefore only to beg the honor of your Lordships Commands and am—

Your Lordships most Obedient & most humble Servant
(Signed) J. Burgoyne M.G.

To Lord Macartney &c &c

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My Lord Gardens - June 29th 1783

From Sir Eyre Coote purposing to proceed to join the grand Army his Health being perfectly re-established

I have the honor to enclose an Extract of a Letter from General Stuart, as he wishes I should proceed with my Regiment to Chinglipett, I propose setting out with it the 3d or 4th of next Month & have to hope your Lordships will give orders for the Battalion of Sepoys to accompany us - I shall have Grain sufficient for our March to Pormacoil if necessary, but shall hope Your Lordships will give the necessary orders for a further Supply being sent thither without which we cannot venture to Chinglipett as it will not be in my power to carry more than for the March - If I may offer my opinion or advice on this Subject, it is that a quantity of Grain not less than one thousand Bags be sent immediately to Chinglepett either on Bullocks or Carts there to remain till my Arrival on which I will forward it to Pormacoil and when I think the whole is arrived will then proceed thither and await further orders from the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to be
Your Lordships most
Obedient humble Servant
I. Burgoyne
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Extract

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29th Extract of a letter from Major General Stuart dated the 24th June to Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart. received at P. C. the 29th January 1783

I have had the this day to receive yours of the 13th — my notes must unfortunately have miscarried. because I have wrote five times at least in regard to the deficiency of Grain here and that the Guns I wished you to bring were to be 2. 6 Pounders on Gallopar Carriages drawn by horses. The Indent to the Ordinance Store Keeper has been sent accordingly As to the Grain it is a matter of such consequence that I dont the Regiment should proceed further than Chingliput until there is a certainty of our being able to feed the horses here - At present we have not the means owing to the very great deficiency of the original indent as made for one and that a part even of the little that was sent is now on board the Vessel which left us Suddenly. My opinion and advice is that Grain in the largest quantity should be sent forward to Chingliput and from that to Permacoil on Bullocks with proper Escort deposited there, in Large quantities even before you from Chingliput bodily. Afterwards when you have Made your Magazine you will halt at Permacoil until you hear from me because it may be necessary to send part of this Army to meet you

Sir

Sent the following letter to Sir John Burgoyne.

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29th I am happy to think that you are so far recovered as to bear your part with us in extinguishing Mons. Bussy & the French &c.

N

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bt.

Sir

To Sir John Burgoyne advising of their having appointed in General Orders Gen. Bruce to the Command of the Army before Cuddalore & mean to Continue him in that Command Informing him that no Officer can serve without the Permission of Government & assuring him how glad they should have been of his Services Had his Health permitted him to have proceeded with the Army

Our President having communicated to us your Letter of this date, we have the honor to inform you that previous to its receipt We had by General Orders of the 27th Inst. appointed Major General Bruce to assume the command of that part of the Army in the field near Cuddalore and it would be superfluous to observe to you that no Officer can serve with the Army Acting under the Authority of this Presidency without our permission, nor assume the command of it but by our express appointment

The late Lt. General Sir Eyre Coote tho invested with a particular Commission from the King as Commander in Chief of his Majestys forces in India, knew that he could not assume the Command of the Army in the Carnatic without it being previously announced in General Orders from the Select Committee of this Government

We wish to shew every mark of regard &

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29th & attention to you that can be made compatible without
our Duty and should have been glad to have availed ourselves
of your services from the commencement of the expedition
but as your State of health put it out of your power to
proceed with the Army, & as General Bruce has served
arduous. with it during the present war on our coast, is fully acquain-
ted with the Systems of its operations, is now on the spot with
particular it & furnished with our particulars Instructions which
could not be so easily executed by another, we think it wou'd
be injurious to the Publick service as well as to General
Bruce were we at this time to send an Officer from
entrusted hence to supercede him in the Command to him -

We have the honor to be

Your most Obedt
& Humble Servants

Fort St. George
29th June 1783

From Committee of Stores

Read Letter from Committee of Stores with
their Proceedings of yesterday as lodged in the Office

Read the following Letter
Enter Letter from Commanding Officer of Provincials

To John Hudleston
Military Secy
Sir

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From Lt Dawes - giving Intelligence that the French Troops having been reinforced from the fleet made an Attack on our Lines but were repulsed with great Loss

The President & Select Committee, that from 3 Hircarrahs Just arrived from Camp who left it last Night I heard the following agreeable Price of News Viz.t That the French (having landed some Men from their fleet) Made an Attack on Dum Dum Parallel, that at first our Troops fell Back a little but Getting on their rear afterwards made great Slaughter Amongst them and Put the Compleatly to the Rout having 200 Died & 30 Wounded beyond them Be-sides 1 Colonel 1 Major 1 Captain 2 Drum.rs and 30 Privates taken Pris.rs they say they were at the General & Where the Wounded & Pris.rs we Brought before them No appearance of our Fleet Col.o Fullarton I am Informed Arrived at Trich.y G.d Fb.18th

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Nat. Dawes
Lieut Comp.y

Pennacoil
26th June 1783

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

My Lord

This Morning I had the honor to receive

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From General Stuart advising that the Army are in Great Distress for want of Supplies are consulting their Safety & are constantly on Duty The Junction of Colonel Fullarton with the main Army indispensably necessary Parties of the Enemy Horse plundering the Neighbourhood of Pettambrum — No English Ships in Sight & the French Fleet at anchor on the Roads of Cuddalore — enclosing the Dates of all Letters received from Government and the Sums remaining

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I am honoured with your Lordships note of the 16th inst. acquainting me of the San Carlos having sailed that night & having on Board Twenty Thousand 20,000 Pagodas with a Promise of further Supplies of every sort. How much we need those Supplies especially of Rice & Horse Grain will appear to your Lordships when you know that at this hour there is no friendly Ship in sight & that I do not for my soul know where to get a Measure of rice for the Public & Private followers of this Army after the 30th instant & our Horses are without grain from that day. Our Cash in the Treasury is Twelve thousand 7000 Pagodas & this day I was obliged to order Subsistence to the 101. Regt. Enemy are in their fullest force by Sea & Land within 800 yards of our Trenches. & it in this Situation does not relax in our appearance towards them as fast as our Scanty Means can furnish Materials for one Cover We are night & day on duty. Can I have there any a doubt on any mans Mind of the Expediency & the absolute Necessity of Col. Fullarton joining us with the utmost Expedition; I have long since given orders to that effect even when the necessity was less: & as I said to him so I repeat to your Lordships that I am ready & desirous at all times to answer to my immediate Constituents & to my Sovereign & Country for the Orders which I have given; Your Lordships mentions that the Committee is extremely surprised at my not regularly

arise

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regularly acknowledging the receipt of their* Letters. I believe
there never was a man in my station that so particularly
attended to the giving of every information to Government.
I refer it to my Letters if the Dates or recpt of their Letters
to me have been Omitted it is not from inclination & I have
immediately on receiving your Note desired to search for
Letter from the time I left Chingliput to the present hour
& they shall know by the first occasion the time when
wrote & when received. I wrote yesterday to the Select Committee
by the way of Pennacoil, this goes in the same way. for
until I see our Admiral nothing is safe by water Whether
Sir Edward is to appear first from the Northward from the
South I do not know. We are Master of Porto Novo with
two battalions & the Union flag of one of them is hoisted on the
very high Staff there Souffrein now at anchor near Cuddalore
wt. 11 Nine of our Masoola Boats are there, the rest
are here hauled up: but two French Frigates lay to the Southward
of our last landing Place; I have heard of five (5) Companies
of Sepoys & Cubbendies as an Escort to some Cattle on
their way from Sepoys to Chillambrum The Officer
writes that both the Cattle & his Party are so weak that
he does not think he will be able to get through: but
Brithmyre at Chillambrum is warned of it. If the
Party come safe I shall order them to remain at Chillambrum
- Small parties of Horse are Cayeing wast to the Country
which

restrain

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which lately depended upon Chillambrum. but I think that
Colonel Fullarton in the route I have pointed out to him will
be able to inforce them & their Plunder.

I have written to Major General Burgoyne
of the necessity to send forward even to Permacoil as large a
Store of Grain as he can & to wait there for further Orders
from me. I have meditated a stroke where his Corps &
the 12th Batt.n may be serviceable. I shall never get
My Lord, been honored with your Answer to the request
I made you, to have your good offices that Government should,
on their account take Captain Lyschts Rice which under
certain circumstances I commissioned for the Public & is
now in charge of Captain Smith at Pulicat.

I have the honor to be
Most respectfully.
My Lord
Your Lordships Most
Obed.t & Most humble Servant
(Signed) James Stuart

Camp before Cuddalore
24th June 1783 at Noon

noon

P.S. Our first Parrale & supporting Redoubt are finished
I shall keep this Note open as late as possible in hopes of
giving your Lordship some news of the Admiral as the
Sea wind now prevails. This Morning on visiting the
Trenches I perceived that the two Ships, which had their
Top Masts damaged have got others in their place. &

upon

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upon the which the Rigging of the French Fleet was compleated
P.M. It is now Six in the Evening. nothing appears from
the Admiral but has just now been made me of seeing
among the French Fleet who are still at Anchor before
Cuddalore a two Deckers with the English Ensign hawled
under the French. I have in order to remove the
Committees Surprize as soon as possible made search for
all the Letters and so far as I have found, I inclose to your
Lordship the Dates & time of receiving

(Signed) I.S.

Dates of Papers and When Received

From Whom	To whom	Dates	When received
From S. Committee	to Colonel Sullivan	April 28th	not marked
From Do.	to Do.	Do 21st	Do.
Do.	to Colonel Long	Do.	Do. Do
S. Committee	to Brig.r Gen.l Mathews	Do 22d.	Do
S. Committee	to me	Do 26th.	Do
Do.	to me	Do 27th.	April 29th
The Rt. Hon.ble Lord	to me	Do 30th.	May 5th
Do.	to me	May 2d 15th.	May 8th 19th
Do.	to Do.	Do.	19th May 24th
From S. C. with Inclosures	to Do.	Do	27th. June 1st
From — Do.	to Do.	Do	30th. Do. 6th
From the Rt. Hon.ble Lord	to Do.	June 11th	Do 24th

(Signed) I. S

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Enter Letter from the Commanding Officer of Vellore with enclosures

From Captain Cuppage enclosing Letter from the Prisoners at Bangalore complaining of the hard Treatment they have received in presenting their present miserable Situation also a List of those same there at Manjanaur & Bangalore Has received Accounts of Tippoo being on his March to the Carnatic a strong Body of the Enemy near Sautgur makes it Expedient to continue this People any longer in repairing a Water Course leading to the Chittledurg Tank

My Lord

I have the Honor to forward to your Lordship a Letter I received yesterday from Bangalore Captain Gowdie informs me that Tippoo Saib has left the Biddenseer Country after taking the Fort of Nagarore & that he is on his March to the Carnatic throwing his Force to the Dindigull Pass; My people informs me that it was reported at Bangalore that he was gone against Mangalore & I have had Harcarahs in lately giving me the same account. The Man I sent to your Lordship & Select Committee the 30th Captain Vigors writes me made his escape going down having requested of Captain Vigors to send him to Madras under a guard.

The Officers at Bangalore has lately been represented, I have the Honor to send your Lordship a List of their Names & the Places they have been sent to. I have had for some days past every Effort Could Master with a Brigade of Guns at Bringeveram covering the people in repairing two cuts in the bank of the Water course leading to Chittledurg Tank which will be finished to Morrow but it has been represented to me this morning that there is at least Thirty days more work to be done to it. I therefore beg leave to inform your Lordship that it is impossible for this Garrison to

doolies exposed to the heat of the sun; Several
died in that situation. Arrived at Bangalore
in 22 days distance about 300 miles. The Seamen
were sent to 3 different forts; the Officers of

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to furnish a sufficient detachement for so long a time
(& do their duty of the Garrisons) without running too great
a risk of their being cut off and particularly at this time
as there is a party of 600 horse 2000 foot with two Guns
of the Enemy between Gurry at Hasor and Saulgur.
I shall order on the party to Morrow evening. I
have the Honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obed.t
Humble Servant
John Cuppage

Vellore
12.th June 1783

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

The French prisoners at Bangalore

beg leave to make there Miserable Situation known and
the manner in which they have been treated since in Charge
of Hyder and his son — July 6.th 82 Left Cuddelore under
a guard of 400 sepoys, the seamen all in Irons &
obliged to carry their own baggage — many of them
died on the March through want of nourishment and
timely Assistance, of all ranks were confined here
in a small Square of 46 & 20 Yds each way and there on
the

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the Beds for us to sleep under in 1762. — we then had
Allowed us one fanam and a Seer of Rice p.r Day.
soon after our Arrival all the Young Gent.n Midshipmen
and boys belonging to the Different Ships were picked out
of the several Messes and sent to a Separate Mess where they
w.d be taught the use of Arms and made Messlesser
off — All 10. weeks ago Tippoo past here and reduced our
Allowance to One seer of Rice and 6 Cash[139] p.r Day
in Value ab.t 5 farthings many Gent.n in this Yard
that were unprovided got taken without a dinner and
went many necessaries, soon After Tippoo past the
Lieut.t of the Hannibal and Chase with 6 more Gent.n
and 60 Seamen were sent from hence to another Fort
NW 80 and they were All sent in Irons the Lieut.t
even were not Allowed to have the Irons from their
Legs taken off until those on the Islands were invited: they
marched in that Situation in spite a very distressing
sight indeed the Sepoys that Guard us have a general
order to flogg us with a long strap on the least and most
trifling complaint if the strap is not at hand the butt
of their pieces is applied to our breasts. the Killedar has Inter-
-ted on any further complaint to cut of our hands and Noses —
all the Black Smiths and Carpenters of the Different
Ships are taken out and obliged to make Gun Carriages
&c.a some of which we hear are ordered in to their service,
we

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Killedar

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one in particular has undertaken to cast Guns &c but we know him to be rogue enough for any thing — Seamen and Soldiers are only allowed 3 Cash and a seer of Rice. The Seamen think themselves very hardly treated and often threaten to enter if not relieved soon; its a great blessing we found Doctor Paine Confined here as he has been the means of relieving us when taken Ill, he visits the Seamen & Our Irons are very heavy, the sick as a Piece of great indulgence are sometimes taken out. I am Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient and
most Humble Servant
Johan Floyd
for the Whole

Bangalore
May 30th 1783

Ml Mangaram Captain Smith Muat Lieut Campbell Joseph Forbes Wm Forbes Dalrymple Reid Mc Neille Mc Donald Cramer Fawle Gordon Ens Gorey White Nash Dring Caser Busby Hayley Mr Latham Ogilive	Ml Bangalore Capt Bones Cowdie Base Lieut Mackay Lang Halliburton Frank Innis Burn Cruikes
	Hosp Officers Lieut Shevill Ens Hodge Cuthbert Lieut Leaf Mr Wilson Mr Paine
	Nabobs Officers Captain Huddle — — Dupie
Sent Sent to place unknown 5th April Captain Lamotte Lieut Pearson Pryke Ens Gibbings Mr Smith	Received

to.

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30th Received the following Letters

From Sir John Burgoyne
Desiring of the Determination to repair to the Army & take that command which his Commission entitles him to — requests an Answer to his Letter of yesterday's Date

attorney

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have this moment the honor of receiving your Letter of this days date in which you inform me that you have given the command to General Bruce & that you think it would be injurious to the public service for me to take the Command from him — I think it necessary for me once more to inform you that I do esteem myself to all intents & purposes belonging to that army & consequently that it is not in the power of Government to put any one over my head as far as the Command of the Kings Troops goes I shall therefore repair the very first opportunity to the Army, shew my commission to Genl Bruce who will abide by the consequences if he refuses to admitt my claim or powers

I should be glad of an answer to my other letter of yesterday in which I sent an extract from one received last night from Genl Stuart & also informed his Lordship the Governor of my intention to move the 23d Regt of L. Dragoons to Chingleput in Consequence of the order which that extract from Genl Stuarts Letter contained — as no time ought to be lost I hope for an Answer this day that I may immediately arrange matters for the march of the Regiment

I

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30th

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obed.t
Humble Servant

Gardens
June 30th 1783

(Signed) J. Burgoyne
M.G.

Enter Letter & Enclosures from Masulipatam

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Masulipatam enclosing List of Military Stores &c. found in the Fort of Nurgeed — Nabobs Money paid to the Sepoys who took Possession of the Fort to their Knowledge — Major Lysaght appointed to for the Account of the captured Property

We have been honored with Your Commands of the 12th Instant with its enclosures and are equally Surprised with Your Lordships &c at the particulars there in mentioned respecting the Prize money said to have been paid to the Sepoys who took possession of the Fort of N Pozeed as we never before heard of any devision of this kind having taken place Major Lysaght having sent us no Return of the Military Stores or other Articles found in the Fort of N Pozeed at the time he took possession of it we thought it

Necessary

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necessary to request of Col. Jones to call upon him for a List of them after his return to Ellore and accordingly received the enclosed Letter and List of Stores &c. where in your Lordships &c. will perceive no mention is made of any Prize Money having been given to the Troops employed on that Service and we have agreeable to your orders desired Colonel Jones to call upon Major Lysaght for the amount of the captured property

We have the honor to be
very Respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
J. Daniell
(Signed) James Hodges
Alexr. Pringle

Masulipatam
21th June 1783

To James Daniell Esqr
Chief &c. Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

Agreeable to orders from Colonel Jones I have the honor to send you here with a List of the Military Stores and other Articles taken from Upparow late Zemindar of Nodzeed on

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30th on the 25th of March 1783

I have the honor to remain a
Gentlemen
Your most Obdt. humble Servants
Arthur Lysaght
A true Copy
(Signed) Am. Scott Secty

Ellore
22d May 1783

A List of Military Stores & other Articles taken from Oparow late Zemindar of Nodzeed on the 29th of March 1783

Guns of different sorts	20
Matchlocks and Gingals	66
Rockets filled	78
Powder in dubbers	30
Matchlocks ammunition in barrells	3
Sulpher in barrells	2
6 Lb. Cartridges made up	25
Cartridges for morn. & evening Gun	56
Rounds of fixed ammunition for 3 Lb.	88
Barrels of Musket ammunition 6 Expended	
Country Shot of different Sizes — about	500
Large brass water pots	19
Covers for Do	2
Small brass pots	26

Brass

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Brass Lamps	11
Elephant bells	4
Copper Iron Ferrs	3
Brass ladles	2
Small Brass Guns	6
Brass dishes	6
Lanthorns	2
Glass Shades	10
Brass Chains	4
Pieces of Elephant teeth	8
Looking Glasses	23
Glasses of different sorts	50
Copper Target	1
Elephants	3

A Bay Mare

Paddy about 120 Garse

Jonalos about 8 D. Do

Dubbs in Cagge ready to be carried off about

500 Pagodas worth

(Signed) Arthur Dyscaght
Majr

A true Copy

A.m Scott Secry

Encl.

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Enclosed Letter from Commanding Officer of Provinces

John Hudleston Esqr

Military Secretary

Fort St. George

Sir

From Lieu: Dawes—
advising of the French Fleet
being in the Roads of
Cuddalore Mons. Bussy
with his whole Force made
a Sally on the 25th but
were repulsed describes
the Loss sustained on
each Side—

I beg you will make the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee acquainted with
the following Information I have just Recieved
from Mr Close Brigt Suffrein with His whole
Fleet in Cuddalore Roads. Bussy taking advantage
of this Circumstance made a sally in full force at three
this Morning (25th) and Attacked our Parallel on the
Right Flank & Centre; the attack Directed towards
our Centre fled without Standing to receive a Shot
and left their Cl: behind with one a Prisr But the Party
that took Post on Flanks Closed with williamson Pegu that
we parted there and Continued hard at it with the
Beyond till that European Grenadiers Coming
down to the Sepoys Support in Good and repel them to
flight their Loss Must amount at least 12 or 1500
Officers and abt 200 or 250 Privates Killed Wounded
& Prisoners of those last we Brought Off one a Lieut two Men
to Camp Our Loss by the Sally Major Coldgrove Killed

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shot

Lt Gruber Killed Lt Auterlony Majr Q. Captain
Williamson shot through the Body a few Artillery
& Sepoys Killed & Wounded

I have the Honor to remain
Sir
Your most Obedient Hble
Wm Dawes
Lieut Comdt

Permacoil
27th June 1783

Received the following Letter from Coll. Owen
enclosing extract of a Letter from Coll. Alexander to
the late Lieut Genl Sir Eyre Coote

To John Huddleston Esqr
Sir

From Colonel Owen enclosing an Extract of a Letter from Colonel Morgan to the late Sir Eyre Coote, advising of the intended Movements of his Detachment and of his last Advices from Southward

On a supposition that previous to this Governments dispatch to the Malabar Coast It might be of some Consequence they should be Acquainted with the intended movements &c. of the Bengal Detachment serving there I Enclose the Accompanying Extract of Letter Received Yesterday from Colonel Morgan which you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honble President and Select Committee

Serving

I am

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Sam
Sir

Your most Obd. Servant
(Signed) Arthur Owen

Choultry Plain
29th June 1783

Copy

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Morgan
Commanding a Detachment of Bengal
Troops on the Malabar Coast to the late Commander
in Chief of India — Dated Head Quarters Camp
near Surat 11th May 1783 —

I have received Orders from the Supreme
Council to March the Detachment to the Banks of
the Jumna since which I have had repeated requests
from the Bombay Council to move to the Neighbour-
hood of this presidency which I did not think myself
Authorized to Comply with as the Orders of the Supreme
Council to me are positive —

The Great difficulty of procuring Money for
the support of the Detach.t the heavy Expence and
and very little service the Candapar Horse could be
of to this Army has induced me to Order that Corps
to return to the Dominions of the Nabob of Oude
they Marched from this Camp Yesterday —

By the last Advice from the Southward
Tippoo Saib had retaken Candapore and the Grand Cadiery
to

enclosures from the Resident of Tanjore.

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to Beddenore The Suburbs of which he had burnt — General Matthews was within three Cos of that City had engaged the Army under Tippoo, which he had defeated with great Slaughter and was returning to Beddenore

(Signed) C. Mangan
Colonel

The above was received last night. A Owen

Poultry Plain
June 29th 1783

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

The low state of our Grain Magazine in the Garrison of Trichinopoly and the encreased consumption by the arrival of the Army there whose expenditure is in the proportion of Six to one with the Garison made me anxious that the Government share of the Crop now cutting may be deposited in the Fort but the Renter has made such strong remonstrances against this measure that I have been under the necessity of leaving one moiety to his disposition and the remainder will prove a very insufficient supply if the Army to Allowed to remain any

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any time in the neighbourhood of Trichinopoly where it has been since the 16th Inst. — I have intimated this to Genl. Stuart as the Committee will see by the accompanying Copies of my letters to him and they will find still stronger reasons for putting Coll. Fullarton again in motion in the letter from Coll. Campbell which I have the honor of enclosing

I have the honor to be with great respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Faithfull & most
Obed. humble Servant
(Signed) John Sullivan

Tanjore
June 20th 1783

(Copy)
Major General Stuart
Comdr. in Chief &c. &c. &c.
Sir

The difficulty & insecurity of sending the Cattle Collected in the Warriepellem woods detained to Camp induced me to desire that they might be sent across the Coleroon — The Poligers People have in Consequence Conducted one thousand & Seventy head of Cattle on this side & an escort of five Companies of Sepoys with a Gun marched from hence last night to Conticoman from whence to-day proceed with the Cattle to Shially where the officer with receive two thousand Sheep &

wait

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wait your Orders how to dispose of the whole —

The Warriapollem Poligar has one hundred head of Cattle & two thousand Sheep in his woods north of the Coleroon & will send them wherever you may direct I have established a Toppes from hence to Chillumbrum for the more speedy Conveyance of letters

I have the Honor to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) J. Sullivan

reserved

more speedy conveyance

Tanjore
28th June 1783

Major General Stuart

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to send you the duplicate of my letter of yesterday The 9th battalion with two guns is now ordered to relieve the 6 Companies that marched to convoy the Cattle & Colo Fullarton has directed the Officer Commanding to proceed to Devicotah with them The Raja has promised me a further Supply of Sheep and I will endeavour to Collect some every other quarter in the hope of furnishing a sufficient stock for the fleet — Grain is not to be procured even for the small Corps with Colo Fullarton

&c

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Mr Cockrane could purchase from the boats that come from the Southward but the return of the army to Trichinopoly has put it entirely out of my power to send him any money & I fear without money he will not be able to secure it

I have the honor to send you the Copy of a letter which I have just received from Colonel Campbell at Mangalore, you will perceive Sir that like General Mathews he places all his hopes of Support on our Cooperation and that like him he is in danger of falling a Martyr to his expectations, while we are exhausting our magazines at Trichinopoly, and by our indecisive movements encouraging our enemies dispiriting our friends & our Troops and destroying or leaving to the enemy to destroy the resources both of provisions & Stores which Colonel Fullarton had so successfully

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) John Sullivan

Tanjore
21st June 1783

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(Copy)

John Sullivan Esqr

Sir

Your letters to General Matthews of the 25th March arrived here about 10 days ago the communication having been cut off for a considerable time before. I took the liberty of opening them & am sorry to acquaint you that matters now wear a different aspect to what they did. Several Sepoys have arrived from Bednore, & give an Account of its having been delivered up to Tippoo on the 1st of this Month, they say greatly in their Accounts but Mahommed Ally with a large Army being now within 4 Miles of they is a convincing proof of its being too true: Tippoo is said to be following with a large train of heavy Artillery: how they propose carrying on their Operations during the Monsoon I know not but this place being in very bad breach half repaired & a tolerable garrison I have no doubt of maintaining it till Succours can arrive. what your prospects respecting Col. Lang's Army appear to me the only effectual & most speedy method as Paliacatcherry might detain them some time I should conceive the Coast above Calicut of the most formidable the shortest & least Active enterprizing but

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing Copy a Letter from Col. Campbell at Mangalore advising of the Fall of Bidnore & of Tippoo's Arrival before Mangalore — Hopes he shall maintain the Fort till reinforcement arrive Colonels Macleod & Humberston taken by by the Marattas Also enclosing Copies of two of his Letters to Gen. Stuart informing Them of his Endeavours to procure Supplies for y Fleet & Army sends them Copy of Col. Campbell Letter & points out the Necessity of speedily relieving him —

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but my Knowledge of the Country on the other side of the Ghats does not entitle me to offer an Opinion to you on that Subject; Bombay can shield the troops be withdrawn from the Posts now held by the Mahrattas is but badly garrisoned, should the Fleet not come round & an expedition be formed against it which they must guard against I have therefore no Assistance to expect from that quarter, my whole dependance therefore is either on the fleet bringing round a large reinforcement, or Col. Lang effecting what you proposed viz bringing about both which I hope you will use every possible means.

Both Col. Macleod & Humberston were unfortunately taken by the Marattes on their Passage to the Army & the Gov. & Select Committee have stopped the cession of all the forts until those Gentlemen are released.

Sir &c
Jo. Campbell

Manglore
May 4th 1783

P.S. An European is just come in & says that Tippoo is arrived with his whole Army in & Number about 100,000 & three hundred French -

True Copy
J. C. H.

Received

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30th Received the following Letter from the Select Committee at Bombay

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Bombay - with Information of the Poonah Government having agreed to release the captured Officers & their Determination for carrying the Treaty into Execution

As you may have been alarmed by Reports of some Obstacles having happened to the Peace with the Marattas We do ourselves the pleasure to acquaint you that the Poonah Government have agreed to release the Vessels and the surviving captured Officers and that We shall in consequence proceed immediately to carry the Treaty in to Execution on our Part

Surviving

We are with Esteem
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) William Hornby
Thomas Day

Bombay Castle
12th May 1783

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To the Commandant of Poonamalle, his Conduct highly commended

Agreable to the Resolutions of Select Committee 27th Inst. Sent Letter to Commandant Officer of Poonamalle as entered in Miscellany Book No. disapproving of his Conduct in interfering in the Department belonging to the Paymaster

From Paymaster of Trichinopoly with Returns of Stores &c

Received from Paymaster of Trichinopoly a return of Stores &c for the preceding Months

From Tranquebar with Papers of Intelligence respecting the two Fleets

July 1st Received Papers of Intelligence from Tranquebar containing particulars relative to the late Manoeuvres of the Fleets as lodged in the Office

Received from General Stuart the following Letter

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

My Lord &c.

It is with great additional satisfaction that I give you the account of the total Defeat the Enemy met with in a Sortie they made

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From Gen.l Stuart inclosing the particulars of the Action of the 25th with the Hillies & wounded &c is prepared should they make another Attempt

(a perfect great Satisfaction at the Behaviour of this Army requests a Reinforcement of 200 Hanoverians and a Supply of Money rec.d Hond.d Gen.l

made early this Morning — We have taken three Commanding Officer le Chev.r de Damas Colonel Maitre de Camp of the Reg.t of Aquitaine — like wise a Capt.n and a Lieut.t There are a Major 1 Captain and 2 Subalterns killed. The prisoners are about 150 I dont know how many of the Enemy have been killed or carryed off wounded but this I know that it was a most complete Rout — Our loss is Major Odgrave Lieut.t Gracher of the Bengal Detachment & Lieut.t Arthur Leary missing Capt.n Williamson wounded & about 20 Rank and file killed or wounded —

Upon the Return of the French fleet and ours not appearing I was sure that they would take every occasion to annoy us, we were prepared for it as they have found to their experience — From what I can collect of the prisoners the troops engaged were of their best sort The Reg.t of Aquitaine & another Old Corps besides Volunteers from all the other Corps & 2 Batt.ns of Sepoys — Their principal impression seems to have been directed to the Right of our parallel but they had no Idea of our having completed a redoubt there which with the 2 Guns gall'd them very Severely — Our people behaved

wonderfully well. & the Sepoys mixed theirs with the
French bayonets, Nothing could exceed their Steadiness.
Col. Gordon Commanded in the trinches with Lieut.
Col. Cathcart & Major Colgrace, Only one half of
the Grenadeers were with the outlaying pickets, but
Major Moore with the other half was instantly
on the ground from their advanced Camp & they
proved an excellent Support to the parallel on the
Right. From the Character of Mons.r Suffrein
& the infinite Superiority of the present means on
the part of the French now that we are left to ourselves
I expect a daily visit of this Sort from them and shall
be prepared to give them a Similar Reception but I
cannot too often repeat to your Lordship &c.a that
the severity of the present duty both on Officers and
men is to be come almost unsupportable as to my own
uneasiness of mind considering many things which
I need not detail to you & that it is now nine days
since our Fleet & provision Ships left us & having no
certainty of Colonel Fullartons movements towards us
in consequence of my order of the 16.th I say that
on the whole of these considerations my mind is
upon the rack without a moments relief — The steady
undaunted Valour of this Army is my present resource

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in midst of surrounding difficulties the Admiral does not soon appear — The Night Ides Inclosure of the mind of this Army led me to express my Sentiments at some length in this days General Order both of their Conduct on the 13th and in the Action of this day — I shall have the honor of transmitting Your Lordship & Copy together with every paper of any consequence which you have not hitherto been furnished with owing to the uncertainty of conveyance since we last sight of the Admiral — I pray your Lordship &c to forward the means of Conveyance by Sea to us for the Detachment of 209 L. R. Hanoverians with the Recruits & recovered men of His Majestys 153 & the Company Troops together with money rice and Horse Grain our only dependance for all there things being upon you

to

these

I have the Honor to be
My Lord &c
Your most Obd.t
Most Humble Servant
(Signed) I Stuart

Camp
25th June 1783
in the Evening

Received the following Letter from the Gov.r Gen.l & Council

To

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No

To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney

President &c. Select Committee

at

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Bengal: have received Letter from Mr Suffren on the Subject of a Cartel for an Exchange of Prisoners — recommend it to be immediately settled and a Demand made for the Prisoners with Tippoo Saib

The Governor General has received imparted to us a Letter addressed to him by Mons.r Suffren Commander of the French Fleet Dated at Trincomalay the 4th. May last upon the Subject of a Cartel for the Exchange of Prisoners, which he Attempts to Justify his Conduct in having delivered up those of our Nation who by the Chance of War had fallen in to his Hands to Hyder Ally, We formerly Recommended to you an exchange of Prisoners in our Letter of the 9th of April 1782; And urged as we now are, by the natural Feelings of Humanity for the unhappy Lot of our Countrymen who Remain Prisoners with Tippoo Saib and out of Compassion for the Miseries which they have Suffered as well as to guard against a Repetition of such Cruel Treatment in future, We Recommend to you in the strongest Manner that You

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you make Overtures to the Officer in Command of
the French Forces for an immediate Cartel in
Case of his Acquiescence the first Step should be
to claim those Prisoners who were delivered up to
Hyder, and if it be not possible to Obtain their
Release, We think a Strong and formal Protest
should be made against that Authority by whom-
=soever exercised, which Delivered them up to a
Treatment more horrible than Death itself and
placed them in a Situation beyond their own Power
of Reclaiming them and that the whole should be
Regularly transmitted to the Honble the Court
of Directors; indeed We doubt not, but you have already
taken all the Evidence of the Usage of our Prisoners
upon this Occasion, which you could procure, and
transmitted it properly Authenticated to England
Never the less we do not think that a Refusal on the
part of the French to deliver up the Prisoners with
Dispatch ought to be too strongly Condemned.
Should preclude you from proceeding to the exchange of
others who may still be in their Possession.

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c
Warren Hastings
Edwd Wheler
John Macpherson
Recd

Fort William
the 9th June 1783

(Signed)

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Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Masulipatam have received a Letter from Colonel Jones requesting that the 2. Companies of the 102 Regiment who are ordered for the Coast may be sent to join his Detachment

We have received a Letter from Colonel Jones acquainting us with his having been informed from Bengal that the two Companies of his Majestys 102d Regiment who are there expect to be sent to the Coast and requesting we would repeat our application to your Lordship &c for their being Sent to join the Detachment under his Command which he mentions as the more necessary because the whole of his Detachment fit for Duty amounts only 176 Men — We the more readily comply with Colonel Jones request in beg ging Your Lordship &c will be pleased to Order the before mentioned two Companies hither if they Should arrive on the Coast as the force on the Circars has been greatly diminished by the two Carnatic Battalions having been Sent Back to join Captain Edmonds and we have every reason

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1st to believe that part of the Nizams Army if not actually
Arrived will Shortly be sent in to the Combaconam
Circar in our Neighbourhood every other part of
Chetticham Jungo Country having acknowledged
the Nizams authority which will render the
presence of a respectable force at Ellore of the greatest
consequence to the Companys affairs in these
Districts

greatest

We have the honour to be
Very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
J. Daniell
(Signed) James Hodges
Alexr Pringle

Masulipatam
21st June 1783

From Masulipatam with Returns of Troops under Colonel Jones

Received Letter from Masulipatam of the 24th June with returns of Troops under Lieut Colo. Jones as entered in Miscellany Book

From Masulipatam enclosing a Letter from Mr Weston

Received from Masulipatam Letter of the 26th June as entered in Miscellany Book enclosing a Letter from Mr Weston to the Select Committee representing the Appointment given to Mr Sinclair as an hardship upon him

appointment

Received

Sent the following Letter

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1st Received Letter as entered in Miscellany Book

From Capt. Evans a Party of the Enemys Horse at Attoor — from Commanding Officer of Trichinopoly with information of a Party of the Enemys Horse being at Attoor

Sent Letter to Vizagapatam as entered in Miscellany Book permitting them to detain the remainder of the Invalids who were under Orders to proceed to Ganjam.

To Vizagapatam the remainder of the Invalids that were Ordered to Ganjam are permitted to remain where they are

2d John Sullivan Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st Ultimo enclosing a Letter to Coll. Manning written by the Order of the Government of Columbo relative to an exchange of prisoners and to observe to you in answer there to that a Cessation of Arms having taken place between Great Britain and the united provinces which it is expected will soon be followed by a peace the Prisoners on each Side may be immediately restored without Difficulty

To Mr. Sullivan acquainting him that as a Cessation of Hostilities has taken place between Great Britain & the Republic of Holland an Exchange of Prisoners may immediately take place

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Humble Servt
John Huddleston
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Fort St. George
2d July 1783

Sent

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iment } To the Surgeon of the 16th Hanoverian Regiment with Resolutions of the Committee of the 20th Inst.

Sent Letter to the Surgeon of the 8th regiment of Hanoverians as entered in miscellany Book No 2 Stating to him the Resolutions of the Committee on the 20th June relative to the medical Department

Dispatched the following Letter to Masulipatam

To James Daniel Esqr
Chief & Council of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the 21st and 26th Instant The Companies of his Majestys 102d Regiment which were carried to Bengal and not yet arrived here nor have We received any Information from the Government General of their ordering to send them

To Masulipatam shall take for the Consideration the Desire of Colonel Jones respecting the 2 Companies of the 102 Regiment the Circumstances stated in Mr Westons Letter left to their Decision

We hope soon however to make a satisfactory arrangement of the Troops for the Ocean and shall endeavor to comply with the wishes of Colonel Jones as far as the demands and Exigencies of the publick Service in other Quarters will permit. and We desire you will communicate the same to him

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enclosed in yours of the 26th Instant you must be better able to judge of the whole subject of it than

specting

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2 than We can possibly be at this distance and we therefore
refer it to your <u>successor</u> not doubting but you will consider
it with an equitable attention to the circumstances set
forth in the Letter

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
<u>John Huddleston</u>
Secty

Fort St. George
2d July 1783

Dispatched to Bengal Copy of General <u>Stuart</u>
Letter of the 25th Inst.

To John Peter Auriole Esqr
Secretary to the Supreme Council
Sir

To Mr Auriole
Copy of Gen: Stuarts
Letter of the 25th

I have the honor to enclose you for
the Information of the Governor General & Council
Copy of a Letter from General Stuart of the 25th Inst.
I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
2d July 1783

Received from Masulipatam Letter as entered
in Miscellany Book with Account of Money
Advanced

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From Mauslipatam with 2d account of Monies advanced for purchasing Horses for his Majestys 23d Regt of Dragoons

advanced by them towards purchasing Horses for his Majestys 23d Regt of Dragoons amounting to Madras Pagodas 11,236-35-1.

Copy of the above List to Sir John Burgoyne

Sent Copy of the above Account to Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Received the following Letter from Messrs Sadleir & Staunton

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Messrs Sadleir and Staunton advising of their Arrival at Cuddalore, and of their Intention to wait their Propositions in Writing 'till to Morrow

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to acquaint you that We anchored last night late in the Road of Cuddalore, where We found Monsieur De Suffren with most of his Squadron. We have been received with every attention due to your Representatives and full Credit given to our Declaration of the conclusion of the Treaty of Peace both by Monsieur De Suffren & the Marquis De Bussy, whom We saw this afternoon.

whom

The cessation of Hostilities on this Coast seems to admit of little difficulty if they were not embarrassed about their Troops now in the power of

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of Tippoo Saheb, and about that Ally of France in whose favor they would willingly obtain a cessation of Arms also the promise of our Army now before Cuddalore not marching against him, We agreed as We were instructed by you to join in inviting Tippoo to a Cessation and to engage for the fulfilling the spirit of the 16th Article of the Preliminaries, but We considered any proposal restrictive in the Marches of our Troops in the meantime as sufferly inadmissible. Tomorrow We shall in the morning make our Propositions in writing and shall have as we hope a definitive Answer and We think We shall be able tomorrow to communicate your Orders to the Army and whatever may be the decision of the Marquis De Bussy and Monsieur De Suffrein We hope it will be quick & that We shall be able to return to you very soon & to give you a circumstantial account of our Mission

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Anth.. Sadleir
G.. Staunton

Cuddalore
June 30th 1783

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2d Enter the Resolution of this date relative
to a Bond granted his Majesty's Agent Victuallers
Majestys
thereon

Agreed that the Bond granted to Arthur
Cuthbert Esqr Agent Victualler to his Majestys
Squadron for Pagodas 7771.33.69. together with
the Interest due thereon be discharged by Bills
on Bengal at 400 Arcot Rupees ₹ 100 Pagodas —

Principal . . . . . 7771.33.69.
Interest from the 10th October
1782 to the 2d July 1783
at 8 ₹ Cent ₹ Annum

Agreed also that this Bill
for Godowns Rent for keeping
provisions belonging to his
Majestys Squadron from the
31st July 1782 to the 7th June
1783 amounting to Pagodas
6120 be discharged by Bills on
Bengal at 400 Rupees per Pagoda 6120 — —

To be carried to the debit
of his Majestys Squadron.

In Consequence of the Above a Sett of Bills
is ordered on Bengal in favor of Arthur Cuthbert Esqr
Bills on Bengal granted to Arthur Cuthbert Esqr
to

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2.d to the Amount of Star Pagodas 6120 at 400 Rupees each 100 Pagodas

From Col.o Reynbold enclosing a Bill for Money expended on the Sick Hanoverians and requesting Payment for the same

3.d Received Letter as entered in Miscellany Book from Coll Reinbold enclosing Bill & requesting Payment for Money expended on Account of the Sick Hanoverians at the Islands Innshades and St Salvadore

From Dodanland with certificate of his ill Health

Received Letter from Mr Lord Assistant Surgeon as entered in Miscellany Book with Certificate of his ill health and requesting leave to proceed to China,

Received the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore enclosing Copy of two Letters from Major General Stuart to Colonel Fullarton as lodged in Office directing him positively to march towards the Coleroon to form a Junction with the main Army—

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

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Sullivan has forwarded the Enclosures in the Letter to him of the 5.th from the Committee to the Resident of Tanjore and enclosed Copies of two Letters from Gen.l Stuart to Colonel Fullarton directing him to join the main Army

The Originals of accompanying papers came to me this Morning and were immediately forwarded to Coll.o Fullarton. I have since had the honor to receive your Commands of the 7.th with its enclosures which I have deciphered and sent to the Resident

in

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To the Resident of Anjango I have ordered boats to be fitted
here & at Tritchinopoly & hope to have a sufficient
quantity ready in eight days the 9 Batts Marked
yesterday to reinforce the escort with the Cattle to
Dewycotah Day after — I hope in a few days to send a
further & Considerable Supply

I have the honor to be with great respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedt & faithful
humble Servant
(Signd) John Sullivan

Tanjore
Midnight. 23d June 1783

Bills on Bengal granted to Mr. John Douglas —

Ordered that a Set of Bills on Bengal be granted in
favor of Mr John Douglas to the amount of Star
Pagodas for Money expended on Secret Service
during the Administration of Mr Smith. at the rate
of 375 Rupees each 100 Pagodas

Secret

4th Received the following Letters from
Major Genl Stuart
Mr John Sullivan

Extract of a letter from Mr John Sullivan
dated Tanjore 21st of June to Genl Stuart received
26th June 1783

to Mr Cockrane could purchase from the boat
that came from the Southward but the returns of the Corps
it to Tritchinopoly has put entirely out of my power to
him any money and I am without money, he will not be
able to serve it

To

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To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney &c

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord &c.

The preceding Extract from a Letter received this morning from Mr. Sullivan It is unaccountable to me that I have from no quarter an acknowledgement of the letters which I have written either directly to Colonel Fullarton at Tritchenopoly or by the way of Tanjore thro' Mr. Sullivan I believe almost every day from the 16th Inst. the moment I knew Colonel Fullarton would be at Tritchenopoly in consequence of my orders I have since that received a letter from Colonel Fullarton dated 17th from Tritchinopoly Plain He could not then have received my note of the 16th but in all probability would on the 19th pointing out the Route he was to follow. This day I saw part of a letter where in general it is mentioned, that Colonel Fullarton had Marched the 22d nobody know exactly where and this is all that I know At a meeting on my tent Called to gether Yesterday composed of the Chief and Second Engineer with the Commanding Officer Artillery and Second of Artillery after Communicating a certain Statement from the Chief Engineer, and Stating the means we have for Duty at Arms and for working Parties and the small

quantity

From Genl. Stuart, has received no Answer to his Letter to Colonel Fullarton:- relates the Results of a meeting called yesterday. Expects another Rally every Day. Three Danes captured by many Suffrens Frigates coming from the Southward with provision. Suffrens Expectation of Sir Edward Hughes - the French Fleets till in Cuddalore.

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4th quantity of Materials ready made up to carry on
our approaches considering also the means on the Enemys
in power with their whole Force by Land and Sea a-
Head of us, it was resolved unanimously to abide by
Storm throwing the Parralled and Redoubts for the
Present without making our approach to discover where
we mean to erect our Batteries until we have the
Stock compleated of materials Sufficient in one day
to erect them, and mean while by our Field pieces to annoy the Enemys working parties who are now busily employed and will doubtless have every assistance from Mons.r Suffrein to cover the Front which they suppose we are to attack — In a Seperate Letter of yesterday
yesterday's Date you will see the thorough repulse the Enemy met with in their attack on our Parralled on the Morning of yesterday. I am sorry to inform you that Major Gfgrave is Died of his wounds received on the occasion and by my accounts from Cuddalore we have lost Capt.n Lindsay by a mortification in the Foreture. Last night the Enemy was quiet perhaps making preparations for another Sally. quiet I look for it every day not only from the enterprizing French Admiral but on every Political and prudential reason on the part of Mons.r De Bussy in defence of his own Character, were he with the Command as at present of 9000 Europeans Land and Sea on the Pay of France to

Suffer

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to Suffer this Army to be quiet, it is not to be Supposed we are in consequence prepared but I leave to your Lordship &c to think of the Consequences in point of Sickness alone naturally to result from the Constant Duty night and day to this Army unassisted by a Single Sepoy from the Southward Provinces and unsupported by any one Single Ship with Rice only for the fighting men and our resources from the Southward Cut off either directly by the Enemys Cruizers or indirectly by the want of Money or credit to procure them and on this Subject I am under the greatest uneasiness untill I hear the Report contradicted that three Donys Coming from the Southward were Captured yesterday by Sufferins look out Frigate now cruizing off our late Landing Place and towards Portonovo. If unfortunately it is so it will serve to encrease our distress beyond measure both by the loss in itself, the acquesition to the Enemy and the dread it would occasion in the Black people to procure further Supplies

I have never yet had the honor to know of any relation of our Victory of the 13th having come to hand nor indeed of any Letter of Mine since the 10th I have in readiness a Collection of every material paper from the 13 to Send to your Lordship &c so Soon as the Coast is clear mean while I hope every disposition has been made to forward to us the 200 Hanoverians with the recovered men of His Majesty and of the Company Troops with Rice & Grain, and every thing you Can Supply us with, for my whole dependance is upon the Presidency.

I am

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4th Lieut Dawes has made me very happy by a note of the 23d where he mentions having seen Sr Edward with 30 Sail of all Sorts & therefore look for him hourly for to arrive and on a nearer View I find there are no Prizes with more than Sufficient only 19 Sail of all Sorts where of 15 two Deckers

I have the honour to be
My Lord &c
Your most Obedient &
most Humble Servant

Camp before Oddalore
26th of June 1783

My Lord &c

The preceding is the Copy of my Letter of yesterday we have been quiet since that time but I expect a compleat Sally to morrow morning — Two Lascars have Swam on Shore from the French Fleet this day who tell us of four Ships having Suffered in their Masts and that they are gone to pradore but I can not believe. Capt Thom Lieut Brockmyre who has received no reinforcement from Tanjore writes to me that the Commandg Officer at Tanjore tells him that none is to be sent to him and that the 9th Battn after escorting Cattle is to return by order of the Committee to join Colonel Neither will I believe this, There are Reports likewise equally to me incredible that your Lordship &c have disapproved of my orders and that

from Genl Stuart Two Lascars from the French Fleet, give Information of Sr Edward Hughes having returned to Madras. Dispatches were left for that purpose in Camp. Thinks Mr Sadleir is not authorised to write to him in Military affairs. — Knows nothing of what is doing on the other side the Carnatic

quiet

believe.

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is to go with this
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4th Force Some where else I have no official accounts of all this Mr. Sullivan writes me his opinions of Military Plans upon which I shall never enter on any discussion with him as I know of no right he has to write to me upon the Subject or if he does that I am under any Call to give him an answer. If I am neither to be with from the Southward Situated as this army is my opinions & my orders upon Record must stand for my with our but the light we are now playing for may be mean in Spite of the Most Gallant exertions of this Army. If so those are answerable for it before man, I am not thank God — our means draw very near a Close I have desired the Paymaster on his Credit to get all the money he can Collect in Camp for Bills on your Lord ship &c payable at Sight I must request of you to honour them accordingly as it may prove a sound of future Credit to us. I am extremely concerned to inform your Lord ships & that the two or three Country Vessels captured the day before yesterday by our Suffrens Frigates were under Danish Passports Loaded by Mr. Cockrane for this Army one of the Prizes escaped & give this Information, The former Dungs Mr. Cockrane which had fortunately been unloaded being too large to draw upon the Sand near Masulapt Boats are at present were burned last night by the French Frigate

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4.te Frigate off the Landing place, a Dispatch is now established

between and Chittlemburgh and Mr Cochrane

has been repeatedly written to within these 4 days

to send me word when I will be known that we are to

masters at Sea &c. I have no Idea of the Reason why

a Batt.n from has been sent to with Orders as

Mr Brickmyre informs me it is not by my order

and neither the Army nor the Fleet will be supplied

from thence but from

in Chief of the Companys Forces I wish to know what

right any other person has under Government to give

Such orders unknown to me. In a word I know nothing

of what is doing on the other Side of the Allerton and

I wish to know if this is by your order

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c

Your most Obedient &

most Humble Servant

(Signed) I.n Stuart

Came to before Cuddalore

27.th June 1783 at night

P.S. I have desired the adjutant General to Communicate

to your Lordship & the G.n O. of yesterday whereupon

the Decease of Major Colgrove and the Hand duty upon the

field officers I judge it expedient that Capt.n Edington the

Company senior Capt.n should act as major untill your

further pleasure be known

(Signed) I. S

Recd

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4th Received the following Letter from the Resident of Tanjore, with Copies of a Letter to him from Major Genl Stuart communicating the orders he had sent Coln Fullarton & desiring him to make the necessary arrangements for furnishing provisions &c

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President & Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

I had the honor to send you on the 23d inst Copies of the positive orders sent by General Stuart to Colln Fullarton under date 16th 17th & 19th inst for proceeding with the Southern army to Cuddalore. Those orders were received by the Colonel the 24th and the Troops are to begin to cross the River this day. the utmost deligence has been in Collecting boats to facilitate & expedite the passage but I fear it cannot be effected in less than three days and the march from the Northern bank of the river to Cuddalore will take ten days even tho the Colonel were leave the great supply of Cattle he has Collected for the army & fleet. Your Lordship &c are best judges how far a reinforcement on the 8th or 10th of July can facilitate the operations before Cuddalore and how far it can be necessary for supporting a siege, after the Enemy have been driven from their out posts with a loss nearly double to what we sustained — Since that event a strong battalion of Sepoys has been sent from

From Resident of Tanjore giving his observations on the recall of the Southern army & his sentiments on the future operations of the main Army after the present service is over — Enclosing Copy of a Letter to him from Genl Stuart informing him of the orders he had given to Genl Fullarton, & requesting him to procure every thing necessary for supplying the Troops, that are to move towards the main Army — advising of the Situation of the Two Fleets and of this being in great Want of Rice & Grain —

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4th from this Country to Genl. Stuart, and his Majesty's 23d Regiment of light dragoons with a battalion of Sepoys from the Presidency must have joined his army; with a certain expectation of both those aids and with very unfavourable information that the letters from Coll. Campbell at Mangalore & Mr. Sibbald at Tellicherry have conveyed relatives to the Critical Situation of the Company's affairs on the Malabar Coast. Genl. Stuart has pointedly repeated his orders for the Southern army to join him and a letter of the 21st this moment received by me from him reiterates his Commands to Coll. Fullarton. It is greatly to be lamented that the necessity of this measure was not foreseen by the Govt. at a more early period as in such an event he might have had the Southern army to his assistance at the Commencement of the seige. If his orders for marching towards the Oleroon had directed the further progress of the army towards Cuddalore it might have reached Cuddalore by this time, or if the aid of a few battalions only had been wanted they might have marched with more expedition & less inconveniance thro' this Country to Chilumbrum than by the Route on the other side of the River; I give the Committee the trouble of these observations as they may support the opinion I now presume to offer that Genl. Stuart object endeavouring the Southern army to cross the Oleroon is more to dissolve that army than to reinforce his own; I could

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4th could adduce facts to prove that the General has had this object in view since the Southern army was first formed under Coll. Lang but the Committee will find it Suffi-ciently established in General Stuarts own letters lately transmitted and it would seem that the motive is suffi-ciently discovered on the one of the 17th inst. which goes with this General Stuart desires I would order basket boats procured in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Countries adjoining to the river so as the Communications and the transporting of grain Troops & Stores may be easy also flat bottomed boats for the Artillery and again we cannot possibly have too many of them because besides their general use as above it is difficult to say how soon they may be needed for transporting the army across the rivers after the present service is over. The conclusion from which seems pretty evident with the army the General corps. My duty calls me on the prospect of such an event to inform your Lordships &c. that the immediate consequence must be absolute distress to this garrison and Trichinopoly and inevitable want before supplies can be obtained. I need not say more to shew the Committee the necessity of directing a different Route for the grand army and if I may venture to offer an opinion the short and direct Road from Cuddalore by Arkoor should be the one presented to General Stuart not only as each of those places must fall at his approach and give him supplies but

Devanapoutam, Covery patnam, Kistnagherry

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deprive

6th but as the Reduction of them will deprive Tippoo Saib of those resources which only Could enable him to return to the Carnatic and as the approach of our army on that side will necessarily call Tippoo attention from Mangalore & Tellicherry if those places should have withstand his attacks and enable your Southern army to penetrate by Coimbetoor & Pedjenaddy towards Seringapatam. If this double attack is undertaken immediately after the Reduction of Cuddalore when each army may be part in force to meet Tippoo in the fields and if the detachment to the Northward and the force on the Malabar Coast are directed to cause diversions, Bangalore and Seringapatam may be invested at the same time and Tippoo Government may be over turned before the end of the year. If on the other hand the whole force is to be Collected & directed to one disappointment by doubling our wants & consumption at each place and by shewing to the Enemy that he has but to burn & destroy the abathon or the Eastern to stop our progress, to oblige us to retreat and to fall back on our own provinces; whereas with two such armies we will always be enabled to advance & secure its object.

Tippo's withstood

wants

Eastern frontier

armies

I have the honor to be with great respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most faithfull and
dutyful Humble Servant
John Sullivan

Tanjore
26th June 1783

obedient

&c

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4to Mr. John Sullivan

Sir

I hope my letter of the 15th got safe to your Hs I have sent it in Duplicate to Trichinopoly to Coll. Fullarton I have desired the Colonel after providing in every respect sufficiently for the Security of Trichinopoly and Tanjore leaving the Battering Train and Stores proportionally as wanted in these two places to proceed as soon as possible with the Remain of the Army by the Wonicapollam and Pollamcotah Route with the field Artillery only. He writes me in date the 10th. I received it yesterday and immediately Wrote to him to the above Effect; I make no doubt of your taking the proper means to provide the part of that Army which moves towards us with money Rice and other Grain in sufficiency Their Clothing is with the Ommissary of Stores here, By the Letters which I have written to Their Warriorpollam man & others and Directions to Lieut. Brickmyre Commanding at Chillumbrum I am in great hopes to receive a large provision of Ottie & Sheep to serve both the Fleet & the Army; The whole of Seapoys that I mean to Station at Chilcambrum & in Communication with Portonova will be one Battn and if my former letter Concerning Chilcambrum Reached you in time I presume that at least 5 Companies will have been sent there from the Tanjore Country before Colonel Fullartons Arrival so that immediately upon the

Admirals

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4th Admirals return he may Water the Fleet in Security
a point of the highest possible importance I am now to
request that you will give Orders for the making of
Basket Boats of Different sizes both in the Tanjore
& Trechinopoly Countries adjoining to the River so as
the Communication and transporting of Grain Troops
and Stores may be easy also flat bottomed boats for the
Artillery, but the former will be immediately Wanted
I have written to this Effect likewise to Mr Boichampre,
we can not possibly have too many of them because besides
their General use as above. it is Difficult to say how
soon they may be Needed for transporting the Army
across the Rivers after the present Service is over, yesterday
in sight of the whole Camp and within 6 Miles of it we saw
our Admiral and monsieur Souffrain with both the Fleets
in full force manoevering the French to get into Cuddalore,
we to prevent them we Succeeded in it From the Signals
about 8 oClock I suppose the Fleets Anchored Near each
other This morning they are out of sight, I have not the least
doubt of Sir Edward Coming up with the Quarter part,
greater I saw two of our Frigates Anchored off the Barr, but all
Our provision and Rice Ships are this Year gone off
for the present G—d knows where their Cargoes are not
all Landed, I hope for the best and to see them again, We
yet to prepare for the worst I must again Repeat my request to
worst Supply

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4th Supplys us by all means by sea and land with Rice and
Grain of which we are now in want. I have written to
Government Repeatedly to be Supplied to the Utmost of
their Power from the Presidency It is the only Circumstance
that gives me the smallest Uneasiness —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Most Obed.t and most
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Stuart

Camps in advance 4 miles of
Cuddalore 17th of June 1783

P.S. 17th 6 P.M. The proceeding is the Duplicate of
what I sent to Colonel Fullarton a few hours ago to Trichinopoly
but I had Fore sight enough to tell him that from appearances
most Suffrain had out manavid us and that he very probably
would get in to Cuddalore Roads leaving Our Fleet on the
out Side It has so happened — I do not know what Stores
Troops or provisions he may have this very night but
nothing will force me to Quit my Ground I have sent
this Likewise to Colonel Fullarton or Officer Commanding
in Order to be opened and then forwarded to you — so
that I shall make no doubt of Colonel Fullarton's
proceeding without Delay with the Remains of the Southern
Army after providing for the Defence of Trechinopoly &
Tanjore leaving a proportion of Europeans in those places to-
gether with the Battering Guns and Stores and to bring his
field

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4th field pieces only with him taking the route of Warriorpollam
& Pollamcotah & I trust that the Force ordered from Tanjore
is already at Chilumbrum because tho the French have got
their Fleet in to Cuddalore Roads if they feed more [illegible] Buffey
in the Military way our Admiral must feed us and
I must feed & Supply his fleet at Portonovo to windward
with a sufficient force to protect his Watering by Detachment
protect from Cuddalore in War there are many things at first
appearance unfortunate that may ultimately turn
out to the Contrary - this I trust & hope is an Instance
of the kind

(Signed) J. Stuart

Received the following Letter from Sir John
Burgoyne enclosing a Letter to him from Surgeon of
the 78 Regiment stating the necessity of providing Cots
& against the medal of the wounded Soldiers from
arrival Cuddalore

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I inclose you a Letter I have received
from Mr Walker Surgeon of the 78th Regiment,
and

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From Sir J. Burgoyne enclosing Letter from the Surgeon of the 78th Regiment respecting Supplies necessary to be provided for the wounded Soldiers coming from Cuddalore.

4th and Superintendant of the Hospital at St. Thome, which I hope you will take immediately on to Your most serious consideration otherwise the Sick & Wounded of His Majesty's Troops on their arrival from Cuddalore will find themselves in a most melancholy situation

I think it my duty to press you strongly on the subject and Am

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

J. Burgoyne
M. G.

Gardens
4th July 1783

Sent Orders to Military Paymaster to pay

Order to the Military Paymaster

Capt. Foxall 12 Star Pagodas for necessaries supplied the Sick Troops on board his Ship

Received the following Letters from General Stuart

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My Lord &c

From Gen. Stuart Cannot account for the Consequences should the Admiral have gone to Madras has received no Answer to his Letters from Pedamund from Colonel Fullarton & Monsieur Lafrandelle in the situation and the Enemy busy at work

I had the honor of writing to you by way of Commacoil last night. The Enemy made no attempt upon our Parallel, Still I think they will do so more than once before the Admiral returns

I

2904 Fort St. George July 1783.

4th If he is gone as it is said to Madras I hope it is not so far I cannot venture to answer for the Consequences Almost every person here of any Consequence has Letters from Madras with the most important news from England and the other Coast, I have not a Syllable from your Lordship &c since the note of the Right Honble the President of the 11th neither have I received any Letter in Answer to 5 of mine written to Colonel Fullarton Since the 16th I see extracts of Letters from the Sunjore Country half of them he is reassembling the Army by your Orders for a Western expedition the other Say he is to cross the river at Trichinopoly as ordered by the way of Worriore pollam and Palamcotah, time will Shew but this Army is mean while quite Spent The Cattamarans which I ordered three days ago to the Southward of Portonovo have been Successful in bringing in to that Place a Dorey belonging to a private Marchant here and I hope they will have the Same effect in regard [illegible] sent by Mr. Dickens before he was Warned of the Danger from the French Fleet Mons. Suffrein is exactly in the same position as yesterday only that he has Added in his Frigates from off Portonovo, The Enemy are busy at work and Seem only attempt to prevent it by our light Guns in ricochet which have a temporary effect during the day Several Letters have passed

extracts

of

to

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Lt. passed between Mons.r Bussy & me on what regard
the Prisoners in our power, I have not sent him the
Copy of your letter concerning the exchange of Prisoners
because on many accounts I do not think this is the
precise time to have any Such Part & with him Our
Cash is almost entirely out

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

Camp before Cuddalore
June 28th at night 1783

(Duplicate)

From Gen.l Stuart shewing
his Remarks on the Contents
of Letter to him of 3.d of June
expects Colonel Fullarton
to join him by the 5th of
next Month, The Fort
of Chellumbrum nearly
repaired. An English
Frigate with a Flag of
Truce anchored in Cuddalore
I determined to maintain
that Ground so gloriously
acquired over at the Risk
of starving

My Lord &c

The preceding is the Copy of my last letter
Sent by the way of Pennacoil, I have now to acquaint
your Lord ship &c that yesterday the 29th and not before
I received your letter of the 3d of June the marked
Triplicate, and inclosed in another letter from your
dated the 17th In regard to the letter June the 3d I think
my self and my Conduct so pointedly and so personally
attacked that when I have more leasure from public business
than at present I shall dedicate it to offer such an answer
as from a Candid construction of the reasons of my Conduct
added to an undisputable State of facts justice will be
done

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4th done me in the Quarter where it is most essential for me
to look for it, mean while the Dye is thrown and your
Lordships &c are possessed of the original order given to
Colonel Fullarton which to the best of my Judgement
and from the then Exigency of public affairs, led me to
[in] suspending power of Crown of India by Sea and Land —
being without musket Shot of me, I say that increased exigency
is such that I cannot without direct treachery on my
part and abandoning of the trust reposed in me
be induced to recall the order given as mentioned in
your said letter of June 8th I am answerable for it
and I shall stand to every possible Consequence
I have letters from Colonel Fullarton dated the
25th who to any other surprize had received all my
letters from the 16th in one day Viz. the 24th tho' the
usual [time] of Convoy now is only 3 days after leaving Sufficient
Garrisons and the heavy artillery at Trichinopoly &
Tanjore he expects to [a] concert about the 28th. and I expect
to hear of him being within 40 miles of us about the
5th of next Month at which time I shall in concert
with him make a move with part of this army so
as to encompass Trichinopoly and all the out parties
of the Enemy and from thence take possession of
all

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all the Bound Hedge which is now for the greater part
open to the Enemy to receive their Supplies and your
Lordship &c. knows the reason — nothing was attempted
by the Enemy Since my last Dispatches to you I guess
they must have suffered more Considerably than I
had first Thought in their un Successful Sally of
the 25th indeed by Mr Cochranes intelligence received
this day their own accounts make their Loss Killed wounded
and Prisoners to be above 450 he has received the Letters
forbidding the Sending any Supplies even till we are
Masters at Sea he mentions his intentions to send Grain
by Sheually and the Rivers and Mr Sullivan who I am
sorry to find never received my Letter of the 15th writes
that he will prepare boats in order to send Grain higher up
by the Rivers I shall give him my opinion to Send it forward
from Trincomar So as to be put in the Boats and to Cover
by the branch opposite to Pallamcotta The outer Gates of
that place are ready to be hung the Mines are filled up
and the upper works repaired all the 24 Guns are
inspiked There is a Serjt with two artillery men sent, and
Paddy is for warding from thence to Ports more all which
has been Done by Lt Brickenyoe with his own
two Companies of Sepoys without the assistance of a
Single Sepoy from the Tanjore Country, and not with-
standing of my orders for a Reinforcement of a Battn

or at least of 5 Company's Sail 10D from thence on
the Contrary by Some body that I dont know that
only a Company of Subandys will be Sent this in fact
important of Intelligence in every point of
view leads me to make this Representation to you
This morning to our great Surprize we Send to Sepperamon
that a Frigate Sun yesterday afternoon and Chased
by the Enemy Came of herself in to Madras Roads
when we now see her with a white flag and English
Colours over it Evidently the Signals of a Flag of Truce
many of our Gentlemen think She is either the Active or
the Medea Soon after She came to anchor Sufferein
Called in the Ferdant and Coventry Stationed near our
Cate landing place and by my report no Guns have
been fired from the fort this day however as I have no
intimation of the Sort from Mons.r De Bussy to
this effect I have taken Measures and given orders
as if I believed it to be a feint on the . part of the
Enemy thinking there by to put us off our Guard —
Several of our Bengal Lascars have Swam a Shore
from the French Fleet who all agree that Sir Edward
Hughes went to Madras after the 23.d for my own part
I have not the Smallest intimation or knowledge
concerning our Fleet excepting what Lt. Dawes
wrotes

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seen

Ferdant

had

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writes The public and private followers of this army are likely to be in a standing Condition untill the returns of our provisions Ships as to the fighting Men and those absolutely of necessity employed in preparing materials I have fortunately the means of subsistance G. H. 10.9.52. and I shall run the risk of starving — rather than give up one inch of the advantage Ground so gloriously acquired by this army Whatever that at — happens the blame will not lay with me —

I have the Honor to be
My Lord &c
Your most Obedt &
most Humble Servant
(Signed) Jamt Stuart

Camp before Cuddalore
30th June at night 1783

Rec'd Letter from Sir John Burgoyne as entered in Miscellany Book No.) requesting
the Committee will give Orders for a Number
of Cots & Quilts to be sent to St. Thome, for the
wounded Soldiers coming from Cuddalore —

Recd from Sir John Burgoyne a Quantity of Cots & Quilts requested to be provided for the wounded Soldiers —

Received the following Letter from
the Adjutant General

John

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John Hudleston Esq.r

Secretary of the Select Committee

of Fort S.t George

Sir

From Lieut.t Col. Malcolm the General orders of the 27 June published in Camp agreeable to the order of the Select Committee

I have had the honor to receive Your Letter of the 27th. June accompanying General Orders of the Same date and Signifying the Orders of the Right Honble the President & Select Committee that they be published to the Army; the orders of the 27th. June Accordingly been published to the Army

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obed.t Servant

Henry Malcolm

Aid.t Gen.l

Camp South of

Coddalore

2d July 1783

H. Fm

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From Lieut.t Davis requesting a supply of money - - - - - -

Received Letter from the Commanding Officer of Permacoil desiring a supply of Money

Red.d the following Letter from Sir Edward Hughes.

Sq.n

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

Fort S.t George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir Edw.d Hughes on the Subject of sending Reinforcement of Man and Supplies to Manjalore on his Majestys Ships Isis & Bristol

On Your application to me dated the 27th of last month for the means of conveying 350 Europeans 500 Barrels of Gun Powder, a Supply of Salt Provisions, and some other Stores for the relief of the Garrison of Manjalore besieged, and much straightened by an Enemy, I immediately ordered His Majestys Ships Bristol and Isis to compleat their Water to 200 Tons each, and their Provisions and Stores for Six Months of which I informed You the day following, I have also given Orders to the Captains of these Ships to receive the Troops on board according to the Detail sent me by your Fort Major and to accommodate both Officers and Men in the best manner possible, and I shall entrust the Captain Burney of His Majestys Ship Bristol the Senior Officer to comply in every respect with Your requisition made in your Letter dated yesterday as to the disposition of the Troops Ammunition and Provisions

I shall

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I shall further direct the Captains of
the two Ships to receive on board each 50 Casks of
Salt Provisions and as much Gun Powder as their
Powder rooms can hold, and out what they receive and
their own Ammunition to make up 250 Barrels
each, to be delivered with the Provisions to the Garrison
of Mangalore or any other of the Companys Garrisons
on the Malabar Coast in want of Ammunition; and
as it will be impossible for two Ships to stow
away on places of safety the 300 Bags of
Biscuit and 50 Leagers of Arrack you require
to be sent on them, I will give orders to the Captains of the
two Ships to supply the Garrison of Mangalore or
any other of the Companys Garrisons with every Pound
of Provision as well as every Article of Military
Stores they can spare, reserving only so much on
board as may enable them to fulfil my Orders and
I hope this may in a great Degree answer your
intentions and it is all that can be done for with
Water, Stores and Provisions necessary for the Ships
and the Number of Men they carry as well as
the Baggage and Accoutrements of the Troops
the Ships will be very much Crowded -

Shore

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I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Edw. Hughes

Despatched the following Letter to Sir Edward Hughes

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes Kt.
&c &c

Sir

As it is possible that the Ships which you have been so good as to furnish for the convoyance of a Reinforcement to Mangalore may find that place in the hands of the Enemy we request that on that case the Troops may be landed at any other Port or Factory of ours on the Malabar Coast (particularly Tonore or Tellichery) that may be attacked by the Enemy or in danger of being so and in case none of our Ports on the Malabar Coast should be in that predicament We request that the Ships may proceed to Bombay and land the Troops there or bring them back to us as the Select Committee of that Presidency may judge best

for

Sulpent on Madras Road
4th July 1783

To Sir Edw.d Hughes—
desiring that in case
Mangalore should be
in the hands of the Enemy
that the Bristol & Isis
may proceed else where
and requesting that they
may take on Board
those Articles which
they are in the greatest
want of at Mangalore

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for the public Service

We have further to request that the Ships
may receive on board 600 Barrels of Gunpowder
100 Casks of Salt provisions 300 Bags of Bescuit and
50 Leaguers of Arrack which being devided between
both We imagine may be received without much
Inconvenience

Mangalore particularly is represented to
us to be in very great distress for all the above articles
and it is of the utmost Importance to supply it, we
therefore flatter ourselves that you will be fully able
to comply with this requisition If however it should
so happen that the complete six months victualling of
the Ships destined for this service should render it inconvenient
to take in all the above Articles We entreat that you
will give orders for their leaving from their stores the
largest Quantity that can be spared at the places where
most wanted which shall chearfully be replaced or paid
for in the best manner we are able

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
John Hodgeston
Sam'l Lord

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5th Sent Orders to Military Storekeeper to ship
on board his Majestys Ships Iris & Bristol 500 Barrels
of Gunpowder for the Use of the Garrison of Mangalore
Dispatched the following Letter to the
Secretary to the Supreme Council

500 Barrels of Gunpowder to be Shiped on Board the Iris and Bristol for the use of the Garrison of mangalore

To John Peter Auriol Esqr
Secretary to the Supreme Council

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you for the
information of the Governor General and Council
that the Deputation sent by this Government to
Mr Bussy is returned together with two Gentlemen
on his part and what a cessation of Hostilities has taken
place

To Mr Auriol the Deputation returned from Caddalore acquainting of Hostilities has taken Place will address the Governor General and Council on the Subject as soon as it is finally Adjusted

The Select Committee will address the
the Governor General & Council fully on this subject
as soon as it is finally adjusted in the meantime they
desire you will signify their request that all the
French & Dutch Prisoners may be immediately
returned to this Presidency that they may be forwarded
to Cuddalore

I have the honor to be
Sir Your most Obedient Servant
Tho.s Kingscote
Dy.y
Secr.t

Fort St. George
5th July 1783

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6th. Sent the following Letter to Major Kruse Commanding the reinforcement about to proceed to Mangalore in his Majestys Ships Bristol & Isis

To Major Kruse

of his Majestys Regiment of Hannoverians

Sir

To Major Kruse desiring him to Embark his Detachment on board the Isis and Bristol & Proceed to mangalore if in our Possession but if not to Proceed to any other Fort or Factory on the Coast and to put himself under the orders of the Government of Bombay should he proceed there.

Vice Admiral Sir Edwd Hughes having furnished His Majestys Ships Isis & Bristol for the purpose of conveying to the Malabar Coast the reinforce-ment Ordered to Mangalore under your Command We desire you will accordingly embark your Detachment on Board those Ships & proceed to Mangalore where you will put your self under the Order of Major/ Lieut Col.o/ Campbell. Should you are your arrival at Mangalore find that place in the hands of the Enemy Troops are to be Landed at any other Fort or Factory belonging to Us on the Malabar Coast/ particularly Carwar Onore on or Tellicherry that may be attacked by the Enemy or in danger of being so and in Case none of our Forts should be in that predicament the Ships are to proceed to Bombay and Land the Troops there or bring them back to this Presidency

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6th Presidency as the Select Committee of that Settlement may judge best for the publick service, Shall the Troops be landed at Bombay you will be pleased to put your self under the Orders of the President & Select Committee there

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

John Huddleston

Secry

Fort St. George
6th July 1783

To Mr Irwin in the Copy of the resolutions of the 20th June respecting the assigned revenue

Dispatched to Mr Irwin Copy of the Resolutions of Select Committee the 20th June on the subject of the Assigned Revenues

Sent the following Letters

James Anderson Esqr

Surgeon General

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will make the necessary preparations for receiving in to the General hospital as many of the wounded Europeans of his Majestys Troops as can be accomodated in it exclusive of those of the Company and

To the Surgeon General, desiring him to Prepare the General Hospital necessary for receiving the wounded Europeans of the Squadron and to afford the Surgeon at St Thome every assistance in his Power

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and that you will cause proper Beds and Quilts to be
provided for them and every thing else that you judge
will contribute to their relief and Comfort.

The Select Committee desire also that
you will furnish the Surgeon of his Majestys
Hospital at St Thome with every Assistance in your
power for the relief and accomodation of such of the
wounded men as you may not have room for in the
General Hospital

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
John Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St George
6th July 1783

Copy of the foregoing Letter sent to Sir John Burgoyne

Sent Copy of the above Letter to Sir John Burgoyne

Sent the following Letter to Committee of Assigned Revenue

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

I am directed by the Right Honble

2919 Fort St George July 1783

To Committee of assigned Revenues desiring they will deputate a Member of their Board, to Proceed to Chingleput to investigate the Complaints of the Petitioners who have had their Cattle Seized &c=

the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th with Copy of your proceedings of the 12th Inst.

The Select Committee hoped you would have been able to make such an examination here as would have ascertained the real amount of what the petitioners have suffered by the seizure of their Cattle and there by have enabled the Committee to give their ultimate decision and Orders upon the Subject but as you are of opinion it can only be as ascertained by an Enquiry on the Spot they desire you will depute a member of your Committee to proceed to Chingleput and make such Enquiry which may also include the other Complaints which you mention to have received after closing your proceedings and the Select Committee will interest him with the proper Authority and Orders to the Commanding Officer

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
7th July 1783

Received

2920 Fort St. George July 1783

Received the following Letter from
General Stuart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord &c

From General St
Devising of his having
received authentic accts
that the admiral was
in Madras Roads the
25th Requesting the Committee
to be urgent with the Admiral
to return to his station
before the Provisions in
Camp are expended the
English Frigate with her
Pilot of Trees still at
Cuddalore — It surprized
at not hearing from
Government — the Reports
of General Matthews
misfortunes contradicted
by a letter from Mr
Cochrane ——

Dawes

{everything
me

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yesterday

now

The preceding is the Copy of my last
address to you — I now learn by a letter from Lieut Co.
the undoubted melancholy truth that the admiral with
every thing we had to depend upon in the Operations
way was in Madras Roads the 25th Reasoning on that
Subject is now of no avail we must look forward and
on this Plan in order to guard against Surprize I have
written in Triplicate to Mr Sullivan and Mr Cochrane
to send us by land and by the Rivers all the Paddy Rice
and Grain of every sort they can I informed you yes.
how many days I had for the Lightning man and how to
request of you to be urgent with the admiral for proportioned
to that Information so as he may return within the
time, any precaution at Porto Novo as also the service
of the two Batts which we can so little spare you now
entirely

entirely for nothing & yet cannot with draw them for the
sake of appearances - The Manoeuvres of this army is so counter
that I am in hopes it will bear us through our difficulties
but all things taken together the like never occurred in
my reading observation or experiences The English
Frigate for such we take her to be) has her Patrol Flag up
the whole night She is anchored in the midst of the French
they continue their working parties we fire upon them and
they Return the Compliment as usual no message of any
sort has been sent us and tho' I am Commander in Chief
of this army and a member of your Government I neither
have any Communication on this subject nor have I any
letter from you later than the 17th enclosing the Triplicate
of your letter of the 3d first received the 29th ult. and yet
there are twenty letters in this army so late as the 24th and
25th and one in particular that your Lordship &c had
received my dispatch of the 15 with the accounts of what passed
the 13th of which I have had no acknowledgement Your
Lordship &c are at liberty to do in this as you please; I also
will take the liberty thus to represent to Mr Pechmore
informs me of the 29th that the Despatch French Frigate
carried a Mr Ludlow at Tranquebar and that he has
undoubted Intelligence if Mr Suffrein having ordered
every French Ship Frenchmale to come immediately to
Cuddalore with assurances that they will be in no danger

from

from our Fleet who are gone to Madras and he
writes me Likewise of a Letter received from Tellicherry
dated the 6th Inst. contradicting the Report of General
Matthews's misfortunes & hears from Mr Cockrane
likewise that the Light Guns belonging to Colonel Fullarton
crossed the River the 28th and that owing to the Depth
of the water it would be the 30th before the whole had
passed

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c
Your most Obedt &
most Humble Servant
(Signed) Jamt Stewart

Camp before Oddalore
1st July 1783 at night

From Lieutenant Atwood a Command taken from him and given to three Junior officers request to be reinstate

Received Letter from Lieutenant Atwood of the
12th of June (as entered in Miscellany Book &c)
stating the Hardships of his Situation on having been
superseded by three Junior officers in the Command of
700 Sibbandies raised by him by Order of Colonel Nixon
and requesting to be reinstated in that or an equal
Command

Received the following Letters from
General Stewart —

To

2923 Fort St. George July 1783

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

Fort St. George

My Lord &c

The very great risk in sending intelligence of importance detailed leads me in general to say that after all the manœuvres and actions of the Fleets from the 16th to this day I now see Mons. De Suffren with 19 Ships of War (being one more than the Number he went out with) anchored in Cuddalore Road and I neither see our own Fleet nor have I heard from them since the 15th It is needless for me to say more on the occasion than that whatever may be my own uneasiness I am convinced the Admiral has done every thing for the best. The fatigue of this Army in consequence of the whole Fleet of France (in the Country) being at half an hours notice ready to unload their Men to attack us is the case which I write you is such that nothing but their supportative spirit can hold it out There are some things beyond the power of flesh and blood and by a sort of miracle there is not a man in this Army discomposed in his mind by these adverse appearances Our approaches go on in the same manner as if the English

From General Stuart Mons. Suffren with 9 Ships of War at anchor in Cuddalore Road Its account of the British Fleet Feels great Pleasure in the Behaviour of the whole Army — Disapproves of Mr Sullivans Corresponding with him on the Subject of reinforcing Colonel Fullarton has sent 2 Bengal Battalions to keep Possession of Portonovo to cover the watering of the Fleet 5000 Heads of Cattle at Chillumbram Money Rice and Grain — exceedingly scarce near 1000 men killed & wounded on the 25th

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English Fleet were when the French Fleet is now.
If any thing weare one it is to receive Letters from Adr.
Sutwan dated 16th of may at Tanjore for whom a a private
man I have a great respect telling me of the necessity to reinforce
Colonel Fullarton in order to conquer Canara &c. when
he Knows that Colonel Fullarton on that very day was
by my Orders at Trichinopoly and would receive my
Letters (written in Quadruplicate) to cross at Trichinopoly
& to march by Wanniapollam to join me I expect him in
consequence in 6 days from the present date. As no
Man obeys my orders in the detail South of the Cleroon
I have neither had answer nor a Sepoy to make me
conclude that a reinforcement would come to Chillambrum
and to afford a Detachment to Porto Novo altho ordered
above 8 days ago. In this State of things knowing as this
Army is beyond measure yet have I from the consequence
and importance of the Service been led to send 2 Royal
Battalions to keep possession of Porto Novo and to cover
the watering of His Majestys Fleet. They have been
there (there 3 days and Letters on three different ways
are ready written to acquaint the Admiral of it.
I have moreover 5000 head of Cattle ready at Chillam-
brum to give a constant supply to the Fleet and
Army and the public and private Followers will not
have

have a grain of Rice beyond the 1st of next Month
The fighting Men by any precaution have 6 weeks
in Store Our provision and Store Ships are gone
with what remains of their lading God Knows where
and our Cavalry have only six days Grain remaining
Mr. Bertram writes that while there is a dispute betwixt
the English and French at Sea the Black People
will not be prevailed upon to give us any assistance
from the Southward. Altho he has secured in a certain
proportion what might be wanted for the Army yet
the Black People will not risk their Vessels or
their liberty; some ready money for the Arrack &c
as equal to 1/3 of advance for what has been sent to the
amount of 8000 Pagodas I have promised him but
I have not the money in the Military Chest and
I do not Know how to perform my promise neither
in what way the further supplies are to be sent to us
from the Southward without money or credit I still
live in hopes that we shall soon be the undoubted Masters
at Sea for unless we are so the wants of this Army even
before the Junction cannot possibly be supplied I shall
so soon as the Coast is clear send you a more circumstantial
account in many particulars since my last letter I
find it was 16 and not 18 Guns we took on the 13 and
I am very to find that we had on that day nearly
8000

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1000 brave fellows Killed or wounded

I have the honor to be

My Lord &c.

Your most Obedient Servt

Signed Jas Stuart

Camp S.t Cuddalore
23d June 1782

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P.S. I guess if the French are resolved to keep their Station in the Roads here our Admiral will keep his at Porto Novo our provision and Store Ships ~~from~~ from the Presidency should Know this in order to make Soething and Keep well out to the East ward

J.S.

P.S. 24h 6. PM I have done my self the honor to answer a note from the Right Honble President this day received to which I beg leave to refer for whatever may be necessary for your information respecting that Note or other occurrences since yesterday.

J.S.

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes

Anthony Sadleir Esqr Alexander Davidson Esqr

Morgan William Esqr.

Major General Stuart absent

&c. &c.

Monday
July 7th 1783

M.S.