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thing will go wrong because I firmly believe that the Ships will not sooner in two be able to come in aide of the present service in time My Enemies would not have prevented my doing myself the Honour of paying my respects on board the Superb If I had not been every moment taken up in preparation for the greatest and most fortunate crises for our Country if we avail ourselves always of our means in hand This shall be my study as I am confident it will be yours — I Shall request of you to order some distinguishing signal to be put in writing for me to follow and to know what you wish in our future Co-operation either directly with the Superb or with any other Ship or Commander in correspondence with me from Sea also what Signals you think in your power to make from the land near Cuddalore I shall give orders for their being followed

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) James Stuart

Fort St George

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P. S. It will be the 2d or 3d of next Month before the Army is at the place of destination

(Signed) J. S.

To

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N. 2.

To Sir Edward Hughes.

Sir

I had the honor of receiving your letter this morning and am happy to find you can afford us the Protection of the Sea and Active Cuddalore It is in my humble Opinion as much as we need for the present Service as things are now Circumstanced to be Stationed immediately at Cuddalore I am free to say to you that as one of the Committee I had at least my Share in the opinion given that the most effectual Support or Cooperation from his Majesty's Squadron would be that keeping Superiority in view It never was my Idea that you should Come any nearer to Cuddalore in going to the Leeward on Account of our Land Operations But this I wish'd and still request that his Majesty's Ships will take our Provision and Store Ships in tow in whatever Track you are pleased to take to the South. and Two or Three of 40 or 50 Miles to the S.W. of Cuddalore So as they may with the greatest degree of Certainty Come to their place of Destination: This on the Supposition and belief that the Ships now here not only our Succours but

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but our existence depends will be ready to Sail at the Same time with his Majesty's Ships under your Command: and in the fullest impression of this Truth with some degree of practical Knowledge I dare venture to give it as my opinion that the main Army marching from the Presidency as it will do on the 21st Instant will run the greatest risque of disgrace or disappointment unless the Provision and Store Ships for the Army be taken in tow in the manner and at the Time I have the honor to Acquaint

I Remain with moſt perfect Regard &c

Fort St George
the 19 April 1783

Signd James Stuart

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Extract of a Letter to Sir Edward Hughes

We have got Forward two days March with the main Army and the advance is two days ahead Still I humbly think that we must wait till I can know that our Provision Ships are at Anchor I have written to the Select Committee concerning my Ship wants which can only come by sea and I wish to know what Signals our Commodore will make so as I can answer them

Chingleputt
22 April 1783

Signd James Stuart

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No 20 44.

Vice admiral Sir Edward Hughes

K.B. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Naval

forces &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to send inclosed in Charge of Captain Trobridge to be forwarded to your /from No 1 to 3./ papers of material Intelligence lately intercepted in Correspondence between Mess.rs De Bussy and Suffrain The public owes this Information to the management of /Your Acquaintance/ Mr Andrew Cochrane who is the Company's Senior Civil Servant next to Mr Sulivan in The Tanjore and Trichinopoly Countries and to the Spirited exertion of Ensign Clark under his orders

We are busy unloading the resolution transport which Anchored at Cuddalore with his Majesty's Ship the Active only, the 13th in the Evening and I made in Consequence a movement forwards with the Army to this Ground and Sent a party to cover the landing: The Europeans and monies were landed Yesterday

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yesterday and soon as this day. The left of our line is about 12 Miles from the landing place our means of Carriage is so very small that I am obliged to make posts in Communication to secure the rice and Stores until I have time to send back from One march to another thus I move Sure however from necessity (it may be) slow and yet I shall keep pace most probably with our Grand Convoy of Store Ships which by my last information (tho not official) will not leave the roads of madras before the 20th and I guess they will not reach their distination South of Cudalore before the 28th

I expected to be at my distination by the 24th and my Nephew Mr Cochrane has fortunately been able to Collect a Certain Number of Boats which he means to put under the protection of Captain Halliday I have sent to him the Corresponding Signals and I may desired he may remain at Negapatam or near to give you every Intelligence Concerning our Situation and future movements I am happy to inform you that this Army is in great health and as to their Spirits and as to myself I never was happier

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20th in the whole course of my life time

Camp at Killinore
17th May 1783

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

No. 5.

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.

Dear Sir

I was honored last night with your letter of the 6th as to the Stores and provision Ships you mention I had early intelligence of four having been Actually at Cuddalore They left it all but one on the 2d or 3d Instant I sent the Accounts to Sir Eyre Coote and to Government my real Apprehension arose from their being Alone of Battle Ships forces the Line Thank God is now over the landing of the Stores and provisions and Troops as reported may enable the Enemy to hold out longer than they otherwise would have done but we shall certainly at last carry Cuddalore and all that is in it / as to the date of My letter the 17th of last Month it cannot apply to any commencement of Operations relative to this place further than marching towards it and and it required the utmost management to enable in the time to Bring to this our ultimate ground Rice and other articles barely Sufficient for our Customs I have had the

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Good fortune by keeping our movements secret to turn the Enemys fire and to pass all the Rivers which might have materially affected our approaches our operations in fact could not have begun sooner than this day both from our situation and because our provisions and principal Stores were not near us till then. I came to the ground the 7th but some how or other the afternoon of that day and the whole of yesterday I had no means of communicating with the Ships The Troops were landed the late hastings to and I have requested Captain Halliday to use every expedition in his power to land the Rice and Stores so as the Transports may return to Madras for more, the Demands for this army are so immense that the whole of our Ships in that way will need to be constantly employed the Southern Countries are exhausted and the Rivers in not many Days hence will become impossible This is the ground of position for the army to save the and the Carnatic by land and my intention is to lay in the largest Stock of provisions possible so as to be independant of Accidents / The first great Stock in which the whole

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whole Politicks of India and the Statutes of the British Empire here turns / whatever may be the Treaties with Country powers / is the Extinction of the Force and Influence of the French in India This I will endeavour to do by Carrying Cuddelore and all within it provided I am covered by the Fleet under your command for 7 weeks from this day I cannot answer for it's being done sooner: on the Contrary if the Fleet goes to Madras and Meyers sufficient Anchors off Cuddalore with the means he will give to Mr de Bythy in Every respect I fairly say to you Sir Edward I cannot succeed Speaking practically as a military man: and ca[illegible] to your Good sense Judgement and experience to suggest to you the natural consequences to be apprehended from the failure

As to what you do me the honor to mention of the disaffection of the Reyle at Tanjore and elsewhere I personally answer to you for the protection of any party you think proper to send to Patonovo to water in not many days time being in hopes that my repeated remonstrances to the Committee will tend to their giving up the expeditions to the [illegible]ward

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westward of Dindigul and that the Southern
Army will return towards the Coloroon for which pur-
-pose I have several days ago sent positive orders to
Colonel Fullarton were it necessary for you to water
at Negapatam I can detach from that army
or from Tanjore a force sufficient to Cover the watering
of your Fleet at that place upon the whole my
Dear Sir Edward I pray You to make me happy
by giving your protection to cover this greatest of
all objects by land for 7 weeks from the present
Date I answer for the rest my mind will not be
easy untill I hear from you on the Subject

Camp S. of Cuddalore
8th June 1783.

I have the honor to be &c.
/ Signed / James Stuart

No.

Major General Stuart

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 6th
as I hope you have mine of Yesterday
and am Sorry to find that in the present State
of the Squadron the Reduction of Cuddalore
appears so distant the Number of Sick in
the

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the Squadron on the 8th was 1142 of which 556
have been sent to Madras Hospital afflicted
with Scurvy and Scorbutic ulcers merely to save
their Lives our water having been Six weeks at Sea
also grows very short I shall nevertheless remain to
protect the Detachment with you to the last hopeful
moment perhaps the appearance of Monr. Suffrein
with the French Squadron may produce great
Change as by the enclosed intelligence procured
by Captain Dowd of the Sea Horse looking out
to windward from two Portuguese Ships immediately
from Trincomale he only waited the return of
the Tendant and Frigates to sail for Cuddalore
I cannot under these Circumstances venture to send
to Patanovo to water I must keep my people on
board ready for action you will find I shall be
the Army of Colonel Fullarton hasten to move
towards you the water to be had at Porto Novo
and Tranquebar is not equal to our wants besides
there being great Possibility of the Enemy Blocking
us in the night at an anchor there and getting
to Cuddalore which makes this Station more

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To

Superb Portonova

11th June 1783

Sir

eligible you may depend I shall ever attend to this object by land as long and in the best manner I can and have no doubt of your answering for the rest I shall be always happy to hear from you and am with great regard — Dear Sir

Your Hble

(Signed) Edwd. Hughes

Best wishes to all the Gentlemen with you if my acquaintance There is no time to be lost to cover our watering here we have not more than a fortnight the waters are now pumping out of the Ground Fair

(Signed) I. S.

N.7.

Major General Stuart

Sir

Your letter of the 18th I received yesterday at Noon with the Correspondence enclosed which communicates fully your intended movements and expectations. I think Colonel Fullartons Army cannot be better employed than coming to the Southward I remember at consultation so early as before I went to Bombay your Sentiments of the Negociation with the Ranahs Agents proposed by Mr Sullivan and the powers given to his Lordship by the Committee on this Occasion

I now

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I have no doubt by Major Bruces letter your Commands have been received and sure Colonel Fullarton must obey if the Committee have not Countermanded his approach to Chillumbrum would secure our watering &c but a fortnight is a long time with our want of that article Captain Haliday sent by the Chaser 34 Bullocks for the sick very acceptable

I see much firing this morning to the Northward I hope it is our Friends driving the French from the Boundhedge to the Shelter of their Fort you may then be able to protect our watering Fleet you will receive by this occasion a letter from Tranquebar Confirming the Intelligence I sent you from the Seahorse our look out ship that Monsr Suffrien only waits the return of the Findant &c to pay us a visit and your opinions of Fullarton and that Tippoo has most to do is certainty just Consequences of more expence to the Company of Course but I hope the Colonel will Come on agreeable to your orders in time and all be right If they have abondoned Chillumbrum (as the Inhabitants here coming off Sums to think) It will save trouble I shall wait impatiently the Confirmation from you I expect the Maidie Hunde

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To

20 Bristol and Lancaster will be soon here again from the Presidency and hope bring us reinforcements

Superb Portonova water Lain always. Lii Nyms &c

13th June 1783

(Signed, Edward Hughes

10 am we think we see the Enemy's Squadron -

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Major General Stuart

Sir

I have received your favor of this morning about that time / by a Boat stopped last night under Danish Colours bound to Madras / I wrote to my friend Mr Cuthbert what I knew of your operations of Yesterday which Captain Hardaby sent me and nearly what I have the pleasure of receiving now from yourself will probably be with the Committee tomorrow as I desired Mr Cuthbert to communicate immediately the Contents I shall do the same by the whole of your letter the first opportunity you may depend on my covering You to the utmost of my Power and for that purpose I must have recourse to Portonova for water and refreshment for our people Mons. Suffrein does not seem to like us or our position he seems to be retreating to the Southward again this Afternoon and Came down this morning

This

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testentiment Is hait turn the Tables upon him
what I can prudently I am happy you have a Shorter
prospect of concluding matters with Mons Bussy entirely
Sorry for the loss of our Dear friends departed 5 Rec one
15 in the Line of the Ships to the Southward & Frigates
and 2 something else I will take care of them: This is
a fine day for landing from your Several Ships of the
Convoy They will if necessary I hope soon return for
further Supplies to ensure the Busings at all Events
I must visit Patonnoo for water which I hope &
Cuddalore may also afford soon and in that case
we may take out the Provision and delay a little
the return to Madras they expect Reinforcements
so do we Yet I think with you this is the finishing
Stroke of the French and will raise your Fame to
Superb 14 June. be a high Pitch as it will justly merits —
1783. 4 P.M.

I have the Honr to be &c

(Signed) Edward Hughes.

N.9.

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes

Sir

I have the honr to inform You
that we have drove the Enemy from every post

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they occupied out of the Fort of Cuddalore — So is impossible for one in Discription to do justice to the merit of this brave Army particularly to Colonel Stuart and to the Honorable Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart who commanded the Corps of Grenadiers as such carried the Enemy's redoubts I believe when the whole can be Stated considering the extent of ground with the variety and Strength of the Enemy's parts the numbers of the efficient Strength of our Army that could be Spared from the protection of the Camp and landing place and the Short time we have had to make preparations I venture to say there are few instances in history of a more complete Surprize upon the Enemy or of a busines of this sort more completely done We were employed about it Yesterday from 3 in the morning till 2 in the afternoon I have not as yet the particular returns The only allay to our General Satisfaction is the loss of our brave fellows By the Accounts of the Surgeon Major this Morning he had dressed upwards of 220 Europeans We have lost several very valuable men Among the rest Captain Douglas, Dpty Adjutant General and Lieutenant P. Campbell my aid de Camp Major Vermuns is also Among the killed

Yrs

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We have taken as I guess above 18 pieces of Cannon
in their out posts in the lines and in their redoubts
By the prisoners account the Enemy's loss is much
greater than ours there is a Count de la Marth or
Lieutenant Colonel a Major and Several Captains
in the whole of their Europeans (as they say) about
24 Officers and 600 men Killed and wounded: The
Enemy Abandoned in the Course of last night the
only remaining out post they seemd to have had
and we have taken possession of it this morning
and we are now inclosing it to keep them within
the Walls and effectually to secure our approaches
We already in Several parts see the bottom of the
Walls of the South Bastion and I hope to be
able to do for Monsr. De Bussy and the French
in less time than I last mentioned to you.
Still Sir Edward every thing depends upon your
covering us - and on this material point I am truly
happy to inform you that I have taken possession
of Chellumbrum by a Detachment which I sent
there for the purpose the Evening before our Attack
on the Enemy's out Posts from the strong impression
I had of its contributing to the safety and Certainty

covering

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20th of His Majesty's fleet watering at Portonovo I am

in great hopes that the news which I have received of my predictions being fulfilled and that Tippoo is coming in force towards the Combetore Country will in effect contribute more to the return of Colonel Fullarton's force to join me than my opinion or even my positive orders to that effect The whole of our Army have been and still are laying on the Arms without cover for these 40 hours past I cannot help it considering the extent of our Operations and our small numbers The Camp will move a mile forward in the Course of this day and until then we are in the Sun: but non of us complain considering the importance of the service and the great Stake we are now playing for Sure looking forward to the Consequences I am busy collecting materials for the fullest information to Government of our Success Yesterday meanwile both in General and in what regard Chillumbrum I do not lose a moment to acquaint you as far as I know and to request if you have any certain Quiet conveyance to Madras before the Evening you will do me the Honor to inform At the advanced hour the Right Worshipful President and Select Committee of what Saturday Morning 9 o'Clock you think proper upon the Subject — I have the Honor to be &c — Signed James Stuart —
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I had the honor of receiving your letter of the 13th
and doubt not of your giving a good account of Monsr.
Suffrein when he comes within your Gun shot

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Major General Stuart

Signed/ James Stuart

Sir

This will inform you that Monsr. Suffrein with the French Squadron under his Command continues at anchor to the Southward of the Coleroon nor do I see any motion since last night they anchor. Where this appears to me at present the best post I can take for the Protection of the Army and the Vessels Ships and Craft that attend it therefore cannot myself take the advantage yet of Patanore for the Benefit of water and Refreshments for our People but if you could spare a few Bullocks for the Sick and the Active to bring them to us as well as some Casks of water. Tho' no large Quantity would still be helpful I hope the Bristol to Carlos Nacade, and Hound will return to us soon with all the water can be sent from Madras, our Consumption is great from our numbers—

I believe Monsr. Suffrein did not expect to find me here he is Seemingly at a loss what to do

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I conclude wishes to get in to Cuddalore no doubt
Monsr. Bussy has frequent Communication with
him by Dacoottah. Chellumbrum Portonovo. &
Trangueber &c. I most sincerly wish you Succefs
and am with great Regard -

yours &c. Edw. Hughes

Superb 9 miles
South of Cuddalore
15th June 1783.

(Signed) James Stuart

N. 11.

# Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes &c.

Sir

I do myself the honor to acquaint you
that a Regiment of Bengal Sepoys with Their
Guns Commanded by Captain Scott of the Bengall
Establishment is actually at Portonovo for the purpose
of protecting the watering of His Majesty's Ships
in the Portonovo River The officer Commanding at
Chellumbrum has the same orders and a Guard is
placed on the Chellumbrum side over to where the
Boats fill with good water There are Rons and
irregular Cavalry in the communication I have
also given orders to Lieutenant Brickenyre Comm.g
at Chellumbrum to supply the Ships with
Cattle The Sick and wounded of the Fleet may
either be landed at Portonovo or sent to Chellum

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Chellumbrum provided There are medicines and
Surgeons to attend them for a word I can Venture
to assure you, Sir Edward, both of water and Fresh
provisions in Surety at Portonovo and whatever
assistance I can give with The Masoolah Boats
which can carry 5 Butts a piece shall be at your
Service

I have no doubt of the ultimate issue of this
days Action at Sea and yet I fear many a brave
man of ours will suffer, Pray let me hear of or from
you by the Return of this

We are all well and nothing extraordinary
happened affecting as from Monsr. Suffrein's
hands with Monsr. De Bussy

I have the honor to be most truely &c.

(Signed) James Stuart

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord

The enclosed Letter was given to me
by Lord Macleod, with a particular request of
Delivering it to your Lordship but finding it impracticable

From Captain Grandeville
representing the hard
treatment he has met with
since his arrival at Fort
St. George. Encloses a letter
from Lord Macleod
in his behalf

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20 day -

I shall not take up your time My Lord and Gentlemen in explaining to you the difficulties I have had to get over in crossing the two branches of the river being obliged to land upon the island of Pentatantha and cary every thing for four miles or more and then cross the over in Sangrues the second time I have been honored with the Circular Letter of the Commissioners sent by them from Cuddalore as well as with those sent by You Gentlemen regarding the cessation of Arms having taken place between the French and our Troops and Your orders regarding Tippoosaib's invitation to accede to the pacifications agreable to the 16th article of the Treaty which shall be perfectly complied with on my part I have sent Copies of them all to Captain Edmonds and have the honor of enclosing you one of a Letter which I have just received from him and hope you will be pleased to give your orders for supplying of us with Provisions &c accordingly as it will be utterly impossible to carry sufficient with us. I shall write to Captain Campbell by this Tappy to send only two of the twenty four Pounders and will accquaint you Gentlemen with the day of my

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marching from this place which I hope will be in
two or Three days I have lost above Sixty men by
desertion I shall send you a return in my next imagine
My detachment consists of about 850 Sepoys and 140
Europeans of the latter there are twenty more sick whom
I shall be obliged to leave at Ongole your Lordships
the Gentlemen will judge whether this is a sufficient
Addition to Captain Edmonds de attachment for the
Service intended or whether you would wish one of the
Battalions in preference to join me. Artillery men I have
but one there are some of my own Europeans that have
been taught the field Exercise with six pounders. but
I am afraid will be very awkward at The 24. I must
beg your directions how I am to proceed when I get to
Captain Edmonds and whether I am to act against the
Enemy until I hear officially of Tippoo saibs acceding
to the Cessation of Arms -

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed /
Thomas Jones
Lieut. Col.

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To Lieutenant Colonel Jones

Sir

I have this moment the honor to receive your letter of the 2d Informing me of the Orders you have received from the Select Committee, and requesting to know such wants as I may have, my Detachment is pretty well appointed in all respects except Artillery Men having only 12 Europeans the rest Native that have not seen Service: The great Scarcity of Grain is the only difficulty I labor under and that may be obviated greatly as You advance in to the Coddapah Country by getting an order sent to the Ammil of Killore to send supplies Through the Diffr. passes leading from that Country I fear Sir You will find the 24 Pdrs troublesome on the march and conceive 2 of them if well supplied with Shot will answer every purpose — You also request my opinion of the different Services we are likely to have I know of none except tapping The Pass of Sadeut and Sanger Gollah ready. Peppee / as is expected / sends a reinforcement to their Countries The dread of this equips every enemy stop to be Tatlers to supply a few Days provisions before

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hand Inclosed I do myself the honor to Send you the Route by which I marched from Angola to this place and shall from time to time acquaint you with every thing of importance that may happen

I have the honor to be &c.

Camps Vansamacoil 9th July 1783

(Signed) Edward Edmonds
Captain Commanding

Copy
(Signed)
Tho.s Jones
Lieut.t Col.

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee
Fort St George

From Colonel Cathcart requests a definitive answer whether the Government mean to pay him his allce as Quarter Master Genl agreeable to orders from Bengal sends Extract of the proceedings of the Supreme Council 15 march 1783.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have seen the Government order respecting the Office of Adjutant & 2d Mr General to the Carnatic army Notwithstanding which I will take the liberty of briefly stating to the Committee that I had the honor of being appointed 2d Mr General to his Majesty's forces in India by Sir Eyre Coote K.B. late Commander in Chief and that the Supreme Council of Bengal came to the following resolution

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resolutions with respect to my allowances

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Extract from the Minutes of the Supreme Council

15th March 1783.

"The Commander in Chief of the Forces
"in India having appointed Major John Dalton to
"the post of Adjutant General of his Majestys forces &
"Lieutenant Colonel Chas Cathcart to that of 2d Ar
"General of the said forces the Staff Pay of Those officers
"shall be borne by his Majesty: But they are to
"receive from the Companys Paymaster wherever they
"shall be stationed the same sums for Contingents &
"Allowances and Establishment as are annexed to the
"Corresponding stations in the Companys Service at the
"Presidency where they may be serving for the time being"

borne

In consequence of this order from the Supreme Council. I actually received my allowances in Bengal from the Date of my appointment 1st December 1782 untill 31st March 1783 and now propose presenting to the Committee of the Presidency of Fort St George Bills from that to the present Date pursuant to the allowances of the Quarter Master General of this Establishment

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20 Establishment without including my staff pay which I am ordered to draw from the Paymaster General of his Majesty's Forces — But previous to my doing so I am induced / with due regret for troubling the Committee on a subject of Comparatively small moment to them / to request a Definitive answer, whether I may expect to be paid agreeably to the order from Bengal or to receive no allowances whatever from this Government -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed / Charles Cathcart

Lieut Col. &c 2 Mr Genl. of

His Majesty's forces in India

The following Letter was written by the Right Honble President to the Marquis de Bussy -

To Mons. De Bussy

To Mr Bussy enclosing Official Papers relative to the Peace lately made in Europe: and informing him of the European man of war having met with a French Merchant man near the Cape of Good hope with the flags on board from Lord Frankham -

Sir

As I do not hear that you have had as yet any immediate advices from France since the conclusion of the War I think it may be agreeable to you to see the enclosed Edict of His most Christian Majesty mentioning the Ratification of the Pre = = liminary articles at Versailles on the 3d of February last

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It appears by our Gazettes that the Preliminaries were ratified at Madrid on the 9th of February which Answers to the first Accounts we had received and so transmitted to You of that important Event.

Another Article taken from our Gazette and which I also enclose to You mentions the appointment of the Comte de Monstier as the Successor of Mons.r Gerard de Rayneval in quality of Minister from Your Court to Ours.

The Ships of both Nations sailing for India have passes from the respective Courts for their protection in case of being met before the expiration of the time beyond which Captures made at sea are to be restored. Captain Philips of the Europe Ship of War, just arrived here met a Merchant Man from Bordeaux deeply laden not far from the Cape of Good Hope, who produced to him a Pass from Lord Grantham Secretary of State for foreign affairs and our India Mens have French Dutch and American Passes.

This accumulated Fault coming to our Knowledge before any Official Accounts of the Peace, would have placed us in a very strange and embarrassing

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20th determind if the certainty of the fact had not at once
induced us to act conformably to it and to determinate
Hostilities as soon as we were convinced that it was the
intention of our Courts that they should be determinated

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I have the honor to be &c
Signed
Macartney

P. S. Since writing the above we have received
Officially from England the enclosed Proclamation
of his Majesty's published in London the 14th
February 1783

21st Received the following Letter from the Honble Major
General Bruce Commanding the Carnatic army

To The Right Honorable President and
Select Committee

From Major General Bruce representing the very great Scarcity of Provisions in Camp and of his having come to a Resolution to consult with Abr Baby on his taking Charge of the heavy Stores Enclosed Letter from the Resident of Tanjore with a Plan for the operations of the main and Southern Armies

My Lord and Gentlemen

I was this day at 10 o Clock honord
with your letter of the 13th

Having repeatedly explained in my
former letters the impossibility of immediately com-
plying with your particular orders on the subject
of the Detachment I shall now only relate the

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Situation of the Army at present and the probability of what it will soon be reduced to - You are sufficiently Acquainted with the Causes which have influenced my Conduct and with my determination to remain here as long as our Provisions will enable me not only in Consequence of the difficulty and almost impracticability of moving - but also that I might Still have it in my power to execute these orders Should the Assistance I required arrive in time - That period is now nearly elapsed and my determination is fixt Disagreeable as it is the application Shall then be made to Mr de Bussy and I should he refuse my resolution is to order all Heavy Ordnance and Stores to be destroyed as having any Guard this Army could Spare would only be exacting a Sacrifice of both Should no Supplies arrive from Admiral Cochrane as he Alone now comply with my Order the 22d will be the day I must put in execution my ultimate determination the Stock of Provisions being at the very utmost for the fighting men only sufficient till the 20 instant

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2 5th

I had several days previous to the receipt of your letter written to Mr Sullivan requesting not information of his depots of provisions of the quantity he had in readiness: and of the certain means he proposed of Subsisting the Detachment on their route as might enable me to furnish the Officer Commanding it with Suitable instruc=tions no reply has yet been received

The money having arrived at Pennacoil I have sent a Detachment there in order to convey it here They will return upon the 24th and Should any Supplies arrive previous to that Sufficient to enable the Detachment to move they Shall instantly be dispatched: but unless they are much more Considerable than I have any reason to expect it will make no alter=ation on my determination in other respects

Your orders relative to the position I Shall occupy on this tottering plan Shall be Strictly attended to

Accompanying this you will receive

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a packet from the Court Inward which I am sorry
to inform you had been stopped by Mr De Bussy
for Several Days which having by Accident I had
it upon application returned to me

Camp near Caddalore
17th July 1783

I have the honour to be &c &c

10 P.C.R

/Signd/ T: Bruce

My dear Lord

Your Lordships letter of the 28th with
the duplicate of one to Colonel Fullarton arrived this
morning with Copies of the publick letters to Tellicherry
Mangalore and of your orders to General Bruce The
Spirit which marks Your Lordships exertions cannot
fail to ensure you the highest approbation from
Your own Country and to impress the Enemy with
respect

If an honorable safe peace can be made
with Tippoo no man in India will more heartily
rejoice at it than I shall but I fear Your Lordships
will find unsurmountable obstacles to a peace of
honor and Safety and I know You will never Consent
to

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to one that does not establish both.

The extreme perfidy I burn by Tippoo —

towards General Mathews must evince how little
reliance we can place on his engagements his Conduct
towards the French is nowrk testimony to same point
and a Volume may be found in the single trait of
the Lina laid by him for Mr Mathews with Them
Circumstances Strong upon my mind and with a
positive Conviction that within Six Months Your
Lordship may dictate your own terms I will continue
to direct my labours to the object they have so
long been fixed on and to ask for another Recruit of
500 Europeans and 2 battalions of Sepoys ——
General Bruce after this reduction will have a larger
Army than Colonel Fullarton and if he marches
for Bengalore while the other pushes for Seringapatam
we must insure Success —

I have written to Colonel Fullarton
that being so near the reinforcement he should
meet it and when supplied at Tremulwaddy with
rice proceed immediately by Tirrore Shandimungalum
and Kamkeet to Salem when the great annu=

gasore

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ganne for General Bruce his Colonel Forbes with a
Small Corps of Europeans may proceed from Dindygal
towards Carvor and Cover the boats which are now ready
at Tuticorin poly Cuad and Barand may be reduced
almost in the moment that we go against Salam
for none of those places are equal to Dindigal
neither is resistance to be expected We should however
be prepared to meet it - Carvey poram would become the
resting place for the whole until the further reinforcement shall arrive The passage of the Ghats begins
about 5 Miles from Carvey poram and the Road
it is infinitely the best road into Mysore - Dindigal
now be impracticable and we could not proceed
from Palacachery

General Bruce should proceed from
Salam to Woombanellore and from thence by
Daramapooram and to Oascotah and Bengalore or
leaving Dermapooram a few miles on his right to avoid
by the Toppur pass and go by Rygacotah and
oysore both routes are practicable for heavy guns
and both offer Magazines but the most abundant we

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are on the Dermapooram road

Tondiman becomes more trouble-

=some daily and the Raja grows importunate on

the Subject of Killenelly and I request your Lordship

to excuse my omission in having so long with held

his representation on this Subject and to be my

Security to the Committee that I will not come

again upon them with importunities

I have seen with great pleasure

a Letter from Captain Byres expressing his

Obligation to your Lordship and giving us hope

of soon seeing him to the Southward He will

be a great acquisition and we shall all join in

Thanks to your Lordship for such an aid -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjore
6 July 1783

/ Signed / John Sullivan

Road from Salam to Soungapalam Malabar Miles

From Salam to Woombanallore - - N. 10

To Tippoor - - - - N. 10

To Adamuncottah - - - N. 8 -

is first place on the Paute from there

To Palachodoo - - - - NW. 10

To Rayacottah - - - - NW 10

To Dyroor - - - - NW. 19 -

To -

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| | Malabar Miles |
|---|---|
| To Aumcut | W. 8 |
| To Chatrum | W. 19 |
| To Channapatam | W. 19 |
| To Mundyam | W. 15 |
| To Sowryroyem | W. 10 |
| To Seringapatam | W. 10 |
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## Road from Cund to Seringapatam

From Cund

| | Miles | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To Barani | F. 7½ | Good road plain | near the Cavery frequent & abundance |
| To Kulanelly | F. 7½ | Do | |
| To Cavryporam | F. 22½ | Do | |
| To Mundally | F. 15 | | |

The Ascent of the Mountains begins about 3 Miles from Cavryporam & Continues to Mundally practicable for heavy Guns many Ravines occasioned by Floods but wood in abundance of filling them up

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Collaycaulum | F. 22½ | Good road on the flat of the Mountain fine Rice Country they saw their seeds in June |
| To Badarcoupy | F. 22½ | Good Road no Rice |
| To Ramanatondal | F. 15 | Good Road |
| To Myroe | F. 22½ | Wood and Gardens on each side the Road good |
| To Seringapatam | 12 | Do Do |
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Received likewise the following Letter from the

Commanding Officer of Pennacoil

To John Huddleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

rom Lieutenant Dawes
ating the Distress of
main Army for want
Grain and of his having
n ordered by General
uce to procure all that
possible from the
ffient Villages where
re is a Quantity buried
annot put this order
execution as he is
d to furnish a
ty for that purpose
closes a Return of Grain
the Garrison of
Pennacoil & Killamellore

I beg You will inform the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee I last Night
received a letter from Lieutenant Dyed aid de Camp
to General Bruce Dated 16th Instant wherein he informs
me that the Generals distress for Grain for the Followers
is very great He therein orders me to send without
loss of time to Villages where I two Days ago
informed him there was Grain Buried / and
collect as much Grain as possible to Have all the
Draught and Carriage Cattle now by me in
readiness to send it to Camp and on Protection of
a Detachment that is coming to this Place
for the Treasure and which Detachment left
Camp the same day I am also ordered to get as
much Rice as I possibly can at from Colongapatam

or

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or by any other Means in Powers to or to give the
Detachment Coming Here 5 Days Rice having the
Reserving 3 Days for the whole Army on its arrival here
in Consequence
to Captain Patterson
telling Him I should an Event with Bullocks to His assis
for Rice under the Command of a European Officer telling
him the very great Distress of the followers of the army
and observing How very Acceptable His utmost exertion
would be on this occasion in sending up Rice either
on Bullocks or by Coolies in as large a Quantity as
possible and a strong Detachment from his Division
I told him I should send of my People this Day
and They left this at Daylight I hope they will
be at Chonglput tomorrow Morning and as my
men which I sent with the letter to Captain
Patterson would be with him early this morning
He will have time enough to Prepare every thing
for them: So is so totally out of my Power to
furnish any Party to send out to Collect Provi-
sions the Villages before mentioned that I am
Astonished it Could have been Expected My

wheels

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whole Garrison would not be able under Several Days
to Dig up one Days Rice for the Army and in the
Present Situation of Affairs would not be Sufficient guard
for the Villages Independant of my working Party from
them I am also ordered to Send all the Draught and
Carriage Cattle fit for Service to Camp The Slaughter
Cattle and Sheep to remain here till further orders. I
received Likewise a Triplicate of an Order to The Comm.
of the Horse to be delivered to him as Soon as he
arrives at Cuyemeer The Ship is not yett arrived
I have 2 Men waiting on the Beach to Deliver the
Letter So soon as the Catamaran may come on Shore
Should the General take any Rice from Pennacoil
when he arrives here I beg the Right Honble &c &c &c
will Consider the Necessity of Sending upon Supply for
the Top of this Garrison I do not think with every
Exertion that I shall be to get as Sufficient with
that I have in Store for 2 Days for the Army by the
Generals order I Sent him a Return of the Provi
at the Port and at Pallamore: as I inclosed —
a Ship is also Conveyance at Present I believe this

for

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21th the Morse as I see what I take to be the Flag at Her Fre Fp Gt Mt Head the Detachment from Camp is arrived Colonel Elphinston Commands it He takes all the Money and Recovered Europeans with him to Camp.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Nat: Dawes

Permacoil
17th July 1783
1 P.M.

a Statement of Grain in the Garrison of Permacoil and Port of Killinore

at Permacoil

42037½ Seers Rice
13168 - Do Paddy
120.60 - Do Natchenee
800 - Do Cholam
288 - Do Green Gram
84 - Do Black Do
96 - Do Comboo -

at Killinore

374½ Seers Rice
3032 Do Paddy

NB 962 Seers Rice in the Department of the Agent not included in the above

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Nath: Dawes
Lieut Commanding
Permacoil

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A Letter (as entered in C: C: No. 1 was this

To His Highness the Nabob informing him of the Desire of the Court of Directors that he would write to Individuals thro' the Channel of the President and Council

day written to the Nabob by the Right Honble the President expressing the desire of the Court of Directors that His Highness in future would be pleased to write to Individuals thro' the channel of the President and Council & enclosing to His Highness a Copy of His Majesty's Proclamation on the 14th February

Dispatched the following Letter

To Major Maule

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee to desire you will without delay cause the necessary Repairs to the Barracks at Poondamalee to be executed agreeably to the Accompanying Report received from the Company's Bricklayer as they appear to be trifling the Engineer Lascars and other People will be almost sufficient to finish them: —— As the Troops are expected daily to arrive They must be done with the greatest expedition

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Kingscote Dy Secy.

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Pursuant

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Pursuant to orders Received from Major Maule Chief Engineer I have carefully Surveyed the Honble Company's Barracks Hospital &c at Poondamallee and find them in the following condition

The Barracks in the Fort have Received no other injury than that of Commom wear never the less they want some Small matter of Repairs Some Palmeras in the Officers Varandas being Swagged should be takenout and replaced with New some Tiling to be repaired Fogongs is want in the Cookrooms

The old Officers Barracks out of the Fort are greatly injured by Horses Bullocks &c being keep in them Fogongs being erected at Random against the walls have Blackned and Spiled them Some of the Windows hutters, Doors and Locks are gone The Shelves Doors windows &c in the officers are likewise gone.

The new Barracks are in a Similar Condition

The Hospital — Floors and Walls are likewise greatly injured from the usage mentioned above — The Sills under the Windows are brokenway Several of

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of the Catches to receive the Door Bolts are gone Some of the Raising Plates in the Varandas are very much Swagged and Should be taken out and replaced with New, Cookrooms Windows Doors &c are all gone There is Shelves left in the Godowns and Some of the Barracks are Burnt off the Tiling wants Some Repairs

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(Signed) Jas. Stringer

To William Oram Esqr.
Paymaster at
Vellore

Sir

It being very likely that Colonel Jones will apply for your Assistance with respect to his provisions &c for the Detachment under his Command I request you will comply as far as possible with Such Requisitions as he may make to You on this Subject And I am convinced of your Zeal for the public Service will endeavour you to employ every Means in your power towards Supplying his wants effectually

I have the honor to be &c &c

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To Mr. Oram and Gardner desiring them to comply with any Requisitions made by Colonel Jones for Provisions &c &c.

One other Letter of the Same Tenor and Date Sent to Robert Gardner Esqr.
Paymaster at Arcot

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To Captain Patterson

To The Commanding officer of Chinglepat desiring him to provide a proper Escort to convey Rice from that Place to Permacoil

Commanding at Chinglepat

Sir

I am desired by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that as the Paymaster of Chinglepat has received Orders to furnish the Commanding Officer of Permacoil with any Quantity of Rice he may endent for: that you immediately furnish a proper Escort to convey it Safe to Permacoil

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed)

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Bills on Bengal granted to Mr Thomas Robins for Godowns Rent

Ordered that a List of Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Mr Thomas Robbyns Naval & Ordnance Storekeeper to the Amount of Pagodas 2740.24 being the Amount for money paid by him on account of the Honble East India Company for Godowns Rent

From the Commanding officer of Poondamalle is very his Conduct has been disapproved of

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Received Letter from the Commanding Officer at Poondamalle (as entered in A.B. 87) expressing his concern that the Committee should have disapproved of his Conduct in opening a Letter addressed to the Paymaster and in issuing Pay to the Troops during his absence -

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Received the following Letter from Colonel Innes and Captain Edmonds.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to acquaint you that I arrived at this Place from Ellore near the Kistnah this Day, and shall be at Ongole on Monday next should nothing extraordinary happen my Tumbrills are an Days March before me where they are to wait my arrival the reason I sent them forward was there is a very bad piece of Road which I wished them much to pass before my Rain should fall

I hope my Lord and Gentlemen you have given directions to Captain Campbell as to the twenty four pounders I shall only take two of them by Capt. Edmands Advice, as he informs me there will be Difficulties in getting of them along.

You will see the Necessity of giving Your Orders to Nellore about the Provisions being Sent there, the Passes, as it will be impossible to procure enough for so langer Detachment as I shall have the honor of Commanding when they are all united.

From Col. Innes shall be at Ongole on Monday next His Tumbrills a Days much before him. Hopes directions have been given concerning the 24 Pounders shall take but two with him, & that Orders have been sent to Nellore respecting the Provisions being sent Have the Passes

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I can assure Your Gentlemen that I have not lost an instant in easing the two Brinches of the Kistnah that could possibly be avoided, and to tell you the Difficulties that arose every Day would be only taking up Your time -

I have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen with Respect
Your Most Obedient Humble Servt.
(Signed) Tho.s Jones

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

From Captain Edwards
Syed Mohamed Cawn
in the Cuddapah
Country having
exceeded his Orders
by advancing a few
Miles, was attacked
by a Party of the
Enemy, but on his
being joined by a
Party sent to his
Relief, the Enemy
fled, & many were
killed. a Report
prevails that
3000 Horse have
left Tippoos
Army, to reinforce
that Country. —

My Lord

I do myself the Honor to inform Your Lordship that Yesterday Said Mahomed Cawn when I had directed to take an Advantageous Post in Cuddapah Country in order to protect a few friends & cover convoys of provision - was for the Sake of plunder or some such thing persuaded to extend his orders & advance a few Cos. when he was attacked by about 1000 of the Enemys Horse & some Collours - on the firing & supposing him attacked & made hastily move to his relief on our coming in Sight the Enemy fled - Said Mahomed Cawn took the Advantage of their confusion, pursued & killed many, taking two or twelve horses, this has given his people great Spirits being ever ready to support them & the best of consequences may be expected

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23. expressed from it - The General Report bears that a
Detachment of 8000 horse have left Tippoo Saibs Army
as a reinforcement for these Countries - This and the
great Scarcity of provisions will oblige me to retire
to my former Station / The Cape / as the nearest
place to wait the arrival of Col: Lones -

I have the honor to be with great Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Obedient Servt.

/ Signed / Edward Edmond.

Camp
Bauddewell
15th. July 1783.

The Military Secretary received from General
Stuart the following Letter & Enclosures.

John Huddleston Esqr.
Secretary of the Select Committee.

Sir

I take Occasion to Send you as Official and
for Record and to be Sent by the present Dispatch
to the Honble the Court of Directors My observations
upon the Presidents Minute in Committee June 25th.
during my Aburvance on Service to gether with the
Paper X accompanying -

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obdt Servant

/ Signed / James Stuart

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On Saturday the 19th of July the Minutes or proceedings in Committee held the 25th of June last, were sent to me by Mr. Secretary Huddleston. — I see there, a Minute of 30 Pages framed by the Right Honble President, so personally injurious to me, & so replete with unjust, ungenerous, & illiberal attacks on my conduct as an Officer, when absent on the public Service, that in self defence, I must & shall be allowed to treat it, (now I am present) with the Liberty, never denied to the meanest British Subject, & certainly the privilege of My Station; had I been present in Committee to speak to it, at the first when it was given in, & at the seperate performance of this Individual President; I mean to do so now, without any reflection on the Government of which he and I are Members, & in this light, I desire it may be viewed & sent home by the next dispatch; —

| The parts of the Presidents Minutes alluded to. — | Observations on those parts. — |
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| From the beginning of the Minute as far as the three first pages, & to the words "No Effort Unmanned" | In general it is a repetition of what has already been dinn'd into the Ears of the Governor General and Council of Bengal, & of our Honble Employers to satiety with a fourth |

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23. Parts of the Presidents Minute alluded to. —

Observations on those parts —

fourth View, & Exhibition (as I believe) of his Lordships exclusive personal merit and Cabinet Generalship, against the naked Dutch, — His Eminent Services on that occasion have already been taken notice of in triplicate, by the Honble Court of Directors, but never once by the Honble House of Commons (who at the same time noticed the improperiety of his dictatorial —

authority on the occasion;) & here I cannot help observing the strange reasoning of this President, in challenging the exclusive powers given by the Board of Bengal, to our late Most able and deserving Commander in Chief, possessed of local knowledge, a Soldier & Agent of experience, which powers in a case as nearly Similar as possible, were exercised by this very President, tho' the neither had at the time, nor has he now, as I think, with all his knowledge; any

claims

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23d. Parts of the Presidents Minute alluded to

Observation on those parts —

claim or any thing but a self=ficient turn, the consequence of certain inherent qualities, to account for his ever assum=ing the exercise of such powers — There is besides an indelicacy in his now menton=ing the name of our late worthy Genl. in the way of dispute or discussion in matters that are passed, attempting to lower his reputation; the attempt is indeed equally absurd, as ungenerous because his Services, and his good ~~name~~ fame will remain in the page of English History, without a question, & without even the most distant Comparison I believe with those of this President. — The bringing him=self forward as the Captain General against the Dutch, with the other remarks, in those three pages, seems to be an awkward avant-proper or prologive to bring me forward on the Stage; & I find Myself, in absence, as it

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23d. Parts of the Consultn minute alluded to -

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Observations on those parts

it were by a Bull Gord & pitted to the end of the per-formance, But now that I am present, I do not mean to suf--fer a witness at to pass en-tirely without a little Correction But. What I am about to say in that way, will not be a Studied computation of words, & Sentences gramma-tically connected with each other, however unconnected with real Situation of things in practical Service for, such in general is the performance I allude to, ( The Honble the Court of Directors no less than their Government in Bengal, have Doubtless Of-ficial people they confide in, for the assorting of all their Various Correspondence and for comparing Assertions with the Standard of dates & facts, and as I wish them not to be guided solely by my representation So I hope neither will they trust to the

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23d Parts of the Presidents Minute alluded to --

Observations on those parts

The Care a portions of the Right Honble President, concerning whom, I had heard, among other great qualities he was endowed with, That of a retentive Memory was most conspicuous, Yet on the present Occasion, either that quality in him Must have been much impaired, or he Must suppose Others on their part have Lost it entirely because every thing contained in the Space of his Minute mentioned in the Margin, where he States, or rather Misstates My conduct, at the time of Hyder Ally's death, has been treated of over and over again, Many Months ago, & am Most Subject at that time, I was a roughly handled by Her Lordships Quill, as his heavy hand was capable of - I supposed indeed it was now left to the Judgment of others, I still

From the End of Page 3d to the End of Page 4th Ending with the too Obvious to be doubted - -

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Parts of the Presidents Minute alluded to —

Observations on those parts —

From the Words "Obviates to be doubted" (Page 4th.) to the Words "they resolved that the Carnatic Page 6th.

Suppose so, & I have nothing now to add to what I then offered in Answer, except my Assertion of equal currency as I hope with that of this President; Namely, that from facts & practical fair reasoning every inculpation or direct accusation of me, or of my conduct during that period are intirely refuted. —

In proceeding pursue through this draught of a Minute by Lord Macartney, I can't help making a remark on purpose to guard those who may read this or other performances of his Lordship, against their drawing final conclusions on the first View of his Statement as for example the Right Honble President States at the end of the fourth page talking of Hyder Allys death, that the inaction of the Army on so Critical an Occasion induced the Presidency of Bengal to lament that the

cause

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Parts of the President's
23. Minute alluded to —

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cause of it should proceed from
an Officer whom the Govern-
ment had invested with the
Command of the Army, & the
whole conduct of Military Opera-
tions &c. I beg it may be
adverted to, that the Right
Honble President has left
out for very evident reasons,
as I think certain leading
Words with which the Dis-
tinct Seperate Paragraph is
commited. — The Paragraph
alluded to, is in the Letter
from the Board of Bengal
March 11th and begins thus,
"Uninformed of what Genl
Stuart may have to produce
in his own Vindication,
against such heavy accusa-
tions, our regret is not
confined for the publick Mis-
fortunes, nor can we pre-
vent Ourselves from la-
menting, that the charge
if well founded should fall
upon an Officer whom Your
Have invested with the Com-
mand of the Army, &

the

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the whole conduct of our mili-
-tary Operations" The real
truth is that the Government
of Bengal when the above letter
was wrote, had seen only one side,
of the question, and that by some
unaccountable accident the hastile
Strictures on my conduct were not
accompanied with my answers
as they might have been a partia
communication took place, (&
if I rightly remember) at a pere
Similar to this late personal
attack when I was absent on
Service

See Proceedings in Committee April - 1783.

I took notice of it in Com-
-mittee immediately on my
return, & I felt so indignant
that I wrote in consequence to
the Board in Bengal just before
I went last on Service, I now
annex an Extract from that
letter and I make bold to say
that no reflection to my prejudice
as an officer or otherwise has
since come, I had almost said,
or will ever come from that
Hon'ble Board after hearing both
Sides

See letter X Seperate Paper.

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23d Parts of the Presidents Minute alluded to —

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Sides of any Question between this Right Honble Presidents and Me.

But to proceed, his Lordship Continues his Old efforts to Sapp my Authority as the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Troops in the Same Manner as he had attempted to do towards our late Commander in Chief. —

Next I dont know how it is he Cant get at the General Government without Something Personal and first he gives my poor Stump a Clumsy knock with his Sist, here Again he Seems to have lost his Old pertina = cious Memory forgetting that on a former occasion when he objected to my Ge = neralship because he heard I was drawn by Bullocks in the field, My Answer at that time and to that objection is

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23d Parts of the Presidents Minutes Alluded to -

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pointedly on record, but since this President Chuses to descend to personalities and to touch old Sores I shall take this occasion to Make one Observation; and however he may feel I shall leave it with our Honble Employers and the General Voice of the Settlement to decide on the Merits when I presume to say that with My remaining leg I am fully as equal to the Station of General as he is for that President or Governor with all the brains in his Sculi-

But to return to the Presidents Strictures on the powers of the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces Who it is a worn out topick — I have repeatedly said out Wrote to him that his own Separate Opinion will be of no weight with Me who positively deny the power of the Honble Companys Limited Governmt to

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25. Parts of the Presidents Minute alluded to.

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to alter or innovate on the occasion Intreating of this the president Shews his gross ignorance of Military Matters in Saying that My Powers as Command are different from those of the Late Commander in Chief because I have not a Special Commission -

Contrary however to the Assertion they are exactly the Same regarding the Disputed Matters even Withes that Commission and I am the Commander in Chief of his Majestys forces for the time being and the person in Station to enforce all Military Orders or Regulations and the Acts of Parliament afore, indeed it is of the Essence of Military Service and ever that it Should be So and Nothing but design or ignorance Could Call it in question

I come now to answer as Short as I Can

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23d Parts of the President's Minute alluded to —

Observations on those Parts

From the words Page 6th
They Resolved that the Carnatic
to the Words Page 8th The
General to guard against the
most remote Events —

to all the reasoning which
I think false Contained between
the Words referd to in the
Margin and say most assuredly
that there were no means with
the Army under my Command
to proceed with any hope of
Success against the French
& in Cuddalore until the 28th
of May after all the Rice was
landed from the Resolution
Store Ship at Conjeveram
and as to the Ships I took
before as well as after that
day I shall for the present
appeal to the Regular Suits
of Connected daily Letters
from me to Government
accompanied by a State of
the Rice and the Means of
Carriage with the Army
My Letters to Vice Admiral
Sir Edward Hughes from
April to the latest period
shall also be presented for
the information of this
Government and of the

Gov.

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Governor General and Council of Bengal and to our Honble Employers, in Short every Letter of mine that I know of during the interesting period from April 28th to July 2d when I was abruptly recalled and the exclusive Negotiation negociating with the French at Cuddalore was known in our Camp I shall endeavour I say before the present Dispatches close to furnish all those Materials offering it as the Clear and Clearest Mode of reasoning by appeal to dates and facts and not by Court Language or ignorant Theory however dogmatically Contained on paper In answer to the eight pages referred to in the Margin I shall in addition to the Letters above Mentioned comprise in one Return the Dates of all the Letters I have received from the Presidency and when received also

From the Words Page 8th of the General to Guard against &c to the Words Page 16th. It is possible indeed that the General might have been sincere

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also in like Manner the Letters to and from Colonel Stullarton, to and from Mr. Sulivan Resident at Tanjore, and the minute in Committee giving me a Latitude for the Co-operation of the Southern force and I shall cite the Letters giving the reasons why I wished and ordered the junction even before the Army had to Struggle with almost the whole Combind force of France in India by land and from the Sea and when the exigency encreased after Her — Majesty's fleet Ceased to Support or Cooperate with us at Cuddalore all this Shall appear without any Vague penmanship or nice Sophistry on my part but as already observed from Stubborn facts and dates and practical inference which the Soldier in the Ranks is equally Sensible of with the Genl. Circumstances which

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which may indeed be misrepresent-
-d from design but of which
none can really doubt but those
who are Short Sighted from
natural weakness & this is the
best apology that such a doubt-
-ing Could Admit there Seems
however to run through these
eight pages a strong propen-
-sity to give an unfavorable
impression as if from premed-
-itated design I had conceal'd
the dates when Letters were
received or entirely to Suppress
their Contents; it is with me
to despise Such Suspicions
I had no design other than
is known from my Correspon-
-dence; I did nothing from
a fear of Disobeying at times
the letter of Instructions when
I thought the Publick Service
required it and there was not
time for reference I did nothing
with an intention to Disobey
I did nothing to Court favour,

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I had nothing in view but the publick Service, For what reason then am I Suspected of Disingenuousness, but I will tell Lord Macartney who is so full of Suspicions and Suppositions and whom I have Solely and Constantly in View in this answer and in plain English too that Several of the Letters which he Supposed I received and which I did not receive in regular Course are now in the hands of Mons.r De Bussy who I know has Spoken and I have heard has wrote his Sentiments very Candidly upon the illiberality and injustice with which I have been treated Expressions of perversion intended delitari= =ness willfull concealment of information, procrastination &c. are used in the Minute of this President which War= =rant the Suitable return

on

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23d Extr of Presidents Minute alluded to -

from the Word Page 86th. to the Word Page 89th It is scarcily possible to desire to take it without &c.

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on My part towards that person who originally framed the Minute, and the only excuse I have to make to those who have the best right to judge between us for the expressions thus forced from me by a continued Sense I now brought to the highest pitch of ma- lignant misrepresentation of my Conduct in the most Material crisis in my life; and I hope they will admit of my apology and excuse when they See that it is a personal defence on my part against a Most unjust perso- nal attack. The assertions and reasonings this Right Honble President with the Spaces mentioned in the margin are of Such a nature that I trust what I have to Say in observation upon them will be the means to Shew both his Lordship and the real State of facts in a

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tion of View point —

I did not entitle reading the passages in question believe it was possible for the human heart with the worst intentions towards me to attempt to give an unfavorable view of my Conduct on the 13 of June; But it is otherwise and the Care now exists in the minute I comfort myself however and Congratulate human Society on a General Obser- vation and on this particu- lar Example that the head does not always keep pace with the heart On the contrary at times is the Means of exposing it (but to proceed) first I ever that be the Author who they may of what is called the best intelligence from Camp as stated by this Right Honble President who say that by procrastination the Enemy were enabled to erect very formidable works &c.

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8th. and that the Murmurs of the Army were what at length produced the attack of the Enemys works on the 13th. of June, I say who ever were the Authors of such report so grossly & swallowed and there for record stated in that Minute by Lord Macartney they have told a Most infamous falsehood and I repeat that nothing but a determined perversion of facts as stated in my daily Correspondence especially from June 9th. to June 13th. with the word design to words as no could have in my absence led to state such reports to this or to any other Government. — The Real truth and which ought to be stated as I shall do ought to raise a blush if possible some where, is that every preparation to receive us had been Made by the Enemy on the N. and N. W. Side

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of Cuddalore, and no Man in either Army knew that I meant to turn at their works This prepared untill nearly the last days march /June 7th./ through the Jungles, it is so stated in my daily correspondence to which I refer on this and every occasion ~

The delay upon the whole route from Chengle = put which that correspondence will also Account for did not therefore operate on the works on that side of Cuddalore which I from the outset Meant to attack. ~

On the Seventh of June as before observed we came to that very ground after almost fatiguing March never before entirely opened by any Army and after coming to this new ground we had some Skirmishing

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Skirmishing with the Enemy during good part of that day.

Does this Governor General think we could move into Cuddalore opposed by three thousand two Hundred European Regular Troops / as was the Case the day we Arrived / immediately upon our Arriving at the ground, with the same easy steps as His Lordship Moves from his Cabinet to the Council board with his minute Batterys.[a] Or where in all his reading does he know of an Army so Situated with so much depending at Sea in procuring of materials and provisions Beginning their operations more Expeditiously than this very army Did; [b] by Some Mistake at Sea as Mentioned in My Letter a Delay was Occasioned during the day after we came [to the] Ground

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Ground (8th.) but on the 9th. our Operations began against the Enemy Wrought in the midst of Difficulties about landing Stores &c. at the Beach and Bringing them from thence. The Enemy had therefore in fact only three or four Days at most to do what ever they Did before We drove them in. I determined on the General attack of their out posts the 12th. to take place the Morning following. It is an absolute falshood to my knowledge that any Man in the Army murmured; it is an absolute falshood that I was advised or prompted to that measure by any mean or by any thing but by the Sense of my Duty and an eager Desire from principle to carry on the Service to the best advantage according to my professional local knowledge and Experience as an Officer, and at the Head of the bravest and best

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Disposed Army for their numbers that Ever served their Country in this or any Climate –

The Plan for the Attack was my Own, and I had previous to any Consultation Seperately and deliberately & Considered the Component parts of it, for two entire Days, and yet the Secret, remained entirely with my=self.

The Observation therefore of this President in his minute 25th. Instant that it was difficult to effect, uncertain in the event, and Caused much Slaughter &c. is altogether impertinent and although Lord Macartney or others may deny to the Army and to me who had the honor to Com=mand the praise which the honest Heart would Chear=fully give, yet our Sove=reign, our Honble Employers and

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and the Voice of our Country well as we trust, give it liberally and chearfully: our Enemies have done so, and I am under the Necessity to appeal both to their feelings and to their Letters and Conversation publickly known.

In regard to what is said of my intentions represented as with duplicity in writing to the Admiral immediately after taking up our Ground South of Cuddalore with my Opinion (given at first) of the time it might require to carry the Place, My Answer is, by an appeal from disingenuous insinuations and Sophisticial Suppositions to the Dates and Contents of the whole of the Correspondence with Vice Admiral Sir Edwd Hughes from first to last, and to my intended Concealments in Correspondence with this Government, that Correspondence will speak for

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itself also; my plan to occupy our last ground of Encampment and the Route I was to take to get at it was concealed from Government and from Every one Else, and luckily it was so, otherwise the works which this President misrepresents as formidable would really have become so. -

I Shall Say nothing here Concerning the Deputation to Cuddalore, recommended in the Presidents minute of the 25th ulto or of the Singularity, that I, the General of the Army and a member of the Efficient political Government, Should be excluded from that Deputation, and a place given to a private Gentlemen not in the Companys Service but only a private Friend of the President Neither Shall

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I here State the Very unprecidented Mode of Conveying the General Orders to the Army and Given the Command of the Kings as well as Company Troops in the Field to another Officer in His Majestys Service and Consequently immediately Under My Orders, while I was Yet with the Army, without any previous Notice to me, or reason given for Such an irregularity and palpable Affront.

Suffice it to Say I have Submitted to this as an act of the Company's Government in whose Service I am, but in so far only as was consistent with my Station in the Command of His Majestys Forces as expressed in the papers Communicated by me to Government.

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from July 2d. inclusive, and yet after thus Sub=mitting I will not debar Myself from the Observation I mean now to add, and with which I conclude that this and the whole of what I have felt personally dis=agreeable Seems to me to have originated in the Same preturbed muddy Source and I have innocent=ly a Sort of malicious pleasure & comfort in thinking that the Governor General and Council of Bengal to gether with our late Most worthy Comman=der in Chief, and also Vice Admiral Sir Edwd. Hughes, have at different times been under the Same Predecament I am not therefore the only one that has reason to Complain

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and in hopes that the Conduct of the President will make no impression unfavorable to me I shall for the present Conclude without other observation or reflection than what I have been thus forced from recent intended Injury to make in this representation which I desire may accompany the Presidents Minute of the 25th. Ultimo and to be forwarded along with it to our Honble Employers and to the Governor General and Council of Bengal.

/ Signed / Jamr. Stuart.

Wednesday Noon
July 23d. 1783.

Extract of a Letter From General Stuart To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr. Governor General and Council of Bengal 17th. April.—

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Gentlemen

The Letter & Enclosures were sent by Captain D. Campbell to Bengal April 16th or 17th. 1783. P. S.

The Office Peon brought me late this night in Circulation the Letter of your Board to the Committee

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in Date March 18th. From the Letter alluded to I read particularly the following Sentence "Uninformed of "what General Stuart may have to produce in his "own Vindication against such heavy Accusations, our "request is not lessened for the Public Misfortunes nor "can we prevent ourselves from lamenting that the "Charge if well founded should fall upon an Officer "whom You have invested with the Command of the "Army and the whole Conduct of your Military Operations"

From the preceding words & indeed from the whole of your letter I have not a doubt of your having received partial Information concerning me and my Conduct and also concerning the State of the Army and of the Country in General at the periods alluded to I see in general by your letter that I am blamed.

Whether it was from the Seperate letters of Lord Macartney or the Finding of certain Official Papers on one Side only it has been and is in it's Consequence the same to me.

The Order therefore to remedy to the utmost what has past and to prevent any deep or lasting Impression on your Minds from such Proceedings I request You will be pleased to take in good part my transmitting the principal papers which I had indeed imagined had been sent to Bengal at the same time

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23. time with any papers presented in the Committee containing Strictures on my Conduct Such as to give rise to the Letter of March 18th.

In Sending them papers or others in future where I See it necessary for my own Justification it is not my intention to impress any thing on Your minds in favor of my reasoning untill you are fully informed elsewhere, all I mean is that when You receive Letters or Minutes on the Subjects alluded to the Answers may be ready at your hand.

Every information in my power is already made out for the Commander in Chief when I have looked for with the greatest impatience those many Weeks and even Months.

What I have to request & hope is that from His Excellency's Representation after full Information you will judge of me and of my Conduct, and weighing and considering every thing also on the part of Lord Macartney &c. being Assured that nothing will be transmitted home from Your Board on partial Information, and mean while I aim to request You will take my word for it that not an hour has been lost to the Service from the moment the command of this Army devolved upon me, neither ever will be. —

It is in the Chapter of probabilities that

Sir

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Sir Eyre Coote may be here in time to lead us, but in all events there will be an ample Sufficient for His Excellency to gain the Army at any time. —

Wrote the following Letters to their Excellencies Mr. Falck, Governor of Ceylon, and Mr. Van Braun Governor of Malacca

His Excellency Mr. Falck.

Governor of Ceylon - &c. &c. &c. at Columbo

Sir

It is with much Satisfaction I have now the honor to sent to your Excellency a Copy of the Letter from Lord Grantham one of his Majesty's Secretary's of State to the Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the East India Company dated the 23d January last, the latter part of which you will please particularly to attend to, also His Majesty's Proclamation of the 14th February last - by which it appears, that a Cessation of Hostilities had taken place between Great Britain and the Seven United Provinces, which I flatter Myself will be very soon followed by a definitive treaty of Peace.

Of this Situation of affairs this Government has availed itself by directing it to be Signified to all our Dutch Prisioners, that they should consider themselves at full Liberty and we shall be happy to see the antient friendship restored between the two nation

For Messrs Falck & Van Braun, enclosing Copy of a letter from Lord Grantham to the Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the East India Company - and his Majesty's Proclamation of the 14th February; respecting a cessation of Hostilities with the Republic of Holland, and Dutch Prisoners to be released.

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23d. Nations testified by a mutual Confidence and Reciprocation of Good offices and benevolence.

I have the honor to be with great Esteem and Regard

Sir

Your Excellency's

Most Humble Servant

/ Signed / Macartney

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The same to His Excellency

Mr. Van Braam. Govr.

of Malaca &c. &c. &c.

24th. Received the following Letters.

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

My Lord.

From Mr. Basil Cochrane enclosing Letter from Mr. Porter to the Military Secretary, defending himself against the Charge alledged; of his not delivering his Acct. to Mr. Irwin. Encloses also Extract of a letter from Mr. Porter to Mr. Irwin respecting his proceeding to the Presidency.

I have the honor to send your Lordship three Packets No 1 came to hand on the 20th instant and No 3 is just now received, and I forwarded it by the Kitch Salamatty commanded by Commanded by Captain Maximians Pereira which Vessel was to have Sailed Yesterday - Lt. Andrews goes passenger in her and will have the honor of delivering the Packets - An other Vessel will Sail tomorrow in which Captain Boroden takes his Passage and will carry dupliate of my Letter to your Lordship & Select Committee of date the 21st.

I have the honor to be

your Lordships

Most Obedient & Very humble Servt.

/ Signed / Basil Cochrane

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To John Huddleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Committee

Sirs

I received your letter of the 19th Ultimo the 5th Instant acquainting me "That the Right Honble the "President and Select Committee understand I have refused "to deliver my Accounts to Mr. Irwin or delayed it in "such a Manner as is equivalent to a refusal." — Although Mr. Irwin is not mentioned as having made this hars Accusation against me, yet I can presume it is come from no Other but him

Mr. Irwin wrote me the 9th April last, "I wait for your Accounts to transmit my Account Current for the Month of March to the Presidency" To which I replied in a letter the Day following — "I "have not yet been able to get the Company's Accounts "wrote fair for the Month of February last to inform "you of the Exact Balance of Cash at that time to be "brought forward in Your Accounts for last Month. — "I shall however get it wrote as soon as possible and "furnish you with it, together with the Disbursements "I have been necessitated to make an Account of the Company for last month. — The 12th May Mr. Irwin wrote to me for my Accounts to the Effect of Mr. Irwin's Application for them the 9th April. — The 24th May I informed Mr. Irwin of the Balance of my Account with the Honble Company the 28th February to be

brought

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3291 23d. brought forward in his Account Current for March, and sent him at the same time my Accounts for March and April last Mr. Irwin wrote me in Consequence the 25th. for the whole Accounts of Receipts and Disburse-ments of my Employ, and upon my acquainting him in reply thereto that I had transmitted them to the Month of February last to the Presidency he wrote to me the 26th. following to furnish him with Copies thereof, which I have accordingly been preparing from that time but have not yet been able to get finished on Account of the considerable length of them they will however be done in a few Days when I shall immediately send them to him. Here I beg leave to acknowledge the Receipt of the Right Honble the Presidents Letter of the 3d. the 28th. Ultimo directing me to furnish Mr. Irwin with Copies of the Accounts I had transmitted to the Presidency.

If Mr. Irwin in my Answer the 10th. to this Applic-ation for my Accounts dated the 9th. April last, found I has misconceived his Meaning, why did he not thereupon had set me right, by informing me that he wanted the whole of my Accounts, when such Thereof as I might not at the time have dispatched to the President I could have delivered him, and those that I had dispatched, furnished him, with Copies of without Delay; And his not having explained himself to me thereon can perhaps only be accounted for by one of the two following Reasons Viz.t

First

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24th. First, That at that Time he did not want the whole of my Accounts, but the Balance of my Account for February only to bring forward in his Account Current for the Month of March last, — and Secondly — That he was willing to leave me under a Misconception of his meaning, that he might at his Discretion at a Subsequent Period make it a Complaint to the Select Committee against me, and I have in Consequence unhappily incurred the Displeasure of the Select Committee on this Account, when the least Light and Assistance from Mr. Irwin, that Justice might seem to demand from him, would I flatter myself have enabled me to guard against it. —

The Right Honble the President having repeatedly wrote to me to send my Accounts to the Presidency, and the great Delay that had happened therein from the Necessity I was under of proceeding to Madura in the Month of December last, and of continuing with the Renter with the Detachment of the Company's Troops that was in the Field on my Return thence till Mr. Irwin's Arrival in this Country made me extreamly anxious to get my Accounts up to the Month of February last, dispatched to the Presidency, with every possible Expedition, and I did not conceive that my Conduct herein would have met with the Smallest Disapprobation from Mr. Irwin or have frustrated in any Degree a due Investigation of the Several Matters given him in Charge as I was always ready to furnish him with Copies of my Accounts, and to have afforded him every Information

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24th and Expectation thereon in writing or by waiting upon him, that he might have judged proper to require from me.—

I am Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) George Proctor

Tennevelly
7th July 1783.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I send Your Lordship &c.
enclosed Extracts of a Letter I addressed Mr. Irwin with Mr. Torin's Answer there to Dated the 2d. Instant for Your Lordship &cs Orders in Consequence concerning Me.—

I am
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) George Proctor

Tennevelly
5th July 1783.—

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Proctor to Mr. Irwin Dated 2d. July 1783.

The Extract of the Letter from the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to You Dated the 15th May last

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24 last transcribed in Yours to me of the 7th Ultimo directing, That I should receive my Allowance as at first Settled to the Time I was relieved from my Office by Your Arrival here; — Without the Select Committees having been pleased to appoint me any other Salary or Gratuity from that Period, fully impresses me with the Belief that it is their Intention and wish that I should leave my Station and proceed to the Presidency, without its appearing to them necessary to send me an express Order for that purpose proceeding to the Presidency with all convenient Expedition. —

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Torin to Mr. Proctor Dated 2d July 1783.

I am requested by Mr. Irwin to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to him of this date Acquainting him, that you intend to proceed with all convenient expedition to the Presidency. —

Mr. Irwin has only to observe thereon, that you are Master of your own Actions, and as you are to answer it, will be the best judge, with what Safety you may proceed to the Presidency before the Enquiry ordered on your Conduct can possibly come on; and without the express leave of the Select Committee. —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

Inclosed I have the honor to send you a

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From Col: Jones enclosing Letter from Captain Edmonds, advising of Tippoo's having sent 8000 of his best Horse, for the Protection of the Neighbouring Countries.

24th. a Copy of a Letter I have this instant received from Captain Edmonds, I Shall leave a Company behind for an Escort to the twenty four pounders Should I find it Your intention that they are to proceed, and join him with the remainder of my Detachment as Soon as possible I hope Directions will be given as to furnishing of us with Provisions.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient H.le Servt.
/ Signed / Tho.s Jones.

Ventapalam
19th. July 1783.

To Lieutenant Colonel Jones

Sir

I do myself the honor to inform you that yesterday I received intelligence that Tippoo Saib has detached from his army eight thousand / 8,000 / of his best horse as a reinforcement to his Troops already in the Neighbouring Countries with orders to proceed by the most expeditious route, this no doubt makes the Speedy Junction of your Detachment much to be wished for, Should it not take place before their Arrival - I will be obliged to fall back to Combinie Fort for want of Provisions and the consequences to be found on that the Poligars who at present express Satisfaction at the Change of Government may turn their backs and the / thus advantageous post become

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become an hideous task. — Should / as I conceive / the 24 lbrs be an impediment to this desirable Abject the junction of point would Sufficiently check the Enemy so as to render the other part a Sufficient Escort for the Guns - I flatter Myself / pardon the freedom with which I offer my Sentiments - And have the honor to be. —

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servt.
(Signed) Edward Edmonds
Captain Commandg

Comaral
the pass leading into the
Cuddapah Country
13th. July 1783.

A true Copy
(Signed) Tho.s. Jones
Sr. &r.

Received Letter as entered in the MB 8 )

From Mr. Sulivan requesting Mr. H. Taylor may proceed to the Presidency —

From the President at Tanjore; requesting permission for Mr. Harry Taylor to proceed to the Presidency on account of his private Affairs —

From Mr. Cockrane has drawn a Sett of Bills in Favor of Capt.n Boudon, on the Presidency —

From the Honble Mr. Cockrane; advising of his having drawn a Sett of Bills on the Presidency in favor of Captain Bowden for Star Pag.s 1517 and enclosing a Paper of Intelligence as lodged in the Office. —

From Commanding Officer of Chengleput has acquainted the Officer Commanding at Carmacoil of the Committee's Instructions to him of the 22d. July —

From the Commanding Officer at Chengleput, — acknowledging the receipt of the Committee's Orders of the 22d. July with which he had acquainted the Commanding Officer at Carmacoil —

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25th. Received the following Letter addressed to the Military Secretary by General Stuart. —

John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary Select Committee.

Sir

The not Summoning a Meeting of the Select Committee (Since my Arrival on the 16th. Inst.) on the Compys most interesting Business will, from necessity on My part, give You the trouble of frequent daily Letters before the packet closes, Such being the only Medium to transmit both essential papers to be forwarded by the Dispatch to the Honble Court of Directors, and also (as at present to You Officially) what I have to Say upon Such papers, which in the more regular way might have been discussed in Committee. I now take occasion to send for record, a paper of Intelligence that came to me from the Honble Mr. Cockrane who will continue the same Correspondence (upon public Service) with the Honble Major General Bruce, or whoever may Command in My place.) Allowing

(C) for the incorrect Stile of black writers the Intelligence Seems to me to give an Additional Degree of Certainty, that Monsr. DeBussy & his Emissaries are not acting in good faith, either to bring about a particular peace in the Carnatic, or the general peace in India, & that the great object of the french now in View is, to be the Umpires in Any peace to take place between us,

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us, & the Mysoreans, & for that end, to bring them back into the Carnatic. — There is also another paper which I believe to be the Journal of a French Sea

(D.) Officer, during the important period mentioned in that Journal, I take Occasion also Sir, to send to You Officially the French translation, made either

(A) by Mons.r Bussy or Mons.r Suffrein's Order, of the Committees letter to me dated June the 3d. & intercepted by some of the Enemy's horse. — There is an

(B) Extract of a letter also, from Mons.r Moyssac Captain of the Heros (Suffrein's Ship) to a Captain in our Fleet now present; Sowing to ascertain the fact of the Translation, & the indentity of the Letter. — It will appear from my correspondence that the first day I saw the Original Letter (then in triplicate) was on the 29th. of June, & inclosed in another from the Committee, dated June the 17th. — This is one of the Letters I allude to, in one part my Observations July 23d., on the Right Honble Presidents minute of the 25th. of June; I have from good Authority heard, that both Mons.r De Bussy, & De Suffrien have made written Commentaries upon this intercepted Letter; I may possibly have it in my power Soon, to furnish You with their Commentaries for the Information of our Honble Employers. —

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I have the honor to be
Sir Your Most Obedient
& Most Humble Servant
(Signed) Jam.s Stuart —

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25th July 11th ..... M. Bussy and Mahomed Ismaul have each received a Letter from Tippoo Sahel — The Letter to the former is as follows" — I have wrote to Mahomed Ismaul the particulars of which he will communicate to you and I desire you will give him a direct answer thereto — That to Mahomed Ismaul is to the following purport " The English, French and Dutch Kings began to negociate a peace on the 9th July 82 and concluded it on the 9th January 83. In the time of Hyderally The French General D'Ethurnir came on Shore at Portonova in April 82 and made an Agreement between Hyderally Cawn and the French, tha a Jagheer of 13 Lacks of Rupees near Pondicherry Should be delivered to the french — One and half Lack of Rupees per Month for the Expence of the Army, and a pucka Seer of their per day to each of their Troop's — thus it was determined on but the writings were not Signed the French General wrote so to his King which Letter he received in December 1782 The Conduct of the French is very improper for it appears they concluded a peace in the Month of January 82 and disregarded the Letter they received the Month before. This intelli= -gence the French Commandant in my Camp has received from Goa Trusting to the French I prolonged the war against the English for these 3 years past, in which time much many has been expended, and the English took possession of some part of the Seringapatam Countries The French have not only concluded

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25 concluded a peace with the English for themselves, but they have deceived me, I therefore cannot put any confidence in them and many people have told me that they are not to be trusted I was happy to join them in hopes of both, gaining a great name, but their ruin is not far distant. All this you will Acquaint Mr. Bussy with, and write me his answer, also the news of the Truth and English in the Carnatic — This letter is dated at Codegoo the 27th. June 83 — and received at Caddalore the 7th. Instant Mahomed Ismaul informed Mr. Bussy of every thing he was desired / who understood / before that Tippoo had received all the Above News on the 26th. June & next day appointed Vackeel to go to the Marattas, expecting thro' their means to conclude a peace with the English, also sent Vackeels to Bombay and to Madras / and received the following Answer with a present to himself of 2000 Rupees — This true peace is concluded in Europe between the English and French, and have received the packet of the French and English Kings that came in an English Ship to Madras but as soon as the french Ship arrives which I suppose is by this time at the Mauritius I shall be able to inform you of the particulars at present the English Councellors are here, and those of the french are gone to Madras — I always advise the former to make peace with Tippoo Saheb and after which the french would take possession of Condicherry, who reply, That the french have no business with Tippoo Saheb, and

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that they would make a peace with him themselves — To which I answered that they must send the Nabob Mahomed ally Cawn to Arcot, and confine themselves to the Comp.ys Dagheir — and then the French would drop their connection with Tippoo Saheb — That the French had made an Agree=ment with Tippoo Saheb to deliver to him Trichenopoly & Arcot Countries on which account they had received large Sums of Money — Therefore that he must first Settle Tippoo Sahebs business and then he would march to Pondicherry otherwise that they had only to send Mahomed ally Cawn to Arcot and then neither would have any business with Tippoo Saheb or Mahomed ally Cawn — Thus I am carrying on matters, and Tippoo Saheb ought to lose no time in returning to the Carnatic, as this is a proper opportunity for concluding a peace with the English — I shall write so to Tippoo Saheb, you will do the Same: This is all a trick of the French at Cuddalore for they have received no orders from Europe and they are acting so in order to prevent Tippoo Saheb concluding a Seperate peace with the English. —

July 13 ..... On the 11th. Instant The French began to send all their publick and private Effects to Pondicherry in consequence of their having opened the Sealed packet that came out in the English Ships Sealed with the Seal of France and England Mahomed Yamaul Tippoo Sahebs Vackeel coming to the knowledge of it, waited

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25th. Mr. Bussy and told him, at your desire I wrote to Tippoo Saheb that the french would not take possession of Pondicherry until a peace was concluded between The English and Tippoo Saheb but now you have changed your resolution and are sending all your furniture to Pondicherry after having perused the Packet and if I wrote so Tippoo Saheb, he will think it very improper Mr. Bussy replied you have heared only the public Talk of the Town it is no matter our having read the Letter - The French and English Commessioners are recvd. at Bombay, and will soon be here also the French Ship from the Mauritius soon after their arrival the French and English will conclude a peace, in the mean time we shall settle Tippoo Sahebs Bussiness, all this you will write Tippoo Saheb. -

Sayed Saheb agreeable to the Order of Mr. Bussy left Verdachellum and arrived at Treenallaar in his way to Trivady but soon after he marched to Tiager which Mr. Bussy heared and desired Mahomed Issmaul to mention it to Tippoo Saheb -

Colonel Fullarton arrived at Worriarpallam but by Order of the general of the English Grand army is gone back to Trichinopoly --

July 16th. - - - - - The Maratta Sirdars Nunnapatty=neys and Arcepuntputtaca put the following question to Narasingarry Tippoo Sahebs Vackeel at their Courtn

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25th Some time ago Tippoo Saheb wrote three different times to the Marattas, requesting them to negociate a peace betweet him and the English but as soon as Mr. Bussy Arrived in the coast with a considerable reinforcement Tippoo Saheb discontinued writing to the Marattas about their mediating speace now Tippoo Saheb is informed that the French and English have concluded peace in Europe, that the French Agents are arrived at Bombay and immediately on their arrival at Madras peace will be concluded in India what will Tippoo Saheb do now. Tippoo Sahebs Vackeel immediately communicated the same to his master who received the following Answer. The English are a bad people, and there is no confidence to be put in them; I knew they would never agree to proper and fair terms were the proposal to come from me, therefore I meant to frighten them thro the Means of the French and afterwards to Negociate a peace with them in the Same Manner as I wrote the Marattas lately, in the interim the French and English concluded a peace, and it is my intention to a make peace with the English thro the means of the Marattas, to guard against any accident happening to the Marattas and the English attacking me again. In the year 1769. My Father Hyder ally Cawn and the English Concluded a peace, in which the Tanjore Country guarantied. The English engaged to

25th engaged to assist us with Troops when required, and not to give any aid to our Enemies — This was settled in Mr. Boucher's Government — during the Seige of Tanjore we Wrote to the English, who replied, That it was not them that went against Tanjore, but the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn — The French requested our assistance during the Seige of Pondicherry which we refused to grant, for fear of giving offence to the English — During the Seige of Chittracal we requested the English to Send a Detachment to our Assistance which they did not comply with when the English went against and took make / a Seaport belonging to the Serangapatam Country which was given to the French / we Wrote them about it, who replied, that it was the Orders from England, which they could not disobey — The English Assisted our Enemy Basalet Jung, and took possession of Guntoor. The English never would perform any of their Engagements We understood that they intended attacking Serangapatam and by the permission of the Marattas we attacked the English — and since these three Years have expended large Sums of Money in Sending for the French from Europe who have thought proper to conclude a peace with the English now the English will not reject the Mediation of the Marattas and the terms they may propose — Before Triethenopoly was under the Charge of Mimeley arayah who expended much Money — now the plan is to get Triethenopoly returned

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25 to us- all this you will communicate to the Marattas

July 17th ——— Just as Syed Saheb was ready to march from Vallundoor Pettah to Tyagar he received a letter from Sippoo Saheb telling him that if he did not retake Chellumbrum written three days after he received the letter he would order him to be hanged Syed Saheb im- mediately returned to Trevady and his Camp at Settoor 5 Coss from Chellumbrum and proceeding there to put in execution the Orders of Sippoo Saheb. Syed Saheb's receiving this letter is in consequence of one Mr. Bufsy wrote to Sippoo Saheb Mentioning that Syed Saheb had quitted Chellumbrum without Orders and had given no Assistance when the English took the French Batteries. —

One Rajah Saheb and Kishnah Roy who were Cutwalls in Hyder ally's Camp were after his decease plundered by Sippoo Saheb of two lacks of Pagodas. after which they went to Vellore and Settled with the Command- ing Officer to take possession of the Country near Chettoor with a thousand Horse now they have taken charge of Chellett, Vellore and Calasapaucum Countries and appointed English Amaldars- Syed Saheb received this intelligence and informed Mr. Bufsy of the Same who advised Him not to quit any of the Forts under the Arcot Subah. On the Contrary to Reinforce them with Strong Garrisons- As on the Arrival of the French

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Agents it may be managed for their Continueing in passession

Syed Sahel is very much Alarmed at the Letter he has received from Tippoo Sahel And has Sent Orders for Shreepatty rogen to return immedi=ately The Countries to the West And North ward of Verdachellum are cultivated Allo the Countries of the Great province Under Tippoo Sahels charge But it is not the case with those Countries under the protection of the English.

July 20th Mr. De Lancy returned from Madras the 16th Instant who Settled that all Prisoners Should be immediately released and a Ship is Gone to Trincomallee with Orders for the release of all the English Prisoners there Mr. Bussy has Ordered the Government House at Pondicherry to be repaid the Works going on. He desired Mahomed Ismael to write to Tippoo Sahel to Return the 300 English Prisoners Delivered to him by Mr. Suffrein.

Mr. Mercier Sent for Tippoo Sahebs Vackeel and Told him as follows "The French and english have concluded a peace I have heard Tippoo Saheb has Sent Vackeels to the English to treat about peace unconnec=ted with the French. If he does So he will not be able to Settle it properly for the English did not perform their engagements last time. I am certain he will not be able to Agree with the English and it is better to let the French Settle it for him Mr. Bussy is

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25 Desirous of negociating a peace between to Sippoo Sahib and the English and then he will take possession of Condicherry, Mr. De Lancy has already Spoken to the Government at Madras to conclude a peace with Sippoo Sahib who agreed to the Same I desire You will Mention all this to Sippoo Sahib —

I. S.

Extract of a French Journal of the French & English Fleet from May 24 till June 23d. 1783.

May 24th At A. M. The English Fleet have in sight off Trincamalee at 5 P. M. they were within three Miles of Back bay and a Frigate & the Chaser close in

At this time there was in back bay 8 Ships of the line the Country Frigate one Dutch Ship & 3 or 4 Transports laying in an irregular manner without Springs on their Cables & in no condition to engage as most of their Men were on Shore — Immediately on the English fleet appearing Mr. Suffraine hoisted his flag on board the Hannibal one of the above Ships — & was busy all the day in towing the Ships into Order The breze from the East ward — & Engleesh fleet standing right in — the battenes or Flag Staff point the Ships laying in Back Bay are contracted as follows.

The lower battery of 5 Guns — — — — There was now ready in
The Middle D°. of 7 D°. & 2 Mortar — — In this only two Guns not mounted on Carriages —
The upper D°. of 8 D°. & 1 D°. — — — In this only 5 Guns & a Mortar ready —

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25 The Ships in Trincamalley Harbour they say were as follows —

1st The Hero of 74 Guns ——— had no Water on board
2d The Sphinx of 64 Do ———
3d The Baillant of 64 Do ——— Bowsprett out & Strip of harbour Rigging Ready ———

4th The English Hanibal of 50 Do
5th
6th
7th
8th The Consolant of 40 Do ——— Ready.
9th The Cleopatra of 40 Do ——— Do
10th The L. Fox of 40 Do ——— Dis armed & men taken for the fleet ——

11th The Apollo of 42 Guns ——— Dis armed & men to taken for the Three Ships of the line leaving on board a few black people to Pompings —

12th The Bervayeuze 40 Do ——— Do
13th The Bellona 38 Do ——— Do

25th At 6 A.M. The English Fleet in Sight standing to the Southward & in the evening out of Sight during this day Mons.r De Sufferain got the 8 Ships in back bay into a line & brought out two Ships of the line from Trincamallee harbour.

26th Brought three more Ships at the line from Trincomallee harbour.

27th Brought out the remainder to back bay the Hero & Brilliant — so that M.r Sufferain had ready 15 Ships of the line — The Cleopatra & Coventry Frigates.

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The Conrolant frigate remaind in Trinquemallee harbour & did not come out tile the 30th. of June they being painty her.

28th. In the afternoon railed the Sundant of 64 Guns & the & Coventry Sirigates & two those Ships for Cuddalore -

30th. At half past nine the English Fleet appeared again - -

June 1st. At in high during this might two English prisoners made their escape in a boat from one of the transports & went on board the English Fleet -

2d. At day break in sight again - at 1/2 part 10 P.M. out of sight - This day the whole French fleet got Sprorings on their Cables

10th. The Sea Sant & Cleopatra returned from Cudalore & anchored in back bay -

11th. The whole French Fleet weighed from back bay and Stood for the Coast -

13th. At Sunrise off Negapatam

14th. In sight of the English Fleet at Anchor between Portenovo & Cuddalore at 1/2 past 4 P.M. Anchored South & by East from the English Fleet & about three Leagues distant - -

15 At 11 A.M. The French Fleet weighed -

16 A half past two P.M The English Fleet got under weigh the French fleet drawing drawing near them -

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17th The French fleet anchored before Cuddalore & took on board some men.

18 The french fleet got under weigh & made sail towards the English Fleet.

20 The two fleet ingaged at 4 P M which lasted till ½ Past 6 in the evening.

21 The French fleet anchored 1½ leagues from the Shore Condicherry bearing W N.

22d At 6 Am the French Fleet weighed & were in sight of the English Fleet Standing for Madras.

22d The French Fleet anchored against before Cudalore.

From the Moment the two fleets got under weigh the two fleets were in sight of one another the English trying to get the weather gage - wearing more than tacking by which means Delayed coming to an engagement Several times until the 20th. when it was impossible to refuse it - the English being the French fleet got under weigh the June 22d. edged the french bore down towards them but seeing that they wanted to draw them or towards Madras the french stood Cudalore. & when Mons.r De Suffrein left Trincomalee he took all the men on board except 500 he left in Fort-Snabourg to protect the Su Fin Appallo - Purvoyeure - & Bellona Frigates dis armed - with only a few black people on board to furnish them -

The above received from M.r Cochran July 24 1783. J.S.

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Extract from the Original Letter of Monsr. de Merlgeac Captain of Monsr. de Suffrain Ships and delivered by Mr. Le Coute.

Received Letters as entered in the M. B ——

From the Paymaster at Trupassore; enclosing Return of Stores in that Garrison for the Month of June

From Paymt. of Trupassore enclosing Return of Stores ——

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From Ensign Dawson

From Ensign Dawson, inclosing a Certificate of ill Health, & requesting permission to proceed to the Northward for his Recovery.

To the Northern Settlements, directing them to release the Dutch Prisoners —

Dispatched Letters as entered in the M. B. ) To Masulipatam Ganjam & Vizagapatam — Directing them to release all the Dutch Prisoners in their Custody and that their Subsistance do cease.

To Ingram M.r Perrot to be informed that is at Liberty

To Ingram — desiring that M.r Perrot may be informed that he may consider himself at Liberty —

Received the following Letter from the Command-ing Officer at Permacoil.

John Hudleston Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir

From Lieutenant Dawes the Detachmt. returned from Chengle-put with Rice, The Distresses of the main Army for want of Grain now at an End as the more & several other Sick are arrived — Has rec.d 300 Pag.das from the Paymaster Supply of Cash most wanted.

I request you will do me the favor to acquaint the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, that any Detachment retain from Chengle-put Yesterday having with 120 Bullock load of Rice, and that I was fortunate Enough to be able to Purchase 226 Maracals the Day before which I thought a great Stroke of good fortune, but I have the Happiness to have been Court by ; of the 21.st from Lt. Dyce, that, the Morse with other Ships are arrives and that their Dis-tresses are an End; However I have the Pleasing reflec-tion of having made an addition to my Garrison Stores by the Exaction; I Received from the Pay masters

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95 Men (by order of the General) 300 Pagodas for the loss of the Garrison out of the 60,000, Just which Sum was not Sufficient off the Ballance of last Month, or Pay the Money Due, (for last Month) after Issuing Pay to the Europeans of the ; as Subsis-tance for June; The Amount of Grain laid into the Garrison Stores by me is upwards of 900 Pagodas, beside other Necessary Expences that Occur Daily and which the Various Works Here Carrying on Make unavoidable. It is Absolutely a Necessary that a best Quantity of Chunam Should be Collected, So as to unite the Steps or the face of the works that the Monsoon may not have any Effect on them; In the Hurry, I was Oblige to run them up, they were done with , but tho' of Temporary use, they will not Stand the Rain; I have a tollerable Quantity of Chunam Already Burnt & People Employed Burning the Companys Bullocks Answer well from Bringing it in Coolies would make it to Expensive; I have so frequently mentioned the Subject of Cash to the Honble the S.C that I am loath to do it at Present from that I have Said I have it to Mein Honors & to Judge of the Expediency of doing it, & How far I shall be able to Answer Mein without at apply — I have the Honor to be —

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Sir
Your Most Humble Servt.
(Signed) N Dawas Lt Comg

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26 Received the following Letters from the Resident at Anjango, Colonel Fullarton, and the Honble Mr. Cockrane.

(Duplicate

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I am honored with the receipt of Your Lordships &c. Letter of the 24th. ultimo accompanied by Copies of Papers from the Select Committee of Bombay to which the strictest Attention shall be paid.

Mr. Sullivan has forwarded to me Extracts of Several Letters containing the most recent Intelligence from his Quarter.

The Season preventing Advices from the Northward being received by Water & the Callicut Country being in possession of the Enemy, making it equally impracticable to obtain any by Land, I am compelled to be silent at a time when I could wish to give Some positive Accounts of our Situation at Bednore & on the Coast.

I have the honor to remain with

perfect Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient Hble Servt.
(Signed) John Hutchinson

Anjengo
19 June 1783.

From Resident of Anjango has received the Committee's dispatches of the 24th Ulto. Can give no Information of the Situation of our Officers to the Northward, the Season of the Year not permitting Advices to be sent by Sea, & the Enemy being in possession of the Callicut Country.

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(Duplicate)

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

My Lord

From President of Anjengo enclosing Letter from Mr. Sibbald giving the particulars of the Capture of Genl. Mathews & his Army of Bednore describes the Situation Produce & Revenues of that Country. relates the Cruelty of Tippoo Saib to the Prisoners; & of the handsome Behaviour of the Rajah of Coorg a Letter from whom is enclosed —

The Enclosure from Mr. Sibbald to Your Lordship is just received, which is dispatched Express without a moments detention. — It conveys an account of the fatal Catastrophe to the splendid Success of General Mathews at Bednore, which Surrendered on Terms of Capitulation; they were, that the whole Garrison should be Sent to Bombay, but which the perfidious Enemy broke the moment they took possession of the Place by making our People Prisoners — The General at Seerangapatn. the other Officer at Chittuldroog

Mungulore has been closely besieged Since the 23d. ultimo — no certain Accounts can be Obtained from thence, but it is hoped it is capable of Resistance until a Reinforcement can arrive from Bombay

I have the honor to be with perfect Respect
My Lord
Your Lordships Most
Obedient humble Servant
(Signed) John Hutchenson

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor of Port St George

My Lord

I did myself the Honor to address you last under the 27th Ultimo since when Several Servants belonging to our Gentlemen at Bednore, and also some Seapoys have made their escape from the enemy, and as they give very clear and particular Account of the vile & perfidious Conduct of Tuppoo Saib which may not reach you from any other Quarter, as our unhappy Prisoners will no doubt be denied every possible means of conveying Intelligence I therefore think it my Duty to communicate it to you.

These People say the Enemy made their appearance before Bednore about the 5th or 6th of the april, & that so bad was our Intelligence that Genl. Mathews had not Sufficient to me to with draw the Garisons of Ammuntpoor & Coladroog, which would have added much to his own Strength at Bednore we therefore conclude his Force could not have been above 500 Europeans & 1000 Seapoys The Enemy were for some Days prevented erecting Batteries against the Fort by the frequent Sallies our Troops made upon them, and in which they Suffered considerably, at length however it Seems they did erect Batteries of heavy Cannon from with they Kept a constant fire upon the Fort, for eighteen days, but, as these People say that the defence only

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only of the Fort were distroyd, I conclude their Batteries must have been at a considerable distance. About the End of April they Sent in a Flag of True proposing Terms to General Mathews, when these People Say that a Cessation of Hostilities immediately took place, & that Captain Eames of the Bombay Establishment was Sent by the General into the Enemy's Camp to treat of the terms of Capitulation and that at the end of 5 or 6 days, during which time Captain Eames went Several times to & from the Enemys Camp, having always a Cloth tied over to his Eyes, it was made public to the Garrison, that terms of Capi=-tulation were Settled with the Enemy, and that those terms were, That the whole Garrison in consideration of Surrending up the Fortress of Bednore, Should not be considered as Prisoners of war, but be permitted to March with their Arms, either down to Cundapoor, or Some other part of the Coast, and there to Embark for Bombay, that the Garrison accordingly Surrendered upon the Faith of this Capitulation, & the Generals Orders were immediately Sent to the Officers Command=-ing at the Forts of Annunt poor and Coladroog, to Sur=-render those places also, which the Enemy had no Sooner possession of, when Tippoo Saib most basely & perfidiously caused the whole of our Troops and Officers to be made close Prisoners, Stripping them of every thing but a few Shifts of Linen. The General was Sent by himself a Prisoner to Seringpatam, & the other Officers to Chittledroog

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& many other Forts. Their People say that many of the Officers were laid two & two, & that they had only one Seddy of Rice p day allowed them. They continued with their Masters on the Road from Bednore towards Sirringapatam several days but being almost Starved with Hunger, they determined upon attempting their escape, when they drew nigh to the Corga Country, which they accordingly effected & the Chief, or Rajah of Corga, treated them with great Humanity, giving them Cloaths provisions and a Guide to Conduct them through his Country. Their Account is so very clear & particular, that I think their Veracity is not to be doubted.

I have fallen upon Very possible means I could think of by the Offer of large Rewards to convey Letters to Major Campbell at Mangulore, to advise him of the pestidious Conduct of the Enemy, that the Same base Arts & Deceit be not practiced upon Him & notwithstanding the tempestious Season of the Year, I have prevailed upon some people to attempt the passage to Mangulore in a Boat, So that I have great Hopes out of more than a dozen Letters I have sent by different modes & means, that one will reach his hands.

The Reports of the Situation of things at Mangulore are various, & not to be depended upon;

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the last certain Accounts we have from thence are by Some of the Inhabitants that left it on the 23d. ultº By them we learn that two of our Battalions Stationed upon a Hill about a Mile from the Fort were Surrended by the Enemy on the Night of the 22d. and which occasioned their Retreat to the Fort on the 23d. in the Morning, which by the Account of these People was effected with great bravery and Resolution on the part of our Troops, and with a loss, they say, of one hundred Men. We conclude from that Day the Enemy invested the Place, but considering its Strength and the Number of the Garrison we have a confidence that it will hold out untill Reinforced, which Sanguinely Hope may be early in August. The preserving our footing there is of the last importance, as it is on this Coast only, that we can most effectually and speedily distress the Affairs of the Enemy - The marching into his Country from the Carnatick owing to the distance of his Fortresses of importance from our Frontier, & his great Superiorely over us in point of Cavalry is Subject to great difficulties & delay, whereas on this Coast you may land an Army almost without Opposition, within Fifty Miles of this Important Capital of Bednore and which as I have before noticed to your Lordship in a former Address, we could both take & maintain in defiance of his whole Force, had we once an Army of Ten thousand Regulars in that Country, but our System on this Side of India

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in Military Operation is certainly a bad one, and will in general Defeat the Object we Aim to effect which is Oeco-
=nomy. Oeconomy there is no doubt great room for,
but then it should be observed More in the Mode of
conducting our Military Expences, than as to the
Numbers of our Troops, for we Scarcely ever Yet under-
took an Expedition from Bombay that we had a Force
equal to the Object in View After gaining Possession
of Such Valuable Countries as those of Bednore and
Soundah It would have been Sound and good policy
on the part of Our Government, to have raised ten
Battalions of Seepoys at any expence This in place
of being a burden upon the Company would not
only have Secured to them in the Course of a few
Months the Collection of 80 Lacs of Rupees, but
might also have been the means of bringing the
War to a speedy and advantageous Conclusion for I
will maintain that nothing can so effectually tend to
the distress of Tippoo's Affairs, and at the Same time
contribute more to compensate the Company for their
heavy losses by the War in the Carnatick than the
Keeping Possession of his Bednore Dominions. In
this Country we have Nothing to fear from his Cavalry,
nor can our Army at any time be distressed for Grain,
and as I have before Observed to your Lordships, Such
is the fortunate Situation of the Country, that we
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ought rather to wish than dread his attack, provided we had the Force I have discribed - In addition to the many great advantages we should derive by keeping possession of this Country, the distress which Tippoo Saib would shortly feel in point of Military Stores would be matter of no Small importance for every Avenue of Supply on this Coast would be then Shut up - The French, Danes, Swildes & even Spaniards have supplied him largely by Vessels sent to his Port of Mangoolore - the three former almost annually. The Spaniards only once sent a Vessel from Manilla, but the Supplies of Military Stores that She brought were very great Bednore is His Grand Arsenal, and the Quantity of Stores we there found was immence.

It is much to be lamented that the great Value of the Bednore & Soundah Provinces, & the ease with which this compact Dominion, if I may be allowed the term, might be maintained, has not been represented long ago to both the Presidencies of Bengal and Madras, as it might have occasioned an earlier exertion against those Countries - Their Revenues in the time of the late Hyder ally, amounted to 30 Lacks of Pagodas, or 1 Crore & 20 Lacks of Rupees, and their value to the Company if in their possession would be infinitely more, as abounding with the most important Articles of Commerce for their Europe & China Trade, producing also such large & plentiful Crops

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of Grain as to admit of a next annual Exportation. This flattering discription of a Country we have in a great Measure to lately lost the possession of, is certainly mortifying, & I will allow comes rather unseasonable, but as we must no doubt continue the War with Vigour I think our exertions can no where be attended with a greater prospect of Success than against these very Countries, and Notwithstanding the late unfortunate Check we have received, I think we are possessed of the Means, and have no reason to despair of meeting with that Success in the prosecution of the War, as may intitle the Company to a Cession of this Countries as Some compensation for the unprovoked Invasion of the Carnatick by the Enemy, with whom indeed, were the Number of our Enemies less, it would be monstrous to make no Peace at all, the baseness of his Conduct considered.

The every handsome behaviour of the Rajah of Coorga to our Fugitives passing through his Country considering also the great use we may make of Him owing to the vicinity of his Frontier to Seringapatam has induced me at this time to write him a suitable Letter and to request He will send a Person of his Confidence to me. If the Arrival of Such a Person Should throw new lights upon the important Plan Submitted to your Lordships consideration, I shall not fail of making them known to you, I am however Sensible that

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26 this Chief will heartily aid and assist our Operations against the Enemy He is now in open Revolt against Tippoo's Government & has already possessed himself of some important Places on the Frontier of Coorga with the whole of that Country.

I inclose as an exact Copy both as to Hand & State of a Letter which fell into My Hands and is a further testimony of the baseness of the Enemy's Conduct in attempting to intice Mr. Mathews (who I hope is still at Goa) into their possession by forgiving the Generals Signature Tippoos Pass was inclosed in the Letter & appears to have been written by a Frenchman

I Know not how I shall Stand excused by your Lordship for the freedom, as well as the length of my Correspondence, and feel some little distress on the Occasion; I rely however on your forgiveness through consideration of the Motives which have induced me thereto as already explained to your Lordship. If my Letters merit your attention I shall consider myself highly honored & Rewarded, and hope you will make any use of them that you deem proper.

I Shall be exceedingly Obliged to your Lordship to transmitt the enclosed Letter for the Select Committee of Bombay.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord
Your Most Obed.t & Devoted Sv.t
(Signed) J.n Stibbald

Tellicherry
12 Jun. 1783.

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Translate of a Letter just recived from the Corja Rajah

19th June 1783

I have recived your Letter with much pleasure and Observe the Contents. You desire me to forward the letter you metioned to the Commander of the English Army at Tuvmentoor by a trusty Person of my own and to procure Intelligence of the Enemy which I have accordingly done, out of Regard to your friendship I have sent that Letter by a Bhattman / Bramin / a Spie of my own a very trusty Person — Tippoo Saib has taken Bednure and is now gone with his whole Force to Mangulore He has there three Batteries and his Troops have surrounded the Fort who are now daily fighting with the English. — This News is brought me by my own Spie from his Camp at Bednure If at this time you would send 6 or 7000 Men by a way of Haggon Ghaut where is a place called Davare there I would myself goine the English Troops and fall upon Periapatten which place reduced we could immediately march to Seringapatam which place also would soon be in our posses The Enemy hearing of our Troops being near to Seringapatam would immedi-ately leave Mangulore & go up the Ghauts. By this Mode of proceeding were Bednore might be again retaken. & Victory would attend us in every part. But if the English remain quiet Tippoo Saib will be sure of

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26th Guns & of European Artillery Men. — I had the Honor of Explaining to your Lordship & the Honble Board in my Letters of the 26th. June & 1st. July, the Motives that impelled me to Cross the Coleroon and move towards Cuddelore and I am happy now to resume a direction to the Westward, For I am Confident, that we Shall reap the most Solid and permanent Advantages in that Quarter. — Your Letter of the 27th. June reached me on the 9th. instant near the Worriore pollam, I immediately marched the Army to Trumalvaddy, from when I have come here to consult with Mr. Sullivan on the most Effectual means of carrying your intentions into Execution, I shall to rejoin the Army this Night and I there propose to proceed on the Mouth of the Coleroon to Attack Shandy Mun- -gulum and Nambull, from whence ifno Unforeseen Circumstance prevents me, I shall attempt to reduce Salem, and then move to the Cavery, and Cross Somewhere near Erode, in order to form a Junction with the Detachment acting at present under Colonel Forbes and to possess ourselves of that Valuable place. — I hope to be in Erode, about the first week of August, but with the force now under my command it will hardly be Advisable in the present State of Teepoos affairs to proceed any further into the Enemys Country ~~at least~~, not with any permanent Object in View, But I Shall from Such Magazines there and make

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Such Preparations as will Enable me to Advance into the Mysore Country, as soon as your Lordship and the Honble Board Shall be pleased to Send me Sufficient Reinforcemt.

General Bruce in his letters to me of the 4th. and 5th. informs me that, Actuated as he is, He cannot immediately Send the Force Ordered by your Lordship & the Honble Board Without presuming to from my Opinion on this Subject, I only Shall intreat you not to hold me responsible for any disappointments that may be Occasioned by this delay in the Execution of your Intentions — Should General Bruce, as is Currently reported, March the whole Carnatic Army towards Madras, I am hopefull that your Lordship and the Committee will Judge it expedient, to Order 700. or 1000. Europeans with a Compleat Brigade of Old Sepoys & their full Compliment of Field Guns of 6. 12 & 18 pound Calibers and European Artillery Mean to Join this Army without delay. I submit it to your Lordship & the Committee whether the Detachment might not move with equal Safety and effect by Anantagary Ahtoor and Salem towards Erode. For in that Event I should be Enabled to form a Junction at any place that might be thought necessary. —

Should your Lordship and the committee be pleased to Order Me Such a Reinforcement as I have Stated, I will undertake with Such Resources as M.

Sullivans

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Mr. Sullivans Exertions shall furnish, to march directly from Erode by Covery pwram to Seerangapatam, where I presume the appearance a such a force, either in the event of hostile or of Pacifick Intentions will be attended with the most Signal Advantages.

I shall at all Events make every preparation necessary for the immediate Accomplishment of the Move=ment in Question. Untill I shall know the Determi=nation of Your Lordship and the Honble Board on this important Subject And I beg leave to Suggest my fullest Confidence, That if it is your pleasure to Order the Rein=forcements I have Stated, This Army will not only re=lieve Mangalore and restore to liberty the many English Subjects imprisoned by Tippoo, but will enable Your Government, in a Very Short time to dictate Such terms of Peace to him at even his Capital as you Shall judge to be most Consistent with the Dignity and most Conducive to the Interests of England.

I have the honor to be

Tanjore July 13th. 1783.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &
Very humble Servant

(Signed) William Fullarton

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From I have the honor to transmit Your copy

3332 Port St George July 1783.

26 Subsistance Suitable to our Ranks, and We Solicited a monthly Salary of 100 Pagodas to the Chief, and of 70 Pagodas to the Second in Council, besides the Discharge of our Arrears; — to this Request, We received no answer.

Upon our making a second application to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam in February last, We were informed, that our Request should be referred to Your Lordship &c. and that We should be acquainted w. Your Lordships &c. determination, — As those Gentlemen have never communicated to Us the resolution of the Honble Select Committee, (altho We addressed to them last Month a Letter on the Subject,) We imagine, that they have not yet received Your Lordships &c. determination, — without which they could not come to any Decision; — We therefore take the liberty to address ourselves immediately to Your Lordship &c. and to request that We may be allowed the above = mentioned Subsistence, and pro-rate for the last two Years, which expired on the 14th Inst. At the same time We humbly express to your Lordship &c. our hopes that no differente will be observed between our Salaries, & those which have already been granted to the late Chiefs and Seconds of Vizimlipatam and Palicol, who enjoy Allowances Suitable to their ranks —

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As the strictest Justice is the foundation of this Request, We are convinced that Motive alone will be Sufficient to induce Your Lordships &c. to comply with our Request, without any further Application –

We have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

& Most humble Servants

Jaggernaick Kporam

18th July 1783.

(A true Translation) (Signed) W.m Blaauw Kamer

(Signed) W.m G. Wasey

Dutch Translater

(Signed) G: F: J: de Ravelle

Dispatched the following Letter to the President & Select Committee of Bombay.

To the Honble William Hornby Esq.r

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Bombay.

Gentlemen

In our Letters to You of the 27th Ulto (with a Postscript dated the 5th instant) and 7th of this Month, We acquainted You with the Operations of our Army before Cuddalore; – You were likewise Advised of the Return of the Commissioners, We had deputed to Mr. Bussy, and that they had established Between

To Bombay; Acquainting them that they have allowed of a Cessation of Hostilities taking place with Tippoo Saib during the present Month at the earnest Request of Mr. Bussy – Several Indiamen imported since their last Address; forwarding two Packets for their Government from the Committee of Surley –

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between the two Armies of Cessation of Hostilities
'till official Accounts should be received of the
Peace which has been concluded in Europe, Two
French Gentlemen accompanied our Commissioners
to Madras, and We now beg leave to inform You,
that in consequence of a particular Request from
Mr. Bussy, Signified to us by those Gentlemen,
We have consented to allow Tippoo Sultaun 'till
the end of this Month to return an Answer to the
Proposal We have made him of acceding to the
Pacification and as the Marquis de Bussy had given
Orders to the French Troops, now serving as
Auxiliaries with Tippoo Saheb, to with draw from
that Service immediately, so We no difficulty in
giving him the satisfaction of declaring on our part,
that it is not our intention that our main Army
which had been employed before Cuddalore, should
go out of the Carnatic, or commence any offensive
operations against the Ancient Possessions of the
Ally of France during the present Month. —

We have the pleasure to acquaint You
that His Majestys Ship Europe of 64 Guns arrived
here on the 18 Instant, & that on the 20th the Houghton
Indiaman imported here, by which We received a Copy
of His Majesty's Proclamation of Peace with France,
Spain

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26th. Spain and America, and of a Cessation of Hostilities with the Dutch, which was publicly read the next morning on the Parade to all the Troops and Inha-bitants.

The Boswell Lord Macartney, Stormont, York, and Lascells have since imported here, and We are in hourly expectation of the Arrival of the remaining twelve Indiamen, as they all provided with French Spanish Dutch, & America Passports on Board this Fleet are embarked His majesty's 36th. & 52 Regiments.

We have the honor to forward to you two Packets under your address which were received from the Secret Committees by the Ships lately arrived.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
your Most Obedient
humble Servants
/Signed/ Macartney &c.
Select Committee.

Fort St George
25th. July 1783.

To John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary to the Select Committee.

Sir

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I take occasion to transmit to you a letter
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From Genl. Stuart inclosing 26th. The Military Secretary received from General Stuart the following 4 Enclosures a Weekly State of the Sick & wounded in the Field; also a letter from the Surgeon Major, requesting he will state to the Committee his distressed Situation for want of Cash, to supply the Sick with Necessaries, also his long arrears due to him from the Company, — Encloses a letter from Major Mackay of the Coast Artillery, mentioning his having been under the necessity of putting Mr. Mallet under arrest for Neglect of Duty and of his having appointed Mr. Adderton in his room with the Sanction of General Bruce

26th.

(A) from Surgeon Major Davis of June 28th. which if there had been a meeting in committee Since my arrival, I meant in person to have delivered. — There is also the report for five weeks of the State (B) of the Sick and wounded of the Army in the field under his charge. — In the whole of my ex= =perience, I never know a person in the Station filled by Mr. Davis, who discharged the impor= =tant Duty with equal abilities, deligence, & attention from the feelings of humanity, added to his professional Skill. — Mr. Davis had to my regret but too great a field and Scope for the exercise of all these good qualities, as the State of the Sick and wounded will Shew. — I have fre= =quently mentioned him in Committee in this point of view, as deserving every return and assis= =tance on the part of Government the Complaints & difficulties, he has to Struggle with; as mentioned in his letters are well founded, tho' the never made Difficulty on Service —

I am to request Sir that this Representation on my part, together with his Letter and Returns be on Record —

I transmit also, a letter for the Committee which Major Mackay Commanding the Coast Artillery desired me

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26th me to present, what the Major States in his letter,
& believe to be extremely proper & hope that it will
be agreeable to Government —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient
& most Humble Servant
(Signed) Jamⁿ. Stuart

Fort St George
26th July 1783.

To Major General Stuart
Commander in Chief &c.

Sir

I beg leave to represent to Your that the
Embarrasments I have so long laboured under on
account of the great arrears due to me by the Honble
Company, never at any Period affected me so sensibly
as at this Moment, when the Sick and Wounded are
become very numerous, and when I feel myself —
particularly Responsible that every thing in the Surgions
Department Should be Conducted so as to give Your
entire Satisfaction, as well as the poor Officers & Soldiers
You Sir who are present, and who must know the Line
I walk in, and the Almost incessant calls I have
from One part of the Camp to the other, over & above
my particular attention to One hundred and Fifty
of the worst Cases in the General Hospital — I beg
leave to repeat it, You Sir must be able to form a
judgment

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26. Judgement of the great Expense I am at Exclusive of my attention to the Wounded Prisoners. The load of Debt I am contracting with every Merchant and Buzar Men that can supply me with Requisites for the Sick and wounded I Shall are long be called upon to pay, and by Mr. Roebuhes Report there is no Money in the Cash Tumbril. I must rely upon your to enable me as Soon as possible to Extricate me from my Present difficulties. The Resolution of the Right Honble President and Select Committee not to pay any more Money on Account until the Surgions business before the Board Shall be finally adjusted, Surely cannot affect them in any Sums advanced since the Army last left Madras and upon Such particular Service. If acts & Deeds are to Stamp the Characters of Men, I hope the Faculty will found deserving the favour & Protection of the Right Honble President and Select Committee, as well as yourself, who have already Signified your approbation of their Conduct. In my Particular Situation as Surgion Major I must Rely altogether upon your Representation - for the Right Honble President and Select Committee cannot Know what is exactly my Duty in the Army, and therefore I cannot be offended if I am not rewarded as I Should be were they Personally present - it is therefore through you Sir that I am to hope for their Early favour and Protection - I am actually involved upwards of Twelve

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hundred Pagodas since I last left Madras, & I am going on with the Merits and Buzar Men that Supply this Army - Let me then most earnestly Request you will do me favour to represent in the Strongest terms the Expediency of reembursing me, & enable me to Continue that strict attention & Care You Sir are Satisfied I shew the unfortunate Sick and Wounded. —

I have the Honor to be with much Respect -

Camp 28th July 1783.

Sir
Your Most Obedient hble Servt.
( Signed ) Tho.s Davis
Surgeon Major

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Having been under the disagreeable necessity of ordering Mr. Mallett Surgeon to the Cash Artillery under an account for Neglect of Duty Major Genl. Bruce on my application was pleased to Order Three Surgeons to examine into the State of our Hospital, and it will appear to your Lordship &c. by their Report that my Compleaint was too well founded Mr. Mallett not chusing to stand the test of a Public Trial He applied to Major General Bruce for leave to resign His Post as Surgeon to the Coast Artillery, and to proceed to the Presidency, which He has been pleased to comply with, as also to appoint Mr. Addenton

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Mr. Addenton on my application to do Duty with the Corps till your Lordships &c. Opinion can be known.

Having had the Honour of Commanding the Coast Artillery in the Field during the War, I hope that your Lordship &c. will believe, that my regard for a Corps I have so long served in, and my Duty to the Service, Obliged me to take the Steps I have done regarding Mr. Mallett. And my knowledge of Mr. Addenton, who Served near Two Years as Surgeon to a Detachment of Artillery under My Command; induced me to apply for him to Major General Bruce, in preference to any other Surgeon. As this is a point on which the future welfare of the Corps so materially depends, I hope your Lordship &c. will permit me to request in the Name of that Corps, that you will be pleased to Confirm Mr. Addertons Appointment, which will be confining a particular Mark of your Lordships, &c. Attention to the Corps, and a very great Obligation on him who has the Honor to be, -

My Lord and Gentlemen

with infinite Respect.

Your Lordships &c.

Most faithful Humble Servt.

(Signd) D. Mackay

Mayor of Artillery

Camp Near Cuddalore

21st. July 1783.

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# A Weekly Report of the Sick and Wounded of the Army from the 12th June to the 10 July —

| Date | Corps | Wounded | Sick | Gen.l Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| June 12th | European Officers | " | 63 | " |
| | ditto Rank & file | 2 | 255 | " |
| | & fitto Natives | 5 | 311 | " |
| | Total | 7 | 629 | 636 |
| ditto 19th | European Officers | 40 | 61 | |
| | ditto Rank & file | 390 | 287 | |
| | natives | 261 | 342 | |
| | Total | 691 | 690 | 1381 |
| Dto 26th | European Officers | 32 | 68 | |
| | ditto Rank & file | 334 | 291 | |
| | Natives | 193 | 308 | |
| | Total | 559 | 667 | 1226 |
| July 3d | European Officers | 30 | 78 | |
| | Dto Rank & file | 244 | 306 | |
| | Natives | 140 | 210 | |
| | Total | 414 | 594 | 1008 |
| Dto 10th | European Officers | 28 | 74 | |
| | ditto Rank & file | 211 | 237 | |
| | Native | 121 | 231 | |
| | Total | 360 | 542 | 902 |

Of the Wounded Europeans there are Dead One Officer, and Forty Three Rank and File Twenty three of whom died evidently from Stabs of the Bayonet after they had fallen on the Field of Battle — One Hundred and Thirty two have been cured since the Thirteenth, and out of the remainder (who in general are doing very well) there may be about Fifty who will be come Invalids — Fifteen Natives have died of their Wounds since the Thirteenth Ulto. and of those remaining about Eighteen only will be unserviceable — perhaps no other Climate would have proved so favorable to Wounds from Grape and Musquettry so near the front of the Bayonet.

(Signed) Tho.s Davis
Surgeon Major
to the Army

Camp South of Cuddalore
Head Quarters July 12th 1783

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Recvd from the Honble Major General Bruce the following Letter in Answer to the letter to him from the Committee dated the 15 & 16th July.

To the Right Honble the President & Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Bruce in Answer to the Committees Letter of the 15th & 16th Inst. the Arrival of several Ships with money and Provisions enables him to send the Orders of the Committee into execution respecting the reinforcing Col: Fullarton The Detachment to march in two Days under the command of Col. Stewart Transmits the application of Ensign Yielding for leave to resign the Service ——

I was on the 20th Instant honored with your Letters of the 15th & 16th Instant, and I am concerned a severe Indisposition, will prevent my answering them, so particularly as I could wish.

In reply to that part of your letter of the 15th wherein you observe, speaking of the Detachment This was not a simple recommendation but a positive Direction, to be postponed only in case of Circumstances rendering it dangerous, or impracticable" This Order therefore evidently appears discretional in as much as, it was left to my Judgment to determine its being dangerous or not dangerous, practicable or impracticable - My own and decided Opinion was, in our Their Situation that it was utterly impracticable, Yet such was my respect to your Orders, that I wished to satisfy the Necessity of delaying their Execution, by obtaining the collective Opinion of the Superior Officers of the Army Does this then, My Lord and Gentlemen wear the appearance of treating your Orders, Simply as recommendation

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Recommendations

That the publick measures depend upon the result of your judgment, is undoubted, and the execution of such as are entrusted discretionally to me, shall be performed with promptitude according to the best of mine. That I obeyed your Directions concerning my acquainting You as well as Col. Fullarton of the Delay in Sending off the Detachment and the Causes of it, my several Letters to You & Colonel Fullarton will sufficiently evince -

In Your Letter of the 16th Instant You remark in respect to a Council of War, that it was called to consider how far it was expedient to execute Your Orders and that if such Council of War was necessary on the 11th it was equally so on the receipt of Your Letter of the 27th Ultimo - Expediency being a general and comprehensive term particularly applicable to the Question proposed as with due Deference to the Honble Committee, I humbly conceive that the unfitness of a Measure may proceed from its Danger and Impracticability independently of and unconnected with its general prosperity & wisdom In regard to the last Part of your Observation, I shall only remark that the want of Money and reduced State of our Provisions at the time of my receiving Your letter of the 27th ultimo barred every idea of a possibility

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of making the Detachment of which I repeatedly informed you - Between that period and the 11th. Several Supplies Arriving from Tranquebar and my expectations of Your Assistance both in Money and Provisions determined me to wait to the Last, before I Should assemble a Council of War for Your further Satisfaction agreeably to your Instructions I must beg leave to acquaint you, that the Council of War in pronouncing the Measure immediately impracticable, without assigning the reasons for Such Determination, acted consistently with the general Custom of the Service, as the Matter referred to them required simply either a Yes or No.

That it was the arrival of Provisions from Tranquebar, that enabled me to remain at Cuddalore to the 11th. and from that Period to the present I communicated to You in Several Letters, and that I never at one time, had a Stock, competent to carry the Detachment to Tanjore, without leaving this Army in a State of uncertain Supply. while I Shew you that I did not overtask the Circumstance You mention of the Consumption of Provisions by the Detachment at Cuddalore, as adequate to the quantity required to carry them to Tanjore - and also that both publick and private Followers must have been

26 Guns supplied in case of a Movement, neither of whom
received any during our Stay here, being assisted
with Small Grains, which they found in this Neigh-
=bourhood -

In conformity to your Instructions I
communicated with Mr. Sullivan, but never until
Yesterday, received any Satisfactory account of
preparations made for the Detachment; and so
far from having every thing in fact ready for them,
it appears that untill Very lately, he had no Pro-
=visions beyond the Walls of Tanjore. his Letter
received yesterday giving the first information of
his having advanced Some to Combaconum. -

It is no matter of Surprize that I
Should pay Some attention to the Paper of Intelli-
=gence from Tranquebar, when to my certain know-
=ledge Several of the Articles contained in it,
were Strictly conformable to Truth if no attention
is to be paid to Intelligence but what bears the
Stamp of Consistency and Truth, it may be attended
with fatal Consequences in a time of Warefare,
or at best as unsettled Peace - for from the ignorance
of those employed in this Country in general, im-
=probability and fiction, are often blended with
reality - The bombast and extravagant Stile of
Oriental Writing. particularly adopted by the
French

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Fourth in their Intercourse with the Country Powers is an Argument in favor of my paying some attention to that Letter and that the appearance of further preparations for the Defence, in employing till within these few Days, a number of People in constructing new and reparing the old works of Cuddalore, should still add to my Doubts. —

You desire that when in future I find a Council of War necessary, I will direct the Officers composing it, to give the Arguments and observations on which their Result may be founded: Sirch, My Lord and Gentlemen, I have acquainted You, is contrary to the general Custom of Military Courts of every denomination Col.o Cleare shall be called if a future occasion requires the Opinion of a Council of War, and he would to the former, had he not been unable to assist and confined to his Tent, in consequence of a wound he received the 13th Ultimo.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint You that the Arrival of his Majestys Ships with Money and the Morse with Provisions, now enables me to comply in the in the fullest manner with all your Directions, especially as Lieutenant Dawes had got the Money conveyed from Chingleput to Permacoil, from whence I sent a Detachment to escort it which returned here the 21st.

Your Orders respecting the Detachment I have (convinced of your Reasonableness in the measure) taken the Liberty of deviating from in a small Degree. You direct two Battalions of Sepoys to be sent and if in compleat, the deficiency to be made

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made upe from other Corps — As I found the drafting so considerable a Number, from Battalions already weak would reduce them, in amanner detrimental to the Service I ordered the 16th. and 21st. Carnatic Battalions with 6 Grenadier Compsanies belonging to the Corps to the Southward, which all nearly constitute the proper Number of two Compleat Battalions — His Majestys 76 Regiment — a Detachment of Hanovarians, with the Madras European Infantry in all 500 Men with two 18 — two 12 — and 4 Six Pounders with their full Compliment of Officers, compose the Detachment which marches under the Command of Colonel Stuart & Lieutenant Colonel Kelly. They encamped Seperately on the 23d. and as Soon as the necessary Arrangements are made which I hope will be in two Days, they will have Orders to proceed —

The Swelling of the Coleroon and the Deficiency of Boats at Chellambrum (only one on each River) and the consequent Difficulty of crossing it, or of marching a Detachment with Guns thro the Tanjore Country, intersected as it is with unfordable Rivers and Nullas, will render it I imagine, necessary for the Detachment to take the Route by the North Bank of the Coleroon, until they arrive at Trichenopoly This is my present Opinion and which unless I receive information from Mr. Sullivan favorable to their Route thro' the Tanjore Country, I shall pursue —

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made ups from other Corps — As I found the drafting so considerable a Number, from Battalions already weak would reduce them, in amanner detrimental to the Service I ordered the 16th. and 21st. Carnatic Battalions with 6 Grenadier Compsanies belonging to the Corps to the Southward, which ill all nearly constitute the proper Number of two Compleat Battalions — His Majestys 76 Regiment — a Detachment of Hanoverians, with the Madras European Infantry in all 500 Men with two 18 — two 12 — and 4 Six Pounders with their full Compliment of Officers, compose the Detachment which marches under the Command of Colonel Stuart & Lieutenant Colonel Kelly — They encamped Seperately on the 23d. and as Soon as the necessary Arrangements are made which I hope will be in two Days, they will have Orders to proceed —

The Swelling of the Coleroon and the Deficiency of Boats at Chellambrum (only one on each River) and the consequent Difficulty of Crossing it, or of marching a Detachment with Guns thro the Tanjore Country, intersected as it is with unfordable Rivers and Nullas, will render it I imagine, necessary for the Detachment to take the Route by the North Bank of the Coleroon, until they arrive at Trichenopoly This is my present Opinion and which unless I receive information from Mr. Sullivan favorable to their Route thro' the Tanjore Country, I shall pursue —

Immediately

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I immediately upon the Arrival of the Store Ships, Iwrote Mr. Cochrane, desiring him to take the proper means, for putting a Stop to Supplies from Tranquebar - I communicated also with Mr. Sulivan and Colonel Fullarton relative to the Detachment and the time of its expected Departure

The Detachment marched the Sick and Stores embarked, I shall proceed with this Army to the Protection you direct and I am hopefull that our Stay here, from the Reports of Official People will not exceed four Days.

The Report sent me by the Agent here of the Deficiency of Arrack for the European, will render it necessary that timely attention should be paid in providing a Supply of that necessary Article as we have not after furnishing the Southern Detachment with a Quantity for 20 Days, only sufficient for this Army for 30 Days

Mr. Mallet Surgeon to the Coast Artillery having resigned his Appointment has my Leave to proceed to Madras - and I have on the Application and Recommendation Surgeon to that Corps, until the pleasure of the Honble Committee shall be known

I transmit to you the Application of Ensign Yeulding for Permission to resign the Service

The Marquis de Bussy forwarded me your Commissioners Letter on the 5th Inst.

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I have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant

Camp Southward of Cuddalore
24 July 1783

Signed J. Bruce

P.S. The Southern Detachment will consist both of
Fighting Men and Followers with 17 Days provisions an
ample Supply, and indeed as much as could well be
Spared from the Carriage of the Army.—

Agreeable to the Company's General Letter
relative to the Staff of a Major General — I appointed
Lieutenant Dyce my Aid de Camp just before my —
Departure from Madras Mr. Jackson the Commissary
by Instructions received from You, says he cannot
consistently allow him to be paid as such — I must
therefore beg your Attendition to remove this Difficulty
if my being unacquainted with any requisite from
may have occasioned it. —

The following Letter was this Day written to
Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes.

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
&c. &c.

Sir

The late arrival of the Indiamen from

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To Sir Edward Hughes requesting the Pondicherry Transports now under sailing Orders for England may be detained till the 10th of next Month —

Europe, and of the Packets which they have brought, has not only retarded the dispatches we mean to send by the conveyance of the Pondicherry, of which you have been pleased to announce the intended departure, but has made it necessary for us, if possible, to send answers on some particular Subjects mentioned in those late Packets —

I hope therefore that it will be no injury to His Majestys Service that you should detain the Pondicherry till the 10th day of next Month, by which time we shall take care to have all dispaches in readiness

I have the honor to be, with great truth

Sir,
Your Most Obedient
and Most Humble Servant
(Signed)

Fort St George
26th July 1783.

The following answer was received from Sir Edward Hughes.

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

From Sir Edward Hughes has given Orders for the detention & the Pondicherry till the 10th of next month

My Lord

I am honored with your Lordship's Letter of this day and although very desirous our poor Invalids should arrive as early as possible in England, for the benefit

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26 benefit of Greenwich Hospital Act in the case of your Lordship's Dispatches to the Court of Directors, which must at this time, be of much importance, I will detain His Majesty's Armed Transport the Pondicherry now under Orders for England to the 10th. of next Next Month as your Lordship desires; — I have the Honor to be

Your Lordships

Most Obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) Edward Hughes

Superbe in Madras Road
the 26th. July 1783.

Received the following Letter from the Admirals Secretary —

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

My Lord

I am directed by the Admiral to inform your Lordship He will willingly order His Majestys Ship Combustion to carry the Gun Powder, now on board her, to Masulipatam, on your Lordships making a requisition to him to that effect. I have the honor to be most respectfully

Your Lordships

Most Humble Servant

(Signed) Arthr. Cuthbert Secy.

From Mr. Cuthbert. His Majestys Ship Combustion ordered by the Admiral to carry Gunpowder to Masulipatam, at the Request of the President —

Madras
the 26th. July 1783.

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Wrote the following Letter to the Chief &
Counct at Masulipatam

To James Daniell Esqr.
Chief & Counct of
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To Masulipatam
Desiring that an exact
Account may be taken
of the Gunpowder the
Combastion has on board
for that place —

I am directed by the Right Honble the
Excudent and Select Committee to acquaint You that
His Majestys Fire Ship Combustion now conveys
to You a Supply of Gunpowder for Your Settlement,
the quantity on board of her is must known You
will therefore upon the Delivery send an exact account
of the Number of barrels and their weight which
You may Receive from her.

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient Servt

Fort St George
26th July 1783

(Signed) J. Hudleston Sec.y

Received Letter from the Commanding Officer
at Coromandle addressed to the Town Major (as
entered in the MBB No.) Complaining that the
Paymaster would not allow the Engineer Officer, Sent
to Coromandle to repair the Barracks, — to inspect
a large Apartment which constitutes part of them. —
Wrote Letter to the Paymaster at Trepassore (as
entered in the MBB No.) Directing him to

From the Commandant
of Coromandle, com-
plaining to of the
Paymaster

Discharge

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To the Paymaster of 26th Discharge Capt Naigs People, but to detain till
Sheppasore — further Orders the 100 Men belonging to Suran Naig-

27th Received the following Letter from the Commanding
Officer at Palamcotah —

To the Right Honble the President & Members
of the Select Committee

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

In Case Captain Biloliffe should a large Force appear near Tutocorin will Entirely Prevent that Fort Shall have timely Intelligence, should an Enemy approach to invade the Country, & assembling the Independant Companies of Sepoys to have them Disciplined —

I was last night honoured with Your Letter dated the 31st May Should the Enemy attempt to Invade this Country I shall not fail to give You early intelligence of it no Ship or Vessel can approach this Coast without my knowledge I some time ago suspected the Enemy had a design of Landing Some Troops at or near Tutocorin as they had an armed Vessel Cruizing for Some time of that place, But they hearing that we were upon good terms with all the Pulligars I believe might occasion their not troubling us. If a large force appears on the Coast I shall blow up that Fort. I am assembling the Independant Companies of Sepoys in order to have them Disciplined, which will make them useful as Troops, & if Commandants may be appointed to them they soon will be equal to regular Battalions I am forming a Corps of Armed Peons, in the room of those formerly employed as they would not fight Irregular, therefore of no use, Their Pay to be a Commandant twenty, a Subadar,

For

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27th Ten a Jemidar, Three an Havaldar, Two a Naigues,
One & half a Private. One Star Pagodas each Month
which plan will not put the Company to any Additional
expence & will double this Seal in this Country I
hope it will be approved of

I have the honor to be

Right Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient
& Most humble Servant

Signed Wm Bidulph

Palamcottah
10th July 1783

The following Letter was received by the
Military Secretary from General Stuart —

John Huddleston Esqr.

Secretary Select Committee

Sir

From General Stuart
respecting the conduct
of the Select Committee
in not calling a Com-
mittee on the opening
the Company's Packets
and in giving no general
Orders constitutionally
without this being Sum-
moned; nelson two
Colonels from the Cons-
-ultations in Bengal

I wrote to you on the 17th Instant
for the information of the Select Committee that I
was ready to attend my duty there, I am not informed of
any Meeting in Committee since that day, neither have
I been Summoned to any Meeting

Yesterday by chance I heared of
General Orders having been issued to the Army the 24th
July, expressing General thanks for their General Conduct

during

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27 during the War and in the name of the Select Committee.
By chance I have in my possession a Copy of these
very General Orders Signed Officially by Your -
I now desire it may be marked on Record
either that the Fact is not so, that any Meeting of
the Select Committee was held upon the occasion or
that if held, I say it is illegal and unconstitutional,
because I as a Members was not Summoned, and
I make my appeal in this way for Such Conduct to
the Governor General and Council in Bengal & to
the Honble East India Company by the next Dispatch.
Eight of the Companys Ships have arrived
as on the Margin and I have never once been Sum-
moned to the Opening of any Companys Packet,
neither do I know at this hour what has been wrote
to this Government from the Company, excepting that
a Box has come round to me with directions for
the Safety of their Ships before the peace was known
and likewise the Preliminaries and Proclamations
which if I recollect were also shewn to me by Mr Green
from Lord Macartney In a word to judge from facts
as well as appearances I am excluded from Government
and know nothing of what is going on, and yet perhaps
a Folio Vol: of a Genral letter will be sent me to sign
of a Sudden not many Days hence. Their Conduct leads
me

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Barwell
Lord Macartney
Stewart
York
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Houghton
Bellenden

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me Sir to take occasion to communicate thro' you and for Record two papers being Extracts from the Proceedings of the Board in Bengal communicated to me by Order of the late Commander in Chief which I kept back untill Sir Eyre Coote could himself bring forward the entire business as was his wish. These papers contain the Reasoning and Decision of the Board of Bengal Relative to the Acts of the Select Committee there where I have been excluded.

You know full well Sir how often I have put the Question in Committee whether or not an answer had been Received from Bengal to the Letters on the Subject Sent as far back as September or October 1782. You know also the Answer constantly made to me, That No answer had ever been Received and I know, That None has ever been communicated to me by this Government.

The keeping me in ignorance of what has passed in Negociation with the French at and since the Deputation to Cuddalore on Political or Military Matters where I might have been consulted does in My opinion in fact invalidate these Acts of Government, and Should the Members of the Select Committee who have thus partially acted answerable for it.

I have now to add for yourself Sir that I received a Message Yesterday by a Gentlemen in Your Office that you thought it would be almost impossible to have

Copies

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27 Copies (ready for the Next Dispatch) of all the papers in communication from me to Government since my return to the Presidency unless I sent some person to assist in copying them - I do not see why this should be expected of me; it is the publick business and instead of keeping that or other publick business in Arrears as at times has been the case, I should think that the latest intelligence or essential papers should be the most certainly - copied so that the Honourable Court of Directors may be informed of every thing to the latest hour and in what regards me I must desire that it be so, and I expect you will do me the favor some days before closing the Packet to inform me on this subject in writing so as I may know what to trust to - I have the honor to be -

Sir
your &c
(Signd) Jam.s Stuart

Fort S George
July 27th 1783

9 A.M

Sir Eyre Coote

After Gentlemen, Directing as you have done so much of your time and attention to the Consideration of the affairs of the Presidency of Fort S George it is with the greatest Reluctance I persuade Myself to intrude upon you any further matter relative thereto - But being upon the / of returning to the Service there time, it would seem highly Necessary that I should have the Benefit of your Sentiments on

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on All points at present either in Doubt or Controversy in that quarter, and more especially on such as have Come in Reference to me in my Capacity of Commander in Chief I therefore beg leave to be honored with a Communication of your Opinions upon the following for my own particular Guidance -

Since my departure from Fort St George Major General Stuart has in Consequence of the Resignation of Major General Sir Hector Munro Succeeded to the Chief Command of the Company's Troops under that Presidency He was in Course Called to assist in the Select Committee - But as Appears by the Proceedings the first day of his attendance Viz.t. the 28th September Last and the Subsequent Proceedings and Resolutions of the Members of the Committee on the 30th of that Month, his Admission to their Meetings is confined to Occasions when Military and Political Subjects Shall be under Consideration, thereby leaving it to their own Judgement to determine what Business is, or is not of this Discription, and Consequently resting it in their own pleasure whether to Require his attendance or not.

By almost every letter which I have Received from Major General Stuart Since his Accession to his present Station, it would appear that the Select Committee have Adopted that line of Conduct towards him, and he has Repeatedly Declared his total

Inability

27 to discharge the duties of his Station, under a Restraint that precludes him from a Knowledge of matters essentially necessary to enable him to carry on the Service - whilst I can from Experience safely concur with General Stuart in the Justness of this Declaration, I hesitate not to add to it my Strongest conviction of its being altho' rather impossible for him to conduct the Service with either Credit or Success, unless aided by the most unreserved communications and hearty Cooperation of the Component Parts of the Government whereof he is a Member -

I have not a doubt from the Court of Directors repeated Approbation of General Stuarts Conduct on Certain Occasions, and from the Since they have formately expressed of his Abilities, but that in succeeding to be Commander in Chief of their Military at Fort St George it was their Intention he should do so with all the Rights and previledges enjoyed by his Predecessors. Nay the following lines which is an Extract from the Court of Directors general Letter to their Presidency of Fort St George of the 11th January 1781 - Appears to me to establish it as a matter of Right

"We have now thought fit to revert to
"the Company's former System on the Coast of Coromandel
"and Resolved that the Government of Fort St George
"shall consist of a Governor and Eleven Councellors
"the Commander in Chief included."

A reference to the Court of Directors orders contained

contained in the letter from which the above is extracted will shew clearly the powers, duties and Line of Conduct to be observed by the Select Committee whilest they particularly allot to it the Transaction of Political Naval and Military Affairs - and that it was the Court of Directors intentions, the deliberations of the Select Committee of Fort St. George should be confined to the Consideration of these Subjects seems evident by the Orders in the 16th paragraph of their Said Letter of the 11th. January 1781.

"It is our pleasure that all business "Relative to the Management of the Revenues and letting "the Lands and Farms of Fort St George and its Sub= "-ordinate Settlements, and likewise all other Business "of what nature soever it may be that has usually been "transacted in Council, shall be continued and so transacted "by the Council at large in their Public and Revenue "Departments and not by the Select Committee"

Upon the whole I conceive that Major "General Stuart is a Constitutional Member of the Select Committee and that as such he has an undoubted right to be present at all Meeting and Should be Sum= =moned Accordingly

This brings me to the Question which I wish this Board to Solve wither or not any Acts of the Select Committee of Fort St. George from which one of its efficient Members is excluded from a

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Voice, can be deemed Valid -

13th January 1783.

Above Copy
Signed / Tyler
Offg Secy

Extract from the Hon'ble Governor General & Council's
Minute dated the 13th January 1783

Therefore, to wind up the Argument since
the Select Committee is only competent by its constitution
to take consideration of Military Affairs or Negociations
with any Country Power of India, and the Court of
Directors having given to every eventual Commander
in Chief "a Seat and Voice in the Council and Select
"Committee only when Military Affairs or Negociations
"with any of the Country Powers in India shall be
"under consideration," they have certainly given to such
Officer a compleat and effective Seat in the Select
Committee, without any distinction, exception, or reserva-
tion, the word only being applicable to the Council, but
not to the Committee and it is further our opinion, that
such being the constitution of the Select Committee,
and by such constitution the Commander in Chief,
being an efficient Member thereof, his exclusion from
it on any occasion, or under any pretence whatsoever
is both in itself illegal and renders every Act illegal
which shall be passed by the Select Committee in
any instance in which he is excluded, because the
powers Vested in the whole collective body of the Select
Committee, cannot be exercised by a part of it, with
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with the forcible exclusion of the Rest or of any one Member of it.

A true Extract
George Tyler
Asst Secy to the Commg Chief

The President received the following Letter from the Surgeon Major on Camp

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

My Lord

From the Surgeon Major Genl Brune much indisposed & nothing but a Change of Situation can recover him.

The Honble General Brune having been most severely attacked with a Bilious Fever and Dysentry and the Excessive heat of the Camp being too much for the General to Bear, I removed Him to the River Side at some little distance, exhorting that by a purer air He would derive some benefit, but I am very sorry to be under the Necessity of informing your Lordship I see no degree of amendment in Him. & I am appre=hensive of the worst of Consequences if he should remain with the Army. I have already proposed removing Him on Board the Morse, but the General is averse to it - I shall in Doing My Duty repeat my Solicitation for him to leave the Army as almost the only chance for his Recovering, at best I shall most earnestly recommend him to remove from these Cunning Sands on Board a Ships.

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27 I thought it My Duty to represent these disagre-
-able Information to your Lordship and have the
Honor to Subscribe Myself with the Most Profound
Respect.

My Lord Your &c.

Signed Tho. Davis
Surgeon Major

In consequence of the above Information the following
Letter is now written to the Honble Major General
Bruce.

Major General Bruce &c &c.

Sir

To General Bruce requesting him to take such Steps as he may think proper for the Recovery of his Health.

Our President has communicated to us a letter he has just received from the Senior Surgeon of the Army giving an account of the continuance of your Indisposition — This circumstance has given much concern to every Member of the Committee, and induces us to request that you will, without delay, take such Steps for the Recovery of your health, as may be thought most conducive to it, either by change of air or otherwise, if you should find it necessary to decline the fatigues and attention which the Command of the Army Requires. You will please to give such information and instructions to the Officer next in Command as may best enable him to supply the disadvantage of your absence.

We heartily wish you a speedy restablishment of your health and have the honor to be.

Sir your &c

Signed Macartney &c
Select Committee

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Received the following Letter from the Governor General and Council -

/ Duplicate /

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President &c. Council at
Fort S. George

From Bengal; desiring their Orders may be put in Execution of paying gross Sums to the Paymaster of the Bengal Detachment.

My Lord and Gentlemen

By a letter which we have received from Colonel Pearse the Officer Commanding the Bengal Detachment in the Carnatic we find that General Stuart had given Orders for the Payment of that Corps thro' the hands of Mr. Welsh the Paymaster of your Forces upon the same Service which not only deprived the proper paymaster of the duties of his Office but Colonel Pearse of any Controul over the payments or accounts of the Detachment which were consequently falling into Confusion and many other irregularities likely to be produced which will make it impossible for the Paymaster General to receive and enter the Accounts in the Books of his Office -

We are concerned that the arrangements and Regulations which we had Made for the Troops of our own Establishment should have been unnecessarily broken through - We have a Paymaster and Deputy belonging to it to whom we request that you will Order Mr. Welsh to furnish a particular Account of all the payments Made by him for the use of the Detachment and in future to issue in gross Sums to the Paymaster to be distributed by him under the direction of the Commanding Officer of the detachment such Money as may be requisite for the pay and expences of the Establishment in Order to place it on an equal footing in respect to arrears with the other Corps of the

Army

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27 Army employd on that Service -

Have the Honor to be &c &c

Fort William
the 30th June 1783.

/ Signd / Warran Hastings
Edward Wheler
John Macpherson
John Stables

Received Letters ( as entered on Mins. No )

From Lieutenant Forbes requesting Leave to proceed to Sea -

From Lieutenant Forbes, enclosing a Certificate of ill Health and Requesting permission to Leave the Army and to proceed to Sea for his Recovery. -

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From the Surgion of the Francies requesting to be paid in Madras England or China, instead of a Bill on Bengale. -

From the Surgion of the Francies, - requesting that he may be permitted to return a Bill he has received with Governor General and Council and that he may be paid the Amount thereof either at Madras in England or in China, as the Francies is bound to the last Mentioned Place. -

28th Received the following Letters. -

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr. Sulivan, Colonel Fullarton's army can be employed to great advantage till the arrival of the expected Reinforcement. Is confident that with a sufficient reinforcement the most important advantages will attend it. Recites the Plan he has formed for its future Operations -

The Committee have been acquainted by General Bruce, who does me the Honor to inform me with the Reasons which have prevented him from sending a Reinforcement to the Southern Army. If this delay should Operate so as to produce an Augmentation to that force it may prove a fortune Circumstance, as until it shall arrive Colonel Fullarton can employ his little army to great advantage. His letter will inform the Committee of the objects immediately within his View, and your Lordship &c will see that they are combined with such intelligence as to facilitate the pursuit of the greater objects of offensive war above the Ghauts. -

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If it should be the intention of the Committee that the Southern Army Should proceed to Seek Tippoo Saib in the field I am persuaded they will See the Necessity of Sending Colonel Fullarton, Such a force, as may give a reasonable hope that the issue of Such a Meeting may be decisive. I will not presume to say what augmentations of the Detachment already Already Ordered may be Sufficient for this, but with an ade-quate force I am persuaded that the March of Such an army Should be by the Shortest practicable Route which lies by Baranee and Coorg poram, and I am confident the Most important advantages would attend Such a measure whether they be weighed in the Scale of Reputation present Interest or future Security.

If Circumstances Should not permit your Lordship &c. to give Colonel Fullarton Such a force I am humbly of Opinion that the Reinforcement Ordered Should be directed to join him without delay that it Should be composed of the Europeans longest enured to the Climate and that instructions Should be immediately sent to Tellichery and Mangalore directing the Officers in Command at those places and the Commanders of his Majestys Ships Sea & Bristol, to favor the progress of Colonel Fullarton to the Southward by giving an immediate Reinforcement to the Detachment now Stationed between Tellichery and Calicut and by Sending battering

guns

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28th Guns and heavy Stores by Sea to the same place. If your Lordship &c. should approve the idea, Colonel Stuallarton may proceed lightly equiped from Croud by Coombetoor and Baliachery to Calicut, taking with him all the Cullocks we can give him and that he may collect on the Road. the Pallicherry Detachment and the Ships might move down from the Northward in Consert with him, and an efficient Army might be formed at Calicut, from whence Colonel Stuallarton would soon make his way to Syringapatam. Calicut would then become a Magazine open to Supplies of every kind from the Sea, and the possession of Baliachery would secure the Communication with this Coast. Stores and provisions with draft and Carriage Cattle for transporting them would always be within our Reach and Reinforcements might be sent to the Army without difficulty or Risque.

I would not presume to intrude on your Lordship &c. upon a Subject that has already been brought before you by the letters from Colonel Campbell and Mr. Sibbald, and that has in a great Measure been honored with your approbation, if my information did not make me apprehend that unless all the means both of Draught and Carriage are sent from this Side it will scarcely be practicable for an Army to enter Mysore to effect from the

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Tanjore
14 July 1783.

I have the honor to be with Great
Respect
&c &c
(Signed) John Sullivan

To the Right Honble The Governor and President
& Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I had the honor to inform your
Lordship and the Honble Board on the 13th of my invi-
tation to move towards Shandy Mungulum, Nourkull, Namkal
Salem and Erode, in order to reduce those Places, and to
propose at Erode for further Operations, as soon as
Sufficient Reinforcements should arrive I meant to
have proceeded on this Business with the Army to-morrow
But I was Yesterday honored with your Letter of the 8th
which precludes me from all Offensive Operations against
the Possessions of Tippoo Saheb at present I have therefore I have
thought it my Duty to Order the Army to Cross the Co-
leroon Road and I shall march without Delay to the
Dindygull Countries in Obedience to your Orders. I shall
there collect the different Detachments of the Southern
Forces and make every preparation Necessary to enable
me

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28th. me to advance in any direction or to Execute any Orders
that you may judge proper to transmit to me. —
I have the honor to be with great Respect.

Camp at Munsurpet
19th July 1783.

&c &c
(Signed) Will.m Fullarton

To John Huddleston Esqr.
Secry to the Select Committee

Sir

From Genl. Bruce's Aid
de Camp. The detach-
= ment ordered to join
Colonel Fullarton
marched this Day.
A quantity of Gun pow-
= der thrown into the
fortified Pagoda of
Chellumbrum Lieut.
Cosper appointed to That
Command. Encloses the
Application of Ensign
Yulding for leave to
Resign the Service. —

By the Direction of Major General Bruce who is much indisposed, I have the honor to Communicate to you, for the information of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that the Detachment Ordered to join the Southern Army, marched this day towards the Kolaar, on the North bank of which river, Colonel will halt twenty four hours in expectation of Receiving information from Mr. Sullivan, Respect-
= ing the State of the Roads in the Tanjore Country; which there is reason to apprehend are at this
Season impossible with Artillery. —

The fortified Pagoda of Chillumbrum having been reported by the Engineer who examined it, as a fast, not to be taken by a Camp de Main, or indeed, by any Means, but by a train of Bat-
= ering guns, General Bruce has thrown into that place, a Considerable quantity of powder, in case

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28th. the Southern Garrisons should be in want of that
article and he has appointed to that Command Lieut.
Capper, with two Grenadier Companies of the 74th
Battalion, and three Bate Companies of the 19th
to the Southern poly Detachment
the Six Grenadier Companies of which Compose
part of Colonel Stuarts Detachment —

General Bruce also desires You will
acquaint the Honble Committee, that the Com-
=missary of Stores in Camp, having shewn him
an Order from for transporting to Chillumbrum,
a Considerable quantity of Stores, he has notwith-
=standing, his want of Official orders on that
Subject, directed such part of them as are not already
shipped to be sent there, —

The Application of Ensign Fielding
for permission to resign the Service, which was
Neglected to be sent with General Bruces letter of
Yesterday, accompany's this —

I have the honor to be &c.

Camp 25th July Cuddalore
1783.

/Signed/ A. Dyer
Aid de Camp

P. S. The transportation of the Stores ordered to
Chilumbrum will detain the Army, on this Ground,
at least until the 30th instant. —

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To His Excellency Major General Bruce Comm.r in Chief &c.

Sir

The Humble Address of James Yielding Ensign of the 5th. Battalion of Sepoys, whose Ill Health is Very much impaired ever since his Residence, on this Coast, Humbly begs leave to Resign the Honble Companys Service in Order to go to Europe for a Recovery. But being at this present Much Necessitated for want of money having nothing To Subsist On Humbly Craves the favor of being kept On the List of the Army till An opportunity Offers for his going to Madras and from thence to Europe.

Camp 16th. July 1783.

I am
Your &c.
/ Signed / James Yielding

John Hudleston Esqr.
Secretary Select Committee

Sir

From General Stuart encloses the two letters which made part of his correspondence with the Admiral and which had been mislaid till now.

After Much Rummaging I have found the two Letters from the Admiral April 19th and to him June 11th. which I could not find when I wrote to you the 24th Instant - Some words may differ by reason of the incorrect paper kept by me - but the Sense is the Same, and as I believe completes the Correspondence During the time mentioned. I have the honor to be &c.

/ Signed Jamd. Stuart.

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Major General James Stuart

Sir

I am favoured with Your letter of to day & am Very Much concerned the Means of Carriage for the Army is not Much as you could wish I hope however and sincerely wish you may be Successfull.—

All his Majestys armed Shire Ships as well those from Bombay as there from England are full laden an cannot be cleared till the watering of the Squadron is finished when it will immediately sail and the boats will be employed to unlade the Store Ships which as they are coppered and Sail well may answer the purpose of carrying the Necessaries for the Army to the Southward in the Mean time I shall Order his Majestys Ships Inis of 50 Guns and Active of 32 to attend the Ship and Vessells now detained and to proceed to the Southward.—

and

The Select Committee have Agreed with Me in opinion that the operations of his Majestys Squadron to the Southward will effectually prevent the enemy from interrupting the operations of the army

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28th Army against Cuddalore and I shall use all deligence to get to the Southward Accordingly but I have no Idea or intention of going with the Squadron to Cuddalore no till I Received your Letter I heared a word of Co-operated on with the Army there I cannot therefore promise you that I will incumber the Squadron with Ships or Vessels in two but every assistance that can arrive from my plan of operations to the Army under your Command shall be afforded you.—

Superbe in Madras Road 19th April 1783.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Edwd Hughes.

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
&c. &c. Camp Southward of Cuddalore 11th June 1783.

Sir

I have had the honor to Receive your Letter of yesterdays date and as I see that mine of the 9th had not been received I now enclose a Copy of it as also of certain important Correspondence with the Select Committee and with Colonel Fullarton to the latest date which as connected with our joint operations I conceive I am at liberty to communicate as

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28 as it will put you an Fact of every thing Material of movements and expectations in our land operations –

You see by Major Bruces letter that the Col.e must have received my last Orders about the 6th of June and therefore we may look for him in loss than a fortnight, – at which time in addition to watering I engage to give your fleet at day or two fresh pro=visions in the week and mean while I have Ordered 50 Bullocks to be furnished to Captain Holliday for the Ships with him and I hear he has found a water=ing place Nearly aposite to his Ship I have Ordered every assistance and cover in that way to be immedi=ately given him. –

So soon as I have drove the French from the bound Hedge, to the shelter of the Fort which will be not many days hence I shall try to spare you a force sufficient both for protecting the watering of the fleet and the landing your Sick at Porto Novo and when Fullarton joins we shall have the whole river immediately, and Chellumbrum soon after when every thing in abundance shall be stored to keep your brave men healthy. –

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I think it is clear that General Matthews, Hydernagur, and Mangalore are yet safe; and you see the Monsoon stops Tippoo doing any thing more for this Season, there remains therefore nothing for him to do if he is wise, but to desert his whole force against Fullarton and if the Select Committee Countermands my Orders and persist in expeditions to Coimbatoore or Mysore &c. the Rivers will of them shelve cut him off from us even though Tippoo do not, and the East India Company will perhaps be at the expense of for another Campaign before an honorable and advantagious peace can be finally concluded with at the Indian powers and this never can be permanent while any french power or influence Remains in India.

The Extinction of our only real enemy and driving them from this Earth I personally undertake to Do by your protection, for seven weaks by sea with the Cooperation of Colonel Fullartons force on the Coleroon.

I have the honor to be &c.

/ Signed / Jam.s Stuart.

The following proposal was sent in

Circulation

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28 Circulation by the Right Honble the President for the Consideration of the Several Members. —

The President requests the Opinion of the Committee on the Propriety of sending Part of the Troops lately arrived to Poondamallee there being no Accomodation Near the Presidency. —

It being found Impossible to accommodate the Troops now arrived and expected in the Fort, S^t Thome, the Luz, the Mount and the Environs of Madras — the President wishes to have the Opinion of the Select Committee, whether it would not be advisable to Send Such part of them for the present to Poonamalle, as the Barracks there will contain. —

The foregoing Paper having been Submitted for the Consideration of the Several Members of the Committee, their opinions are now entered —

Mr. Williams assents to the Presidents proposal —

I am of Opinion that if the Barracks at Poonamallee will contain the whole of the Troops just arrived from Europe, they should be sent thither, as being more healthy than Madras and may be the means of preventing them from Committing Excesses in the Balaick Town, if detained here. —

Signd Morgan William

Mr. Sadlier assents —

I am of Opinion Poonamallee is an eligible Situation for as many Troops and their

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their Officers as accommodation can be found for -

/Signed/ Anth: Sadlier

Mr. Davidson assents
thereto per to the Proposal
of one Regiment being
sent -

One Regiment to remain at Madras; the
other at Poonamallee, I question whether there
will be room for 2000 Men at Poonamallee -

/Signed/ Alex. Davidson

Upon a Report made to me of accom-
=modation for His Majestys Troops such as the
General Stuarts present State of things will admit of and an actu-
mode for quartering =ally Visiting of the Places, that the following
the Trops. — will be the best Mode. -

One Regiment /950 Men/ with
the Recruits and Convalescents of the 73d. & 78th.
and 101st. at St. Thomé

The remains of the 98th. at the Luz -

The 23d. Dragoons and five Companies
of another Regiment at the Mound. —

And five Companies of a Regiment at
Poonamallee, that Place cannot accommodate
more as now situated. —

/Signed/ James Stuart -

Wrote the following Letter to Lieutenant
Innis. —

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To Lieutenant Innis
Commanding at Poonamalie

To Lieut.t Innis, informing him that that part of the 36th Regiment of Infantry will shortly proceed to Poonamallee & desiring him to provide every Things Necessary for their Accom=modation. —

Sir

I am Directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint you that as a part of His Majesty's 36 Regiment of Infantry will shortly proceed to poonamallee they desire you will give the Officer who commands it every infor=mation and Assistance in your power, and also, that you will have every thing in readiness to accomodate them on their arrival

The Officer of the Kings Troops if of Rank Superior or equal to yours will of course take the Command at Poonamallee, but it is not the Intention of the Committee that you should quit the Command of the Companies troops on the [illegible]

I am Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) John Hodgeston
Secy.

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From Col: Fullarton enclosing general Returns of the Troops to the Southward of the Coleroon for the month of May. —

Received Letters / as entered in the MB 38 /
from Colonel Fullarton enclosing Genl Return
of the Troops to the Southward of the Coleroon for
the Month of May, and from the Commissary of Stores

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with the Army enclosing a List of Military Stores
sent the Chillumbrum for the use of the Southern
Garrisons.

29th. The following Memorandum was this day
Recvd from Major General Stuart.—

Memorandum

My Objection is not that the General Orders
were not Sent to me but that it is there said it was
done by Order of the Select Committee which was not
the case as none was held.—

I deny that the Court of Directors by their
Orders have placed Me in the Situation, which the
Opinion of others has placed me (14 Months Delay
or a little more is perhaps all that was meant ori-
-gnally to be gained by the principal Author of the
position and in the Teeth of the proper Judges in Such
matters which ought not to admit of Such Delay
I mean the Decision of the Governor General and Council
of Bengal above Six Months ago.— no Scrap of my
Lord Macartney's Paper can as I hope avail to alter
the Constitutional Mode of Managing the Company's
Concerns, no Majority tho' siding with Lord Macartney
can

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From General Stuart
His Opinion given of
the Regulations of a
Select Committee;
is ignorant of every
Thing going forward
by their not Sum-
-moning him to a
Committee; Insists
on every Paper of
his going Home in
the present Dispatch.

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can Constitutionally Decide upon any question by a Cir-
-cular Or any one Member differing in Opinion, may
in cases where unanimity is clear the Matter is to be
stated vava Voce in Committee were it different the
greatest enormities and abuses and Misrepresentations
must be the unavoidable consequences -

Whatever measures the Committee adopted
before my arrival of it in the prosecution of those
Measures after my arrival I am to be Made acquainted
with every Step, I can not sit in the Office to wait till
the consultations come to me , I expect they
are to be sent to me: I have seen only to this hour
three of 3 Meetings - I do not expect any two Members
of the present Select Committee to goin with me to
Oblige the President to any thing but what he pleases &
any thing but what he pleases and yet I shall say of
myself what I think proper As I am ignorant of what
is going on in Communication with the French or
with Tippoo Saheb or even of any orders sent to the
Army excepting a Letter to General Bruce on the
of war. Treatly do not know whether it would be proper
or otherwise to call a Committee on ex Special Matters
for I am specially ignorant of every thing going on,
and it is impossible for me except in regular consultation

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29 to do my Duty to the Public as a Member of Government
by guessing at what proceedings or Consultations to
send for (and I am not go to the Affair) will not be
Satisfactory to me and I reasonably desire More and will
have it as the Steady opinion of the Court of Directors at
home however explained away by others.—

It is marvelous beyond Measure if really
so that what has passed with the Board of Bengal in
a case so formally Reasoned and decided upon should
never have been transmitted him. what I ask is not
in the teeth of the Companys Instructions as I say this
opposed by the Majority of the Committee.— I will
neither trust to Lord Macartney nor the Secretary nor
will I depend on any more whatever in or out of
Government to be Certain that the Company's Next
Dispatch shall carry every paper of Mine connected
with my defence against a most unjust and illiberal
personal [illegible] in my absence, and connected with
the Current business. If hands an wanted to do me
the justice to copy what I have or shall give in to
Government I will be at that trouble and expence
myself It is out of my power to bring forward
regular Meetings of the Committee as I wish to
discuss every thing from me [illegible] and [illegible] (Court Hou

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29 I have a right to do and shall insist upon it that when the Committees do not come up to the dates of my papers or minutes they shall go as numbers in the Packet. This is the regular mode of the Company's Cussings. I hope that no bit of paper from Lord Macartney will prevent it, and as a Member of Government I for one am resolved to leave as little as possible to the Seperate Representation of Lord Macartney in his Seperate Correspondence with the Chairman.

Fort St George
July 29th 83 at Night.

(Signd) T. Stuart.

Letters (as entered in the M.B. No.)

were this day written.

To Captain Donald Campbell - permitting him to proceed to Bombay with the Dispatches for that Government for the Governor General and Council.

To Capt. Donald Campbell.

To the Honble Basil Cochrane - inclosing a Letter to the Governor of Ceylon and requesting that it may be forwarded to him by an immediate and safe Conveyance - and desiring him to transmit his Acct.

To Mr. Cochrane inclosing Letter for the Governor of Ceylon -

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29 amount as his Draft will remain unpaid tille they shall be renewed.-

30 Recived the following Letters-

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB
Prendent and Governor of Fort S. George

My Lord-

From Captain Cuppage a Body of Horse seen within 6 Miles of the Fort; is of Opinion they are carrying off all the Cattle from the Country.—

Yesterday Morning about 1500 or 2000 horse came from the Southward passed within 6 Miles of this on their way to the Westward, they had with them a vast number of Cattle, and this day a small party went up the Valley to the Northward of this driving before them about 4 I have great reason to think they are arriving off all the Cattle in the Country as they took a great many from Hussonabad (7 Miles South) which has been for upwards of the years and a half and is still in their possession. I have the Honor to be— &c.

Vellore 22d. July 1783. (Signed) John Cuppage

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB.
Prendent &c. &c. Select Committee
Fort S. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

It is with much regret I

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From Bl: Gordan-
Has assumed the Com-
-mand of the Army
Major Gnl. Bruce
having left Camp.
for to proceed to the
Presidency. Expects
the Army to move
by the 31st. —
Encloses Copy of a
Letter to him from
Mr. Cochrane, with
Papers of Intelligence
and Extract of a
Letter from Col.
Stuart-

I am under the Necessity of informing you that Major Genral Bruce has been obliged from his bad State of Health to embark on board his Majestys Ship Africa- He left Camp Yesterday, and purposes to Proceed to the Presidency by Sea- as this unfortunate Event throws the Command of the Army on me, I have the honor to embrace the earliest opportunity of communicating it to your Lordship &c. Select Committee and shall exert every endeavour that your Orders and Instructions relative to the future distination and Movments of this Army be fully complied with- but as I had not been favored with the perusal of any, excepting your Public Letter of the 27th June 1783 I hope If I should not act in conformity to your instructions on this Head — You will do me the Honor of giving me the earliest information, in order to their being carried into Execution as far as the means in my Power will — admit of-

I am in great hopes, that as all our heavy Stores, and the greatest part of our Sick and wounded are already embarked we will be able to get the landing of the Rice compleated by tomorrow at Noon- in that Event I shall have it in my Power to

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30 to move the Army by the 31st Instant or on the

Day following provided no unforseen accident should

throw an impediment in the way-

The utmost Exertions we can use respect-

-ing the Carriage of Rice for the Fighting Men, will

not exceed Seven Days; I therefore hope on our Arrival

at Chingleput to find a Sufficient Supply-

I shall from time to time have the Honor

of informing your Lordship &c. Select Committee of

the Movements of the Army, and flatter myself that

the endeavours I shall use to Carry your Orders into

Execution will merit your approbation-

Enclosed I have the Honor of transmitting

for your Information, Copies of Intelligence received

this Day from Tranquebar &c. &c. as likewise Extract

of a Letter from Colonel Stewart who commands the

reinforcement marched for the Southward.-

I must here beg leave to observe to your

Lordship &c. that the attention and Deligence of Capt.

Macdonald in landing the Provisions and embarking

the Stores &c. has exceeded the most sanguine Expect-

-ations of General Bruce and myself-

I have the honor to be &c.

Camp at Cuddalore

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/ Signd / A. Gordon

Colonel

P.S. Mr. Cochranes Letters of the

23d. Inst. goes enclosed-

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Extract of a Letter from Colonel Stuart of the 78th Regimt.
Commanding a Detachment ordered to the Tanjore Country -

Sir

Since my Arrival here I have received Letters from Mr. Sullivan of yesterdays date, wherein he says if I have provisions sufficient to carry me to Mursersapatt opposition to Trichenopoly, that it is preferable road to the one he at first proposed. through the Tanjore Country; I have therefore determined to take the road by Chellpet Trimalivady, &c. to Mursapatt, leaving the Warriour Pollam on my right, and the Coleroon on my left.

I shall be in the Neighbourhood of Sattapet tomorrow night, and prosecute the rest of my Journey with all the expedition the frail situation of my Starved Cattle will admitt of.-

I have just received information of some of Tippoos Horse, and Infantry, being on the South bank of the Coleroon, I suppose their intention was to have impeded our march had we followed that route.-

Camp near Chellumbrum
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To Colonel Gordan.

I am &c.
Signed J Stuart

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The letter from the Honble Basil Cochrane with Intelligence, enclosed in the above letter from Colonel Gordon is entered in the Miscellany Book N,

Received the following letter from the Honble Colonel Cathcart.—

Right Honble President and Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the Honble Col. Cathcart requests if he is Pretensions are not thought admissible respecting an allowance as Quarter Master General, that they will give him a positive Refusal.—

I some time ago wrote a letter to the Committee Respecting My allowances for an Office Conferred on me by the late Commander in Chief.— Confident of Politeness of the Board I am Sensible that a letter upon business which contained I hope nothing improper would have been answered Had not a Multiplicity of Dispatches occasioned its being Mislaid.—

I am in hopes, If my pretensions are not Thought admissible, to receive a positive refusal with which I shall rest perfectly satisfied.—

I have the honor to be &c

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/ Signed / Charles Cathcart
Lt. Col. Gen. To His
Majestys Forces in India.

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Minute thereon -

The foregoing Letter having been sent in Circula-
=tion. The opinions of the several Members thereon are
now ordered.

The President has the honor to send a Third
Letter received this day from Colonel Cathcart, — He
also adds to it the former Correspondence for the re-
=perusal of the Committee and requests their Opinion
whether any other answer is necessary than a repetition
of the Contents of the Presidents Letter of the 30 May
last containing the sentiments of the Committee on the
Colonels application. —

The President delivers in the foregoing Letter from Col. Cathcart and requests the Opinion of the Committee, whether any other Answer is necessary than a Repetition of the Presidents Letter of the 30th May. -

The President about ten or twelve Days
Since, upon receiving Colonel Cathcarts Letter of the
19th Instant, had Requested the Opinion of the Com-
=mittee upon it. —

A repetion of the Presidents Letter of the 30th
May last, to be sent Colonel Cathcart Consistent with
what was at first written to him. —

Mr. Davidson agrees to the Governors Reperal of sending a Repetition of the Letter of the 30 May.

/ Signed / Alex.r Davidson

Mr. Sadler concurs with the President, that no allowance could be made Colonel cathcart least that should the Govern-
=ment of Bengal, order any Money to be paid him they then may do it. —

I entirely concur with the President that
no Allowance could consistently be made by us to
Colonel Cathcart for the Office of Quarter Master
General, least that any Money might be paid by us
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the Governor General and Council may think proper to Order, & to this effect the Secretary I am of opinion may be directed to write the Colonel.

/ Signed / Anth. Sadlier

General Stuart's Opinion on the Prosperity of making an allowance to Col: Cathcart, as Quarter Master General—

Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart is the Quarter Master General to His Majestys Forces and I look upon him as such, and consequently entitled to Allowances as such. I will not decide as to the precise mode of paying him, but I conceive it is from the Monies issued on account of the Kings Troops, and that the detail of this and other payments ought to be in the Office of the Paymaster General of the Kings Forces by warrant from his Majesty's Commander in Chief, but as this business is not yet in method I am clearly of opinion that Lieut. Colonel Cathcart should receive Pay &c. as settled in Bengal upon his receipt here, and I am equally clear that this Government has no right to interfere in the Staff Appointments of His Majestys Troops, and as Commander in Chief I will employ this Officers as I judge proper for the good of His Majestys Service—

/ Signed / James Stuart—

Mr. William is of Opinion, that a re=petition of the letter of the 30 May, should be sent Col: Cathcart

I am of opinion that Colonel Cathcart ought to have been satisfied with the answer sent him by the Right Honble President, as it was authorized

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I believe by the Select Committee, but since he thinks it proper to continue his application, an answer should be sent him thro' the Secretary to the same effect, as contained in the Presidents Letter of the 30th May —

/Signed/ Morgan Williams

Agreed that the Secretary and write him a Letter to that Effect.

It is accordingly agreed that the Secretary do write a Letter to Colonel Cotheart to the same effect, as that which was written to him by the President on the 30th May.—

The Right Honble Lord William Murray, Captain in one of His Majesty's Regiments at home lost arrived here not long since with the King's permission to serve in India, as signified on the Honble Court of Directors's Letter of the 12th July 1782 is desirous of Knowing whether he is not entitled to Captains Batta, whilst in Field

The President Requests the Opinion of the Committee whether Lord William Murray is to receive Captains Batta, whilst in the Field —

The Commissary not Having Signed the Regulations, has declined signing the Batta Note, till he Knows the Committee's opinion which the President Requests.—

Lord William Murray to Received Field Batta but the Committee to Represent that Supernumerary Officers be not permitted to come to India by the Directors.—

/Signed/ Alexr Davidson

Mr Davidson is of Opinion that Lord William Murray is intitled to Captains Batta —

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Mr Sadlier – concurs in Opinion with Mr. Davidson –

Lord William Murray who came to India with the King's and Company's permission is certainly in my opinion, entitled to Batta according to his Rank when Serving in the Field –

/Signed/ Anth. Sadlier

Genl. Stuart – concurs in Opinion with Mess.rs Sadlier & Davidson –

The delay or doubt as to paying the allowances to Lord William Murray Serving in the Field; the same as to others of his Rank, Seems to me from the beginning needleply excentious; There cannot a doubt exeist as to their being due to him. –

/Signed/ James Stuart –

Mr. Williams of the same Opinion –

Lord William Murray should receive Batta while in the Field, conformably to the Company's Military Regulations. –

/Signed/ Morgan Williams

Agreed Mr Murray do receive Captain's Batta –

Agreed accordingly that the Commissary be Ordered to pay Lord William Murray his Batta as Captain. –

Recived Letters as entered in the Miscellany Book No.r 1

From Col. Jones, acknowledging the Receipt of the Committees Orders for Captain Edmonds's Return to Ongole, & expressing his hopes to be able

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able to join him in the 30th. July,

From the Honble Basil Cochrane, — enclosing

From Mr. Cochrane with Papers of Intelligence —

papers of Intelligence which are lodged in the Office. —

31st. Received Letter from His Highness the Nabob / as entered in C. C. No / desiring that Company's

From his Highness the Nabob —

Bonds may be given to the New Consolidated Creditors for the amount of all the Collections Made in the Nellore, Ongole, Servapooly & Balnaud Countries / which he had assigned to them / since his Lordships Interference in those Districts. —

Received the following Letter from the Commissary to the Army. —

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee at Fort S. George

Sir

From Mr. Gachon enclosing copy of his Letter to Captain Hearsey and his answer thereto respecting the Charges Made in his Account for Gunny Bags

In obedience to the Commands of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, mentioned in your letter to me dated the 7th of may last, I have called upon Captain Hearsey to pay back into my Hands whatsoever Sums he has charged the Honble Company for Gunny Bags, enclosed I transmit to you a Copy

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36. a Copy of my letter to him, with another of his Reply, in which you will please to observe, that he says he has fully answered in every Respect a Letter addressed to him by the Select Committee on the same subject, but as he has not furnished me with a Copy of it, I know not whether the Right Honble President and Select Committee are Satisfied I must therefore Request of you to inform me what further Steps I shall take, towards carrying the Commands of the Select Committee into Effect. —

I have the Honor to be &c

/ Signed / William Jackson
Superintendant of Grain Accounts —

Camp South of Cuddalore 26th July 1783. —

(Copy)

To Captain Kearsey
Grain Keeper to the Army

Sir

On the 8th of May last, I was furnished by Mr. Secretary Hudleston with a Copy of a Letter addressed to you by Order of the Right Honble President and Select Committee, to which I am directed to pay the strictest attention on the Subject of your Charge for Gunny Bags, which they have thought proper to deem irregular and unwarrantable, and to disallow

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31st the said charge in every instance, I am therefore to desire that you will in Compliance with the Directions of the Select Committee, pay back into my Hands, whatsoever Sum, or Sums of Money, you have theretofore charged on that Account.—

I am &c.

Camp South of Cuddalore 26th July 1783.

/ Signed / W. Jackson
Superintendant of the Army Grain accounts.—

Copy /

To William Jackson Esqr.

Commissary

Sir

I am favored with yours of this morning respecting the Directions you received from the Right Honble the President and Select Committee Concerning the Charge (may in my accounts for Gunny Bags made

I have been honored with a letter from the Select Committee to the Same Purport, which I have fully answered in every Respect.—

Camp South of Cuddalore 26th July 1783.

I am
Sir Your &c.
/ Signed / A. W. Kearsey Capt.
Military Grain Keeper.

I send the following Letter from Colonel Stuart.—

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To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c Select Committee Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to acquaint you

From Colonel Stuart arrives with his detachment at Boolamoodo, advising of the Route he is taking to join Colonel Fullarton, requests that Lieu. Rees and Ensign Munehead may be appointed of the Staff and receive their Pay accordingly and that Lieut. Marshall may be appointed his Aid de Camp.—

that I arrived here this day with the detachment under my Command, ordered by the Honble Major General Bruce to join the army to the southward under Colonel Fullarton the General has no doubt informed the Honble Board of March and State of this Detachment - I understood from General Bruce that the Honble Committee had pointed out the Road by the ally. Meaveram &c to Tanjore as the most eligible Rout for this detachment to take, and Mr. Sullivan Resident at Tanjore appeard also of this Opinion - But from a Letter I yesterday near Chellumbrum had the honor of receiving from him dated the 26th in answer to one I addressed to him the 22d he advises the Route I am now following Viz on the North Side of the Coleroon by Lallapett, Trumulvady &c to Mumsapett opposite to Trichenopoly in preference to that by the ally &c to Tanjore - I shall make no unnecessary but the fable and debilitated State of my draft and Carriage Cattle who we have for these two Months past been feeding upon Sand at Cuddalore joined to my having on this days March the Roads to make across Nullahs & Paddy fields

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for my Guns condiduably Retard my progress - I have however to reach munsurpett on or before the 5th. of Next Month, which I have acquainted Colonel Fullarton with. — I shall also from time to time inform the Honble Board of any thing extraordinary or worthy of their Notice, which may happen in the Course of this Expidition. — As a Difficulty has lately arisen by the paymaster in the field refusing to pay the Staff who have been appointed without the immediate Sanction of the Honble Board, Lieutenant Beale 2d. master to the 1st. 8th. Brigade and Ensign Morehead May Brigade to the 5th. having Volunteerd going with the Detachment under My Command, permit to Request the Sanction and approbation of the Honble Committee to those Gentlemen's Appointments, that they may without Difficulty Receive their pay and Allowances in their Maj. different Capacities — allow me also to Remark that the Same Difficulty has arisen Respecting Lieutenant Marshall My Aid de Camp — I am confident the Honble Board never meant that the Second in Command of their Army in the field (the Situation which I had the Honor to hold from the date of Mr. Marshals

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31 Marshall's appointed till the period that Genral Bruce
joind the Army at Cuddalore) should ever since without
an Aid de Camp – and I was the More convenced of thes
from an Offeicer of inferior Rank ( Lieutenant Colonel
Macleod ) with an inferior Command, Since I have had
the honor of Serveing with the Army: being allowed an
Aid de Camp – Lieutenant Marshall now goes with
me in that Capacity – I hope I shall not be thought
too presuming in requesting the Honble Boards Sanction
and approbation of that Gentlemen's Appointment,
in order that he may receive only the Pay and Allowances
now due to him, but also in time to come, while it is
the pleasure of the Honble Board to allow me an Aid
de Camp, that he may receive the pay &c. without
any Difficulty –

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

Camp at Poolamoodie
28th July 1783.

[Signed] St Stuart Col.
78 Regt.

Agreeably to the Resolution the following Letter
is written to the Honble Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart –

Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart –

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble The
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To Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart do not think themselves authorize to acknowledge the Office of Quarter Master Genl. to the Kings Troops, least should the Supreme Board order him to be paid any money, they will most readily do it.

President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 19th and 30th Instant and to inform you in answer that not thinking themselves authorized to acknowledge the Office of Quarter Master General of the Kings Troops in India it being an appointment made in these Opinion without proper Authority they of Course cannot Make You any allowance for it, but that of the Governor General and Council Should Direct there to pay to you any Sum of money from their Remittances to the Presidency the Select Committee will most readily obey Such direction

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) John Huddleston Secy

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Read Letters as entered in the Miscellany Books Nos )

From the Commissary of Stores with the Army enclosing a Return of the Ordnance and Stores under his charge for the Month of June

From the Commissary of Stores, enclosing a Return of Stores for the Month of June

From the Honble Mr. Cochrane, enclosing Extract from a Letter received from Dindigul with paper of Intelligence which is lodged in the Office.

From Mr. Cochrane enclosing extract of a letter from Dindigul

Extract of a Letter dated 21st July received this day in the Civil Department from the Chief and Council of

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Extracts of a Letter from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam, Received in the civil Department —

of Vizagapatam, being considered as relating to the Military Department, Extracts from that Letter are entered with there Enclosures in the Miscellany Book

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Wrote Letter (as entered in the Miscellany Book No. ) to the Committee of Assigned Revenue transmitting to them a letter Received from Mr. Irwin —

To Committee of Assigned Revenue with Letter from Mr. Irwin —

August 1st. Wrote Letter (as entered in the M.B. No. ) to Mr. Freeman directing him to discharge two Bills of Exchange drawn by the Honble Mr. Cockrane on Government; — one Set of Bills in favor of Mr. Greene and the other payable Mr. Adolp Ercell Kroon —

To Mr. Freeman, Directing him to discharge two Bills, Drawn by the Honble Mr. Cockrane —

2d. Received the following Letter from Colonel Gordon, Commanding the Carnatic Army in the Field, with Papers of Intelligence from Mr. Cockrane as loged in the Office —

Received the following Letter from the Honble Major General Bruce. —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From General Bruce enclosing Representation from the Officers of the Staff complaining of the Commissary not signing their Coy Chits, and extract of a Letter from the Military Secty to the Commy

I have the honor to transmit to you a Representation from the Brigade Staff of the

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2d the Army under my Command which I beg leave to recommend to your Attention -

The Grievance of which it Complains appears to me, to proceed, from the Scrupulous adherence of the Commissary, to the letter of the instructions delivered him for his Guidance, rather than from any intention on your part to abolish those posts, which are so essential to the Regularity of a large Army, to the Speedy Circulation of Orders, and to its discipline in general -

I have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant -
Signed T. Bruce

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2d August 1783

To the Honble Major General Thomas Bruce
Commanding in Chief of the Carnatic Army in the Field

Sir

Esteeming ourselves aggrieved in our present predicament, We take the Liberty of addressing Your in the Subject of our situation and of laying it before You as Commander in Chief of the Army in which we have had the Honor to serve, for a Consideration, and in which

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2d. which we are now liable to be materially injured. if not aided by the interposition of your influence in our favor.—

an Application, at this period, of the nature of that which we are about to make, we fear will be deemed rather an interruption of your more important business — but we have to hope Sir, that your Consideration of the disagreeable manner in which we are at present circumstanced, will plead our apology for the intrusion.—

In stating our case — we have to represent to you Sir — That on the arrival of Mr. Jackson Commissary of the Army, from Madras, we presented our Bills to him for pay and allowances of the months past as the Officers composing the Brigade Staff of the Army. and requested his Official Signature as usual, to those Bills — but to our great Surprise, were informed by him. that he had received an Order from Government, bearing bearing date the 21st. of May which rendered it impossible for him to countersign our Bills as Brigade Staff, unless authorized by Sanction of the Orders of the Select Committee, and inclosing at the same time, an Extract of a Letter from the Secretary, which we have herewith

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the honor to transmit to you, The Commissary further informed us, that all pay and allowances to the Brigade Staff of this army would be stopped until further Orders from Government.

What we have now to request of you Sir - is that, should it seem proper, you will be so good as to lay our Case before the Select Committee - The Order inclosed, you will perceive - Specifies the objection to our ports; to be either deviation from the Regulations, or non appointment by General Orders of Government, But as we had served two years in our present Situation, during which time our Allowances never were refused us, we flattered our selves our Appointments had been honoured with the Approbation of the Select Committee, and were entirely ignorant of any deviation from their Orders - So we have now to hope that the Honble Board, will upon Representation, be pleased to give their Sanction to the appointments which we have held, and in which we have Served for so considerable a time. -

We have the honor to be &c &c

Camp Near Cuddalore
25th July 1783.

Signed for the Br. Staff of the army. { Geo. Baggs M.B.
Br. Brigd
R. Speedeman
M.K. Artillery -

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2d Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Hudleston dated the 21st May 1783 - and received the following day.

And I am further directed to signify to you that the Company's Military Regulations are to be your Guidance, and that you will be held responsible for Deviation from them for which you cannot produce the Orders of the Select Committee —

/Signed/ J. Hudleston Secty

A true Copy

/Signed/ William Jackson Commissary —

Recived Letters / as entered in the Miscellany Book 92 /

From Lieut. Innis a Detachment of the 36th arrived at Poondamallee —

From Lieut. Innis acquainting the Committee with the Arrival of a Detachment of His Majestys 36th Regiment at Poonamallee, & that he had in Consequence of their Orders delivered over the Command of the Fort to the Senior Officer.

From Mr. Cochrane with Paper of Intelligence —

From the Honble A. Cochrane, enclosing a Paper of Intelligence which is lodged in the Office. —

From the Paymaster General Requesting Directions, Relative to the Discharge of Lieut. Andrews arrears. —

From the Paymaster General, requesting directions with respect to the discharge of Lieutenant William Andrews's Arrears, on the Commissary General has thought proper to refuse affixing his Signature to them. —

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At a Select Committee on Revenue Affairs—

Present
Saturday
2d. Augt. 1783.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c &c
Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Alexr. Davidson Esqr.
Morgan Williams Esqr.

Read Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue enclosing Petition from an Inhabi-
From Committee of Assigned Revenue, enclosing a Petition from an Inhabitant of the Carangooley District.
-tant of the Carangooley District complaining of Lieut. Baillies having seized and carried away his cattle, without giving him recompence for them as lodged in the Office.—

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, when the Country is restored to Peace, it may become necessary to institute an enquiry for a knowledge of the Losses and injuries the Inhabitants have sustained which will be the proper time for redress of Complaints of that Nature if the present.—
Minute thereon.

Read Proposals from Various Persons for renting several of the advertised Districts under the Assign-
Proposals from People for renting the advertised Districts.
-ment (as lodged in the Office)

Agreed that they be Referred to the Committee of Assigned Revenue for their Opinion thereon.—
Minute thereon.

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2d Received Complaints against Mr. Ducell Second Officer of the Nonsuch from Sergeants Burke & O'Rourmanor, with a Petition from the latter to the Governor as entered in Miscellany Book &c.

3 Received the following Letter from the Commanding Officer of Pennacoil.

To John Huddleston Esqr.
Military Secretary

Sir,

I was favored with yours of the 18th last Night containing orders from the Rt Honble the President and Select Committee, all of which I particularly observe, and as I am not in want of Grain for any Post at present having laid in a Considerable Deal besides what I got up from Chungleput I shall not purchase another grain, Mr Welsh has Laid the Troops in Garrison, but I shall be glad to be informed if I am to apply to him too for Money to reimburse me the Sums I have laid out, to strengthen the Port lay in Materials, Grain &c. agreeable to the orders I received from their Honors, &c. the Commander in Chief & General Bence —

I have the honor to remain;

Sir,

Your Most Obd. Servant

27th July, 8. P. M.

(Signed) Nathaniel Dawes
D.C. Pennr.

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3d Received the following Letter from Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

The Naval Storekeeper having informed me, that there are in the Company's Stores some large Rings & Shackles, which if fitted to two Bower Anchors, at present useless, will make them serviceable, as his Majesty's Squadron under my Command is greatly distressed for Anchors I am to beg you will give directions for his being furnished with the Rings & Shackles for the Anchors he solicits.

I am
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Edward Hughes,

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Wrote the following Letter to Mr Sullivan President at Tanjore.

To John Sullivan Esqr
President at
Tanjore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
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3d the President and Select Committee to inform you that a Letter from the Court of Direction to the Rajah, a Copy of which I enclose is entrusted to the care of Captain Campbell proceeding to Tanjore I am also to desire you will deliver it to his Excellency with the usual ceremony

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

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2.d August 1783

Sunday 3.d Aug.t 1783

At a Select Committee on Military Affairs

Present

The Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K. B.d.

Anthony Sadleir Esq.r Major Gen.l Sam.l Stuart

Alexander Davidson Morgan Williams Esq.rs

Minutes of last Committee read and approved

The President delivers in the following

Minute

In Committee August 3.d 1783

The President has the honor to observe to the Committee that the War being at an end with the French, it becomes proper now to direct all the force within their disposal towards compelling Tippoo Saheb to that Pacification to which in compliance with the

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the late Treaty between the Courts of London, and Versailles
he had been invited

The time which was requested, as sufficient to enable them to send an answer to this Invitation is now elapsed, without an Answer. It is possible he may imagine that there is an Irresolution and an Temporising Policy, a Wisdom, which cannot however, apply to both sides, and which by the wants of this Government may become particularly unsuitable to his Affairs.

They took a turn unfavorable to them, from the moment that the War was carried into his own Country; and it must coincide with the views of the Court of Directors, to prosecute this System with vigor, as after the War was ended with France Spain, and America, and a Cessation of Hostilities had taken place with Holland, a large reinforcement of Kings Troops, and Companys Recruits will

Country—

The are said to be employed, as soon as they are fit for duty. They will very ample supply the deficiency of any detachment which has or may be sent from the Army now under Colonel Gordon— In this Army there is at present no enemy opposed of any consequence— The most steady and effectual

Operations

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Operations against Tippoo Saheb must from Situation be expected from the Southern Army; but it must be reinforced in Proportion to those expectations and to the considerable accession of Strength transmitted by this Fleet— There are already landed here above a thousand Men— These all may gradually join the Carnatic Army, together with as many more from the other Ships, & the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons, now completely mounted, and fit for duty may also join that Army—

There may therefore be detached from it for the Southern Army without Inconvenience or Danger, or Any very considerable and permanent diminution of its actual Strength, 500 of the Europeans who are now with it, and have seen service in this Country, together with two Battalions of Sepoys, and a due Proportion of Artillery and Europeans Artillery men— with this second Reinforcement there is Reason to hope that speedy and solid Advantages will be gained for the Company by the Southern Army—

With such a Reinforcement Colonel Sullivan considers himself equal to an Invasion of the Mysore dominions— The Committee is grounded on relying on his Judgement and Prudence, as well as on his exertions— His Opinion is strengthened by a consideration of all circumstances, and by the respective

Communication

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Communications, & the local knowledge, and experience of Mr. Sibbald from Tellicherry and Mr. Saliwan of Tanjore.

The President proposes that this Reinforcement should march without delay, the effect which may be produced by it, might be frustrated by delay, because not attacks is always more likely to be successful the quicker it is made; and because the sooner it is attempted, the less chance there may be of its Interruptions - by Tippoo's bringing his mind to a determination of acceding to that Pacification, of which he has the option, provided he should make it within four Months after having been invited to it - It is the duty of the Committee to lose not a moment in giving such a Direction to the Forces of the Company untill Tippoo shall incline to Peace, as to render that Peace the most Honorable and advantageous to the Company.

The President proposes also that a Part of the Black Native Cavalry now with the Carnatic Army do immediately march to join the Northern Army under Major General Lowe - That army chiefly assembled for the Purpose of causing a Diversion and diversion of Tippoos Strength, is supposed already to have produced that effect, as he is reported to have

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have sent towards the Province of Cuddapah a body of eight thousand Men — It becomes therefore proper to Strengthen General Lines as much as can be spared —

The President requests it may be considered that the Committee is answerable for the due employment of every Man sent, or paid by the Company, in the manner most likely to answer the safety & promote the Welfare of the Company — The Carnatic Army has no Army on the Carnatic to attack; nor can the whole of it leave the Carnatic to attack the Enemy elsewhere — And there is little within its reach for the present either for the Enemy to destroy or for the Carnatic Army to defend beside Fort Saint George — To leave that Army therefore with superfluous & inactive Strength, while Detachements from it can enable the other Armies to prosecute the War with effect, and bring it to a speedy and advantageous conclusion, would be a criminal neglect of the Duty of the Company's Servants entrusted with its Interests —

Ordered that the above minute be sent in Circulation to the Members of the Committee for their consideration — and that the Determination upon this important Subject and the measures recommended by the President be deferred untill the next meeting of the Committee

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Committee.

The President lays before the Committee a List of Papers which he proposes shall be immediately sent to Bengal.

In Committee of 3.d August held since the receipt of the Cs Letter of 15.th January

Mr Huddleston acquainted the Committee that a duplicate Copy of the Dispatches which were sent by the Governor in March 1782. & in Duplicate by the Danish afterwards had been forwarded to Denmark to be sent to England by such Ships as the Admiral might dispatch thither but some months after on the return of the squadron that Copy was returned to Mr Huddleston by Mr Cuthbert the admiral's Secretary, not having been forwarded.

The President desired this to be noted & mentioned in the General Letter now preparing for England.

The Council to have such copies of the Papers that are already made sent to them that they may complete copies of the whole to be sent a number in the present Packet

Read the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne.

Mr

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My Lord

As Lieut General Bruce has quitted the Army at Cuddalore & has Command of it will hardly be given to a Lieutenant Colonel I beg leave to inform your Lordship that I am ready to go down to Cuddalore immediately meet the army on the March or whenever it may be intended it should take Post

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
J Burgoyne
(Signed) M.G.

July 31st 1783

General Stuart is of opinion that the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons should join the Army that they may have an opportunity of seeing Service

Agreed that the 23d Regiment of Dragoons be ordered to join the Army — and that General Stuart be directed to give the necessary orders accordingly —

The Committee desire the Opinion of General Stuart, whether General Burgoyne should be directed to join the Army —

General Stuart is of Opinion that

General

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General Burgoyne should be ordered to join, for the same reason that he thinks the Regiment should proceed to the Army—

Ordered that Sir John Burgoyne do join the army and assume the Command thereof

The President delivers in the following Minute

In Committee August 3d 1783

The President has the Honor of laying before the Committee a letter received from His Highness the Nabob in answer to his communicating the Company's desire that he should not write to Individuals in England by any other Channel than thro' the President & Council—

The President believes it is unnecessary for him to assure the Committee that the charge of seizing, opening and suppressing the Nabobs letter is equally groundless with all the others which he has thought fit to bring against him—

It has happened that sometimes Letters have been sent from the Distant Provinces addressed to his Highness and His Second Son Ameer ul Omrah, and brought to the President, but they have been immediately forwarded by the President to their Address— In no Instance whatsoever has any of them been ever opened,

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opened, suppressed or delayed, and the whole of His Highness's correspondence is regularly transmitted to England at the same time with the other proceedings of the Presidency by the speedier Channels —

The Secretary informs the President that a compleate set had been sent by the Grosvenor which sailed from hence with Sir Edward Hughes's Fleet in March 1782 — This Government had no advice from the Admiral of the intended departure of the Royal Charlotte from Trincomalley by which conveyance the Nabobs letters as mentioned in the Company's letter of the 15th January last communicated to his Highness in the Presidents of the 22d July were forwarded to England —

The President does not know by what Treaty of alliance between his Sovereign and the Nabob he is alleged in Duty to acquaint the Nabob with the proceedings of the Committee — In the letters to his Highness the grounds of Complaint which this Government had are fully explained to him, and his assistance required according to His engagements to remove them, the only answer received are Criminations and Invectives —

The Sentiments communicated by the Company's Principal Servants, in the discharge of their Duty, and in their Private Dispatches to their Employers relative to Men and Measures in India, and to the British

British Interests and connexions in it are intended for and submitted to those Employers, who may use or reject, disclose or suppress them, as they think proper.

Read accordingly the Letter from the Nabob dated 25.th July - as entered in Country Correspondence

The President requests the Sentiments of the Committee whether the request contained in the Nabobs letter should be complied with and the Papers demanded by him sent him or not.

W.m Sadleir Is of Opinion that whatever orders may be sent from Bengal on the Subject of the Nabobs request for Papers should be complied with - and therefore that the Nabobs letter together with the Presidents Minute should be forwarded to Bengal and the Compliance with his request referred entirely to that Government

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W.m Williams — Is against sending the Papers to Bengal or referring the matter to them as he does not think they have any right to decide thereon

President — Against referring the matter to Bengal because he thinks this Government fully competent to judge and decide thereon & he will not be answerable. — in



in what he thinks would be Contrary to the Interest of the Company. —

The Majority being of Opinion that the Nabobs Letter together with the Presidents Minute should be sent to Bengal in the Common course of communication Resolved Accordingly - but they are likewise of Opinion that it is by no means necessary to refer the matter to their decision —

Read Letter from Captain Donald Campbell.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to represent to your Lordships &.c that in May 1781 I set off from London intending to proceed with all possible expedition to my Military Stations at Madras - after encountering many disagreeable delays and hazardous difficulties by crossing in Egypt at a time the plague existed there and afterwards in doing post from Alleppo to Bagdat a distance of about 1400 miles, I reached Bussora in September following. I embarked immediately but owing to the effects of a gale of Wind in the gulf of Persia, and the apprehensions of French Privateers cruizing in these seas not arrive at Bombay until February 1782 — There embarked in a

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a portuguese Vessel which sailed soon after for Madras rather than wait the precarious departure of our Ships from thence and was unfortunately Ship wrecked on the Coast of Hyder ally & Suffered in his Country the Hardships of hunger imprisonment want of Cloths &c. my distresses became alternately still more rigorous by my Zeal ever in this Situation to attempt to render some services my Employers — beg leave to lay these circumstances before your Lordships &c. and to request that you will be pleased to grant me some consideration to replace my necessaries and those Articles of Military Equipment which I lost and to authorize me to draw for my pay & allowances from the / reached the Companys Possessions or at least from my Arrival at Bombay where I became subject to the Orders of the Companys Representatives I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your very faithfull

& Obedient Servant

Donald Campbell

(Signed)

Madras
31st. July 1783

Ordered that Captain Campbell be allowed his Pay from the time of his Arrival at Bombay and that he be strongly recommended to the Honble Court of Directors



Directors for a considerable for his Loses and the hardships he has undergone —

Read the following letter from Mr. John Sulivan

George

To the Right Honble. Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Select Committee Fort St. George

From Mr. John Sulivan explaining his proceedings at large relative to his Negotiation with the Agent, deputed from the Rana of Mysore —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship &c. Copies of certain Papers relative to the Mysore Agents and of certain agreements concluded by / mediation with the Polygars of Dindigul &c. &c.

I must confess to your Lordship &c.

that the Papers referred to have long lain by me ready for dispatch and that I have withheld them from a desire to wait the issue of some outward events that seemed to promise a Material influence on our expectations from Dindigul.

When I had the honor of addressing the Committee on the ultimo every circumstance tended to a conviction that the whole of the Money stipulated to have been paid on the fall of Dindigul would certainly have been forthcoming within the term / stipulated by the engagement then renewed The unexpected & I must say unprovoking movement of our Southern Army on a Contrary Direction to that which we had taught the Polygars to expect has afforded them, but too reasonable a Plea for Non-

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Performance, on the Confusion that has since ensued in the Unhappy Country; It has revived every Suspicion that has been for some time past industriously excited by those who form a Principle or Prejudice and the discovery of Active Operations in the Directions pointed out by the Committee — But I will not further deprecate the Patience of the Honble Board on the Subject of these Occurrences, and whatever hopes or Expectations may remain in my own breast, I think it my Duty, at this Period when the general Pacification of India is in your contemplation to Declare to your Lordships &c.a that the agreement or Treaty entered into on the Part of the Honble Company with Tirmaulrow on the name of the Rana of Mysore, is become Voidable by the non Performance of the said Mysore Agent.

I say voidable, My Lord & Gentlemen, because I trust that it will become a Point of Serious Discussion with your Lordships &c.a whether under all the Circumstances of this negociation & Subsequent Agreement; it is to be specially pronounced, ipso facto, void. Many Incidents Subsequent to the concluding of that Treaty may have occurred with your Lordships &c.a to Qualify any Default on the Part of the Mysore Agent &c.a may in the judgement of the Committee be thought reasonably, & almost necessarily influencing to the Disappointments of the Agent himself as well as of the Honble Board.

As the Committee in their Ratification of the Articles of the Agreement or Treaty in question have done me the Honor to consult me much on the Occurrences as well as information that I have from time

time to time presumed to submit to their judgement — I must beg their further indulgence at this important Crisis briefly to recur to the origin and progress as well as the object of the Mysore negociation without entering into a detail of Minute facts & Circumstances — which nevertheless may hereafter be not unnecessarily — adduced.

I am led to solicit this indulgence with the more anxiety as it should seem from the Language of those who reprobate the Negociation — that all the Operations of the War to the Southward, if not the Justice and Policy of the War itself were to be solely influenced by the Performance or non Performance of the engagements of the Agent; and that the Articles of — agreement or Treaty entered into with him had been unreasonably & not wantonly sacrificed in Support of the — nominal Rights of a Phantom. — for as such the Rana of Gurpore has been represented, altho' it is a fact well established, that Hyder ally in the Zenith of his Power thought it necessary to observe the exterior of Submission to this presumed Phantom; that he successively held out to the Mysorean two sons of his deposed Sovereign and upon the demise of the last, he proposed to the Rana the adoption of a youth who not being in direct Succession, he is said to have refused to acknowledge.

If the Conqueror of Palicat Chitra-gul, Bednore Sudasiah, Gutty and many other Provinces, at the head of an Army that made him formidable to his most powerfull neighbours, in possession of all the

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resources of the Mysore Country and exercising all the authority of the Government - If under such Circumstances Hyder judged it expedient in Policy, Apparently to conciliate the Countenance of the Rightfull Sovereign of mysore it is a fair presumption that the Stability of his conquests, even in his own Opinion were not to be indefinitely Sound in his usurpation; that the adherents of the ancient Family were still to be dreaded, and that the Moment was not ripe for them with the Power, to assume the name of the Mysore Government. as fair a presumption there is as evidently offered, that the agents or representatives of that rightfull Sovereign was, to be treated with too portable and almost demonstrable advantage, collaterally with our own - assertions against the Power of Hyder -

But however fair these Presumptions or however incontroverted the facts from whence they are deduced - very little Caution has been observed in propagating assertions directly opposed to them Jas some very strong assertions of this nature have gone into the World under the Sanction of a name & authority which may be presumed to influence the Opinions of others, I must entreat the Permission of your Lordships &c. while I speak of the progress of the negotiation to state the Circumstances that led my poor Judgement to form those Opinions which have been invariably received with so much indulgence by the Honible Board -

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On my Arrival in India I found the Honble Company already engaged in the present Mysore war; my Enquiries on that Subject led me to the knowledge of Srinavasrow the Principal agent and his Brother Narrain Row, who not without Difficulty and after many explanations were induced to communicate with Confidence; the Collateral Evidence they adduced in Support of their Authenticity as Persons entrusted by the Surnavis Rajah of Mysore to gether with the means they held out by them for aiding us in the prosecution of the War, seemed to carry with it so much the air of truth, that it became not an Object of choice but of Duty to make the Communication to the Committee.

In the same persuasion of thought it my Duty to convey to Colonel Hamberston the information I had received from Srinavasrow relative to the practicability of opening a Communication between the Coasts of Malabar & Coromandel and of bringing with me Service the Respectable force under his command which at that time consisted of 1050 European Infantry and a considerable train of Artillery, in Addition to the Troops under Major Abington, with which the Major had so Gallantly driven the enemy from Dellichery and reduced Calicut

The Novelty of a route which had never been frequented by europeans excited Apprehensions & those Apprehensions deserved the public of the Services

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of an Army, which at that time must necessarily have had a Material influence upon the War in the Carnatic, I need not observe to your Lordship &c.a that the Subsequent march of Colonel Humberston to Palacatcherry and the late march of Colonel Fullarton to Daraporam have evinced that no route could have afforded more Advantages or have been attended with less risque than the one I had the honor to Suggest upon the information of Primaulcotta.

This circumstance of which I had early and full Conviction left no doubt on my mind that these agents were to be confided in & the Articles of agreement originally proposed by them seemed to Consonant with the views of our Government that had fortune crowned our arms with the entire Subversion of Hyders Power I conceived that in policy as well as in justice they afforded the only basis on which any secure and Permanent alliance &c with the Mysore Government could be formed from the nature of the negociation and the strict Confinement of the Rajah more Satisfactory evidence could not easily have been adduced, than that which I had the honor to State from time to time to the Right Honble President & the Honble Board, in Support of the authenticity of the agents or the means proposed by the Rajah, her adherents, or by the agents themselves and of which we might avail ourselves in the prosecution

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of the War The Originals of the Accompanying Papers, refer to or form a part of this Evidence - the Existence of valuable Jewels in the family of the Agents Since their Arrival in Tanjore, is to be proved incontrovertably on whatever ground they may have been so long witheld from our Possession whether from a Suspicion of our insincerity, or from unavoidable and unforeseen Events, as urged by the Agents themselves.

The letters addressed to the Right Hon'ble President; to the late Sir Eyre Coote &c.a tho' strongly affirmed on the part of the Agents to be, Bonafide, in the hand writing of the Rana of Mysore, have no other immediate Evidence in Support of their authenticity; but as every deliberate Act of fraud or imposture has generally some Specious object in view it may be surely asked what possible motives could have influenced the Brothers Trimulrow & narrain row, with their Credit so far to have risqued their own personal Safety & that of their families (Constantly in our Possession) by a wanton persistance in an imposture which sooner or later could not fail of detection But the fact is, that their authenticity as persons in the Confidence of the Ancient Mysore family had never been called in Question by many successive ministers of the Raja of Tanjore, and I will beg permission of the Right Hon'ble the President to observe that the introductory or Credential Letter which Narrain Row had the Honor to

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Pursuant to his Lordships from His Excellency the Raja / and which was attended entirely without my participation / may be considered as further presumptive of that authority

These my Lord and Gen Munro were Considerations which combined with many others Justly established my own Opinion & led me to the original Communications of my conferences with the Agents, & of the proposed Articles of Alliance with the ancient and despotic Family of Mysore, your Lordships &c. were pleased to command me to continue the negociation, and at length to conclude an agreement or Treaty with the agents subject to the ultimate ratification of the Supreme Council.-

Gratified as the agents were in having gained the Confidence of the Hostile Head, they were no Strangers to the reports industriously Circulated that the Treaty not having received the Approbation of the Supreme Council was to all intents & Purposes a nullity and when the Corps of them gave authority to those reports the effects were evidently discernable in the Suspicions and Apprehension of the Agents themselves. Error and Prejudice had been invariably suggested by the Agents as the first Objects of attack, the their Hopes and in a great measure their expectations were that both those passions might be easily gained by the influence of their friends aided by a negociation under cover of the March of our Army. I must refer your Lordships &c. to the Letter I had the honor of Addressing to you on the 25 Feby

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and 9.th March, for the Particulars of Colonel Lange's Conduct previous to and during the Siege of Cavoor.—

In the facts be fairly stated and Struck they have been found so by the Committee, it must appear that the Colonels Conduct was not the best adapted to conciliate the adherents of the Mysore family; nor could the Colonel consider such Circumstances have had any reason to reproach himself with the violation of his Promises or with that Disappointment in finding no friends of the Mysore family in Cavoor.— If such friends had existed on the Pollak, that they should have sought refuge in the fort, may easily be apprehended when they were refused an Assurance of protection from the Colonel & that both friends and enemies should afterwards retire with their Effects when the void was open to them, can excite few Ideas of Surprize in those who were acquainted with the Circumstances of the fall of Cavoor. The subsequent Display of the Mysore Flag deemed rather an act of Thankfulness on such an Occasion.— & could little tend to inspire Confidence or to raise contributions from a desolated Province, & Country.—

But reverting to the time the Colonel marched from Trichinopoly towards Cavoor it will appear that he set out with few Dispositions to Cooperate on the Spirit of the Mysore Engagement.— the Colonel had avowedly rejected all Ideas of negociation as if unconnected with the Principles of war He avowed that he had no Confidence in Srimunbrow tho' at that Period he could be reproached or

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with no failure, & where he had no confidence, it could hardly be expected that the Colonel conduct should be marked with much courtesy or attention. The failure however of such attentions may reasonably be supposed to have had its influence; it could give little confidence to the Agents or themselves, and lend but little to strengthen the Cause of their Principal or adherents.

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Pursuing the same Line of Information to your Lordships &c.a will not be surprized to find that the Agents, already marked with the contempt of the Southern Commander in Chief should either with their own or general estimation as the Col. pursued in his March, without receiving every Manifest allegation as the Letters of Information now in contradiction to the Truth / the Least affords / have no Evidence to disbelieve any of those allegations / I must beg to submit this consideration to your Lordships &c.a that the Colonel Previous to his Arrival, and During his stay at Dondigal, had evidently espoused into some Cabals the very men whom he ought to have considered as Dependants on the Mysore Agent; the man whom he knew to be bound by the most solemn Obligations to Despotic that Agent with the very means, for the non production of which he has been reproached; the Colonel knew perfectly well that the Peons Polygars and his Brother in law were at that moment in Security to Tirumulrow for the Payment of a Lack and a half of Rupees, in money and in grain, and that it was from that Source alone from which Tirumulrow was

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to draw his Dindigul Supplies. if he failed he was to be considered as unfortunately rather than Criminal, and there was little reason to mark with a decided preference the men, whose deceit had occasioned his failure. —

In the interval, before all the Circumstances of the failure at Caroor & Dingull were developed, the family of Trimul & Narrain Row in Tanjore, were put under constraint by his Excellency the Rajah, tho not without my concurrence — I was ready to Submit my own Opinion, for the Moment, to an experiment in which I had little confidence, & it tended only to produce the same Steadiness of assertion on the Part of all the family, — that to those Causes, and those Causes alone, which I have mentioned, the failure of Trimulrow must be referred. —

In justice to the Providence of Trimulrow it is necessary to observe to your Lordship &c. that so far back as the month of November last when he gave Cowle to Vencatapady naig (the Piny Polygar) he proved to us that he was not ignorant of his Character and that it would be necessary to keep down his Arrogance with a strong hand. The measures adopted previous to the assumption of the Command by Co.l Fullarton were evidently the reverse of those on which Trimulrow had built his expectations, & their influence was so deep rooted that it was not within the immediate compass of a change of measures to eradicate it. — on the accession of Co.l Fullarton to the Command of the Southern Army he found the Breach

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between Tommaloow and the Pony Polygar so wide; the Confusions Superiority of Tommaloow so deeply wounded; and the Expectations of Pony Polygar so much elevated, that despairing of immediate Accomodation, he determined to send all the Parties to Tanjore to try the Effect of my remonstrances.

On their Arrival finding the allegations of Tommaloow supported by the Confession of the Polygar I immediately requested his Excellency the Raja to withdraw his Forces from the family of the brothers. It was my wish & view to effect cordial reconciliation, that the Polygar affirmed, on the most sanguinecal terms, their Dependance on the present mysore family & acknowledged Tommaloow as its representative. The engagement of November was at length revived under my mediation, & the Lack & half, reserved in the former agreement was again stipulated to be paid within 40 days from the 1st June.

The movement of Colonel Fullarton to the eastward gave additional Security for the performance but the Return of the Army to Tanchanoply has entirely Confusion in the Disjoined Districts and has again accelerated the Stipulated Payment a small part of which only has been received) and their indecisive movements of our force has evidently begotten new Suspicions in the mind of the Inhabitants of the western Districts.

The fall of Darapooram took place in the Interval of Tommaloow and his Brothers absence & from the Army the great resources pointed out by the Agents on

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in that Direction were there found; but Tennial not laying
in the Fort, the Principal manager of those Countries, who
was confessedly the Chief of Hyder managers on this
side the Hills, & on whose Attachment Tennial had long
fore wards had fled with the Secret of the Principal &
Subaltern's, Tennial now still insists on the - Attachment
of this man, and has pledged himself to bring the proofs
of it.

Such my Lord & Gentlemen is the
brief Abstract of facts & presumptions which may be
supposed to have had a sinister influence on the Progress
of the Mysore Engagements

On the unfortunacy of any one military
Operations either executed or proposed to be executed, the perfor-
mance or the non performance of those engagements would
have no just influence.

The Scene of Military Operations
as originally suggested by the Mysore Agents, both on this & on
the other side of the Hills, have received the Sanction (as
being the best Possible) of Colonel Humberston, general
Matthews, Colonel Campbell and Mr. Sibbald, Gentlemen
who have never considered those operations as connected
with the Mysore Engagements, but whose opinions
have been drawn from their own local knowledge &
observations the Testimony of Colonel Fullarton may also
be adduced: the result of his indefatigable enquiries
the success of his operations and the great resources

found

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Ground on the neighbourhood of Darapooram, go stumbledly to the same Spring.—

Under all the Circumstances of the present War and with the Experience we have had of the ruling Principles and conduct of the enemy, it is on the head of Government to decide on the Conduct & Policy of the Restoration of the Ancient mysore family, in preference to the Opposite System of Fondling and Supporting a Political Balance in the Subsisting Power of Seringapatam.—

Respecting as the Records are of good & sound Argument in Support of that political Balance, it is Evident that the views of the Honble Company have not been wholly amded from a System similar to that prescribed by the Articles adjusted with Tremaulow & should seem at one Period that in the Speculation of the Court of Directors the difficulty & expence of reducing Hyders Power has had a greater influence & than the Consideration of the general Confidence; and that now reduced, the reestablishment of that Power made no part of their System.—

In the same Letter where Pacific measures with Hyder are strongly inculcated (of 10th March 1769) I could not call the recollection of your Lordships Ex.a to this remarkable passage.—

If it should have happened when their advices reach you that Hyder Ally should be incapacitated and it should not be inconsistent with any engagements

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engagements you may have entered into, our wish would be to have restored to the ancient Rajas and Powers to whom they belonged the Several Districts & Countries taken from Hyder ally, after reserving to us the Passes and Forts which serve as a barrier between the Mysore & Carnatic such a step must Demonstrate to all the Indian Powers with whom we are connected that we meant to distribute to every Man his own & by a just mild and prudent Conduct towards them to evince that Conquests & Plunder are not the objects of our Pursuit.

I take the liberty of obstruding this Passage at length as it has materially influenced my conduct thro' the whole of the Mysore Negociation, a measure which your Lordships &c.a will permit me to observe was not the incentive to but the Consequent of a War already waged the personal & implacable animosity subsisting between Hyder ally and his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic while it seemed to preclude every hope of terminating this War by an honorable & permanent Peace, made me conceive that if a change could be effected in the Government of Mysore, many great objects of national interest security might still be gained this change was the Object of the Negociation with Purnea now, as it had previously been to the encouragement I gave to some Emissaries sent into that Palace by Tippoo Sahib immediately after the Defeat of Colonel Brathwaite for I conceived it possible to detach such a Son from the interests by a Father, who it was known

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Cursed Tyranny and Oppression into the heart of this family.
my endeavours upon this occasion were not carried to an extent
that could merit the rudeness of the Committee and the manner
of them is now introduced only as it may tend to convince that
my Attention has been solely directed to a change in the
Government of Mysore.

The death of Hyder ally opened to us
for a moment the prospect of such a change, but the short
interval of Tippoo's administration by already provided us
that wont has only given anew and perhaps a more formidable
Enemy to the British interests in the East the same
principles of Government and the most aggravated instances
of the violation of the Public faith have been recently
severely felt by us in the loss of General Mathews Army.
and whatever humane provisions Government might adopt
in the event of a peace for the security of the Rana of
Mysore where engagements with us however productive
must have sufficiently excited the jealousy of Poornutty
of Tippoo Sahebs, or of the men of Cabinet and the
Patans of Cudapah, I could not anticipate to your Lordship
Yr the melancholy reflection that such provisions could
tend but to fulfil to the security of those who may be the
objects of them.—

These my Lord & Gentlemen are
Considerations which I have not the presumption to bring
forward as suggestions to influence the decisions of the
Committee They are obtruded upon your Patience with

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as then view than to explain the motives which have actuated my Conduct, and to prove the unwearied solicitude my mind will ever feel to merit the indulgence with which my poor endeavours have been considered by your Honble Board

I have the honor to be with Great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient & most faithful humble Servant

John Sullivan

(Signed)

Tanjore 2 16th July 1783

List of Papers

No 1 Copy of a letter from his Highness the Nabob Wallaw Jaw to Modenah dated at Colar in 1768 saying that Genl Smith would send an escort to bring them safely to Colar where he the Nabob wished to see them upon the business already treated of between Modenah & Madanna Mamelah

No 2 Copy of a letter from his Highness the Nabob to Genl Smith relative to the Escort of Modenah

No 3 Copy of a letter from his Highness the Nabob to Colo Wood, to the same effect

No 4 Copy of a letter from Colo Wood at Modenah addressing him as the Servant of the Mysore Raja and inviting Modenah to join the English for the punishment of Hyder

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manner as it was given to the Board of Trade of the disappointment of his mission by the imprisonment of Lord Pigot before the Commodore had an opportunity of laying before her Lordship his Commission and of the orders he received by message from that noble Lord not to venture himself on shore but to proceed to Tanjore and there await until the orders for his Lordships restoration to the Government should arrive from England

advice

No. 16 The declaration of Commodore relative to the Goods entrusted to his care

No 17 Copy of the Agreement executed in Nov.r 1782 by Ranga Sawmy Naigue in the name of Vencaty Scelly Naigue for the Payment of one Lack and a half of Pagodas on Account of Dundegul

No 18 Copy of a Bond of Security from Ranga sawmy Naigue to Commodore for the Performance of the above agreement

No 19 Copy of Commodore engagement in favor of Vencaty Scelly Naigue

No 20 Copy of a Second Agreement between Commodore Ranga Sawmy Naigue dated in April 1783. at Swarnaroomchy

The Committee before taking the foregoing letter into consideration Agreed that a Copy of it be sent a recorder in the first Packet to the Honble Court of Directors

X The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from the Marquis de Bussy

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Bussy and desires the sentiments of the Committee thereon

Translation

Maugicoupan, 27th. July 1783

My Lord,

I have received in duplicate the letter you did me the honor to address to me on the 20th. Instant, together with the several enclosures and papers of Intelligence you were pleased to transmit with it, for which I return you my thanks; the ill state of my health has prevented my replying to you sooner.

In the present state of Affairs, we must soon receive positive Accounts, and the precise Orders of our respective Courts on the subject of the Exchanges and retro-Cessions that have been stipulated in the definitive Treaty- In the mean while my Lord, I propose to you to have begun some external repairs at Pondicherry to secure the wretched Inhabitants of that Town from the Bundetti who may in the Course of one Night enter and plunder it- This Place is, without doubt, & subject to your authority until orders arrive from Europe for its being restored- The Inhabitants reside there under the faith of a Capitulation which places them in

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Necessity of dispatch my reason from hence till the 2.d of August-
as it was impossible to have Rice delivered to the Army whilst
the Storm lasted

Enclosed I have the honor to forward
for your information the last intelligence received from the
Southward —

I am sorry to be obliged to complain
to your Lordship &c.a Select Committee of the very extraor-
= dinary, and I must say, Inhuman Behaviour of Captain
Elliott of the Morse East Indiaman, respecting our Sick
and Wounded; above Sixty of them were sent on shore
without a single reason assigned or being reported to any
one Officer; the Consequence of which were that they
lay outside exposed to most tempestuous weather —
and from the Situation they were in by wounds and Disorder,
many of them have fallen a Sacrifice to this act of
Inhumanity — I know not under whose immediate orders
Capt.n Elliott was, whilst employed here on the Service
of the Army, but this to be regretted he did not consider
he was in any degree amenable to mine; as he refused
to take many Things on board belonging to the publick
Stores of the Army which I much fear will be left on
the Ground, when the Army moves from hence, owing
to the diminished & impoverished State of our Draught,
& Carriage Cattle —

Enclosed I have the honor of
transmitting to your Lordships &c.a Select Committee the

Copies

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Copies of some Letters that passed between Captain Macdonal of his Majesty's Ship Africa & me, the Day before he sailed, his refusal to comply with my request to Carry round by sea the Deserters that have come in from the Enemy Will be attended with much Inconvenience

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient & most
humble Servant
(Signed) A. Gordon
Col.z

Captain Elliott having been applied to for his reasons for the conduct reprimanded by Colonel Gordon — Declares that he was acting under the orders of Captain Mac Donal of His Majesty's Ship Africa & that he came away from Cuddalore in obedience to the orders he received from him.

The President lays before the Committee the following Memorial from Sir Thos Burgoyne. —

To the Right Honble the President & Members of the Select Committee

Madras July 17th 1783

The Petitioners of the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons

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Dragoons, commanded by Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart, having made Application to Major General Stuart that they may separately contract with the Government for the feeding the Horses of their respective Troops Sir John Burgoyne begs to make some observations on the Subject and explain some Matters that should be perviously perused, before such a request is granted.

The Ground on which these Captains make their request or rather Demand, / for their Letter to Major General Sir John Burgoyne, Lt. Floyd who speaks for the rest, calls it their just right established from long Custom) is this- In Great Britain where the Cavalry are always moving about, to prevent the Landholders being too severely burthened with them, 3/2 is deducted from each Dragoons pay daily 6d. of which is paid to the Innkeepers for Hay and Straw, and the remaining 2s. 7d/2 is left in the Captains hands for providing Oats only, It would be impossible to settle this Matter in any other way as it hardly ever happens that more than a Troop is quartered in one Town, and that Troop purchases upon a Dozen Innkeepers - It is plain that Government means the Captains should have as little to do as possible with the Food of their Horses, for 2s. 7d/2 only of the Horse allowance goes into their hands, which is little more than the fourth part of it, Therefore entrust it to any more of Genl. Weather

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whether it can be called an established custom and such as ought to be followed in India; that because in England for certain urgent reasons the Captains are allowed to buy their oats for their Horses, they should in this Country, where the whole of the Establishment is totally different, be permitted contrary to the custom of it, to provide their Horses with all sorts of Provisions maintain Horsekeepers & Grass Cutters, and keep up the Accoutrements of the Regiment (for the Contract includes all this) and by that means deprive the Colonel of what, throughout the whole of His Majesty's Troops, has always been his unquestionable privilege. To prove however beyond a Doubt, that the Right these Gentlemen demand as established by long Custom, is no such thing, I beg to observe that on Service or in the peaceable Camps at Home, the Captains never have any thing to do with any part of the feed of their Horses, the Horses of every Regiment are fed by a Contractor, nor did I ever hear that any Captain yet complained his right was invaded, because the feeding his Horses was withdrawn from him and given to one, In Ireland the Captains have nothing to do with the feeding their Horses, the Commanding Officer having an entire management of all Forage, The great Emoluments of a Regiments of Horse Guards, & or Horse Grenadier Guards is on the feeding of the Horses which is always done by the Colonel.

I think therefore it plainly appears,

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that wherever it can be avoided, that Captains have nothing to do with the feed of their Horses, or Cookroom only in the 2 1/2 a day for Batt allowed them, the reason of which Sentence is, that as it does not come to a Regiments turn to go Home above once in ten years, it is thought a Matter of too little Consequence to alter for so short a time - Tho' I have the highest opinion of the Captains of my own Regiment yet I think it would prove attended with many more Disadvantages, should each individual Captain, be allowed to make a seperate Contract for the feeding the Horses of his own Troop, Tho the 23d Regt. is so lucky at present, to have Captains who could never be suspected of defrauding their Horses of their Forage allowances, yet it may not always be the case hereafter, & predicament, however dear one will certainly agree should their Plan be agreed to -

I am what I have advanced, I do not mean as Colonel to claim any right to contract for the Forage myself, tho' it has always been the Custom here, to grant it to the Commanding Officer of each Corps of Cavalry, Government have undoubtedly a right to contract with whom they please, I can only observe further that I think the Colonel of the Regiment has a prior Right to the Captains - and, as he must be chiefly if inclined to fraud, by the Vigilance of each Captain who for their own sakes will see Justice done to their Horses, and as he has so great a Stake as his Regt

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Regiment to lose, he will probably, if not thro' honesty,
yet from common Policy, refrain from any improper
Management of his Contract

J. Burgoyne
M. G. & Col.

July 20.th 1783

23.d L. Dragoons

The Committee desire the Opinion of General
Stuart on the Subject of the foregoing memorial

General Stuart

Is of opinion that it is a matter
of Detail regarding His Majesty's Troops entirely on the
Province of the Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops

The President
Mr. Sadlier
Mr. Williams
} Are of Opinion that the Matter &c.
be referred to the Board for his Opinion but not for his
decision

Mr. Davidson

Thinks contracts for feeding the
Horses are by no means matters of Regimental Detail,
but should be decided by the Select Committee -
The Question being put whether
General Burgoyne or the Officers should feed the
Horses?

The Committee are of Opinion
that the Captains should have the feeding of the
Horses

Read the following letter from
General Stuart, inclosing a representation from the
Officers

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Officers on this Establishment respectively the Rank held on this Country by His Majesty's Officers.—

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Agreed that the above be transmitted to the Court of Directors and that it be strongly recommended to their attention.

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Received the following Letter from Captain Cuppage, Commanding at Vellore

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward to your Lordships a letter which I received this morning from Bangalore the Prisoners dont mention a Syllable of news to me. my People say that the report at Bangalore is, that Tippoo is still before Mangalore with his Infantry, but that he has sent his Horse to different Villages on account of the Monsoon. Last night I had an Hurcarrah from Cyreingapatam who left it 17 days, he says that Tippoo is two days March on this side of Mangalore with his Infantry & that he has sent his horse to different Villages. The horse which I had the Honor to inform your Lordships having passed this the 22d. are still at Santagur

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) John Cuppage

Vellore 30th July 1783.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President & Governor at

Fort St George

My Lord,

In a letter directed to Mr. Latham

Cuppage

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4th [which was superadded pagoda in February last] I observed your
orders to Mr. Ogilvie to forward a Bill for 600 Pe. for the use
of the Officers & men at Bangalore I have been able to transact
this Bill this means of Ramaiah my Interpreter he paying
the money in Gold pagodas my request to prevent
Disputes in Changing the large Species, as enquiry is ever
allways made by the Guards & a report of it to the
Cutcherry; on visiting our Soldiers Prison I observed a
number of his Majesty's pagodas almost naked & distressed
beyond Description they craved my relief & assured them
that a Supply of money was arrived by your Lordships
Order for the Company's Officers & men that I would get
them included among our People & on my next Visit bring
the Money; on remembring their situation to the Officers
it was agreed upon they should share with the Soldiers
each Man 2½ Gold pagodas this timely Supply has
effectually prevented many of them from entering into
this Tyrants Service I have only to hope the whole of this
Transaction will meet with your Lordships approbation
I could not in my Conscience have acted otherwise; Ramaiah
Assures me he will go to Mangaram & carry a Supply
of Money for the 20th Officers & 30 Soldiers sent thither in
February he will return in 2, or 3 Days; this day I expect
a Man to go to Tyrinapatam with a Letter from me to
Col. Mathews, & Captain Brumley to know if they are in
Want of Money; on the 13th of last month I received from Captain
Lushington a Supply of money for the Officers of 72 Regiment

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On the 12.th Instant I received another Supply from the same Stands for 73 Regiment & money for the Companys Officers & men, as well as several sums for different Gentlemen, which I conveyed to Prison, which gave universal Joy By all Accounts Col.o Baillie is dead; I have confined myself in this Address entirely to such information as I judged my Duty to make known to your Lordships without daring to interfere with Matters foreign to Publick Business;

I am with much Deference

My Lord

Your Lordships Most Obedient

humble Servant

A Baine

Bangalore Prison
July 17.th 1783.

(Signed)

The following Letter was this day received by the Military Secretary from Major General Stuart

John Hudleston Esq.r

Secretary Select Committee

Sir

I have read the Papers in the Packet for Bengal according to your List beginning Letter 1.st the President's Minute 25.th June and ending with Observations on that Minute July 23.d as the President's Minute takes the lead in this Dispatch, there are an Infinity of Things immediately connected with what is there stated, which

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At a Select Committee Present on Military Affairs

The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K.B. Gov.
Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Major Genl. Sal. Hard
Alexander Davidson Esqr. Morgan Williams Esqr.

Tuesday 5th August 1783

Minutes of last Committee read and confirmed.

The President delivers in the following Memorandum

Fort Committee August 5th 1783.

President's Memorandum proposing that a Detachment be sent from the Main Army to reinforce Colo. Fullarton

The President having at the last Committee laid before it his sentiments upon the situation of affairs and the measures proper to be adopted without delay has this day assembled this Committee to collect the Opinion, that whatever be the determination, it may be immediately carried into execution.

The President begs leave to observe that as the expected Ships are not yet arrived, it is possible that some of them may have touched at Bombay - for such an Event, a considerable reinforcement of European Troops will be landed there in consequence of this Committee's Letter to that Presidency - But should not that be found to be the case the President is of opinion that besides the reinforcements he proposed to send to Colonel Fullarton to enable him to carry the War to the other Coast, a sufficient Number

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Number of Troops be sent thither from hence by Sea,
as soon as circumstances will admit, but the Point
for immediate decision is that of sending a Detachment
from the Main Army to join Colonel Fullarton.—

The President reads to the Committee
a Letter from Colonel Fullarton dated 13th. July.

General Stuart requests the Letter
from Mr. Sullivan to General Bruce and Mr. Siddall
of the 1st now read and delivers in the following
Minute in Consequence

See his Letter to Select
Committee July 13th

Colonel Fullartons Military Plans or
Projects seem to me so totally out of the Power or
means of practical Service with Europeans, or indeed
with any Forces so far from the Coast to be properly
supplied and supported & his Schemes of relieving
the English Prisoners at Bangalore or elsewhere by
striking terror into the enemy & laying Siege to
Seringapatam & forcing Tippoo Saheb to terms of
Peace by his grand Operations seem so extravagantly
wild that I am free to say in my Place, it gives
one a very disadvantageous view of the Colo. Practical
Military knowledge, either of the enemy he may
have

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Shall to do with, or of the nature of the Service on land in this Country—

I have already on former occasions mentioned my Disapprobation of Projects so far on land; they are indeed the revival of old traces of the ominous disgraceful Ballaghaut War, which ended on the Isle Hyder ally forcing a Peace on his own Terms at the Gates of Madras 1769—

See Mr. Sullivans Letter particularly to Genl. Bruce July 6th & lately to Mr. Stratford—

Mr. John Sullivan succeeded Mr. Sawyer in his Military Plans to follow this old track so my humble opinion on practicable to have any permanent advantage, & liable at all times when the Enemy chuse to direct their principal force that way to be cut off by Detachment—my Opinion with Deference given on this occasion is, that if by any mischance in subduing our Force any such Subdivision receive a Defeat, or check which is highly probable it will have a direct tendency to continue the present ominous war—

In this Idea from the similarity of Colonel Fullarton and Mr. Sullivans in land projects actuated as the Colonel seems to be I shall for my part oppose with my vote all Projects holding out a Show of advantages, out of the Power, & the means of acquiring and obtained by the attempt to advance beyond a certain Distance from our Magazines or frontier we may receive a check or be obliged to retire on a Country as on a former

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a former occasion from Pallacachorry without the support of Colonel McLeod & the strong grounds of Tanjaure to make a victorious stand at.

These are not times to think of writing fine letters for the eye at home, for steady practicable measures without almost the chance of disappointment at this Crisis & I expect that a defeat now would most likely defeat at the same time the Maratta treaty, & bring about some Union of the Country Powers supported by our French neighbours.

One very great advantage however to the Public service in whatever way the force to the Southward may be employed, is, that the reinforcement which I have heard has been sent from the Main Army to the South of the Coleroon, is under the command of Coll. Stuart an Officer of Treatment, & long military experience, a man of practical knowledge of the service in this, & in all Climates, and I trust, & hope that being now second in Command to Colonel Fullarton, his good Sense will lead him to take every aid from the advice of Colonel Stuart, & the more he advances & the more practical knowledge he acquires the more will he see & feel the good effects of it.—

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The President requests the sentiments of the Committee whether Colonel Fullarton should not be immediately reinforced with the 500 Europeans

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Who are now with the Army under Colonel Gordon and have seen Service in the field, with two Battalions of Sepoys and a proper proportion of Artillery and European Artillery Men

Mr Williams is of opinion that Colonel Fullarton's Army should be reinforced as proposed by the President

Mr Davidson coincides in Opinion with the President

General Stuart. - I have had a perusal of the Presidents Minute, I am for active measures at this Crisis, but to proceed upon good intelligence of the Enemys movements and designs, and particularly where the main force of Tipsoo is to be applied; - if 500 Europeans who have seen Service, is to be taken from what was called the main Army in Addition to the reinforcements you will take 3/4 of the Veterans upon an expedition where there is no my Opinion already sufficiency for the protection and defence of the valuable Southern Provinces, the Collection of the Revenues and occasional incursions into the Enemys Country as Captain Macleod has already done from Dindegul, I am for keeping one part of the Companys Army in condition to act offensively, the reinforcement now moved for will not enable the Southern Army to do so, in the manner as stated by Colonel Fullarton, I likewise am certain that the proposed Detachment of

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of 500 Men who have seen service are in want of every necessary equipment, and I believe that the Service will be benefited by the Europeans being sent by Sea and not by Land, and that half of them will be on the sick list before they reach Trichenopoly by Land whatever may be therefore my Opinion as to the Propriety of sending the Detachment upon a digested Plan of operations I am against their being now sent from the Army actually upon their March towards Pennacool and that I will give further reasons in a Minute upon this important Subject

Mr Sadlier dissents to the immediate reinforcement of Colonel Fullarton from the Main Army, and will give his reasons.

The President gives the following reasons, and will perhaps add to them when he sees the other Members reasons;-

The point to be determined is whether the proposed reinforcement should be ordered to the Southward or not;- If Major General Stuart has any ideas for the particular employment of the Southern Army when joined by this Detachment different from what may be thought advisable by those Commanding on the Spot, the Committee will consider it with all due attention, but no delay in my Opinion should be used in sending the reinforcement.

The Detachment may proceed

Trichinopoly

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Trichenopoly by land as soon as it is likely the Main Army can reach Madras and on the Trichenopoly and Tanjore Countries they will find the necessary equipments;— As to other points which General Stuart has mentioned I beg leave to refer to my minute of the 3d Instant read again this day;— As to what Mr Sadlier says of concerted Plans with the other Presidencies, I conceive we are now acting upon that which was recommended & settled by Bombay Bengal and ourselves the Plan of attacking Tippoo in his own Dominions, as the most likely to relieve the Carnatic, to distress his affairs and lead to a peace as for any new Plans from Bengal We have long since asked them repeatedly for one but without success; should they send us one, the plan we are now acting upon will probably rather assist than impede it

The President Motion

ended and it is accordingly agreed, that Colonel Fullarton should be immediately reinforced

The President proposes that a Letter be written to Colonel Fullarton acquainting him of the Detachment being ordered to join him, and that he employ them to the best advantage for the public service till he receives further instructions, and Mr Sullivan to be written to prepare for their Accommodation.

The Committee desire General Stuart

Gen Stuart directed to furnish the detachment

Stuart

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Stuart will furnish the Detachment required

The President lays before the Committee the proposed draft of a letter to Bengal which is ordered to be dispatched

The Governor General & Council of Bengal

Gentlemen

We have the honor to transmit to you the Transactions of the Commissioners which were sent to Cuddalore & which we have approved as being conformable to the Spirit of our Instructions to them & of that Article in the Treaty of Peace concluded in Europe which relates to the respective Allies in India of Great Britain & France - Subsequent to the return of the Commissioners a Committee was held to hear their report of the proceedings at which Committee the Admiral assisted & at the proceedings of the Commissioners were then unanimously approved - annexed are also several Papers connected with the Subject -

We likewise transmit at the particular Desire of General Stuart a considerable Number of Papers which are made up in a separate packet as we have not examined them but we shall not fail to send you an Authentic

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Copies of our proceedings which only can enable you to form a proper judgement of our conduct

We are

Gentlemen

Your Most Obd Servants

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(Signed) Macartney & Committee

General Stuart, as I was not present neither at the deputation nor at their return, and disapprove of the measure, I cannot Sign the above Letter

The President says he thinks it a matter of no consequence whether he signs it or not, if all the other Members do; if the General was a singular Member he would be obliged to do it

The President agrees also to this answer

Form of the 3d Sinhalese Lays before the Committee the following answer to Mr Bussy.

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The President has the honor to lay before the Committee the Draught of an answer to the Marquis De Bussy request to know at Pondicherry concerning Reasons for throwing it against the lawless Banditti to whom

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whose Ravages the defenceless Inhabitants of open Towns are sometimes exposed. he likewise proposes to remove to that Neighbourhood for the Change of Air and Reestablishment of his Health.— This Answer contains a compliance with that Request;— because to the extent and for the Purpose it is desired it is not unreasonable because no possible abuse of it can be injurious to the Company before the orders for the restoration of that place to the French arrive, when they will pursuant to the Treaty, be at perfect Liberty to erect what defences they may think proper;— and because it is liberal and political to embrace every such Opportunity of Complacence and good office, to establish and maintain a good understanding between the Neighbouring Settlements of Europeans as having the Tendency of checking, by its Example, any Disposition on their part that might prove detrimental to the Views or Interest of the Company.

Monsieur le Marquis de

Bussy

Sir,

The letter which you have done

Me

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and the honor to write to me of the 27th of last month
has been communicated by me to the other Members of the
Government who are much disposed to meet your
wishes, especially when your own health may be
interested in their compliance as well as the
safety of persons whose yet are the subjects of the care of this Govern-
ment. It is indeed to be hoped that there is but little
Danger to be apprehended now to the Inhabitants
of Pondicherry but as it will give you satisfaction
to begin immediately to make some External
repairs at Pondicherry for securing it against any
possible Inroads there of lawless Banditti; and
that it may give security to the minds of the
Inhabitants, and on that consequence want of your
removal to that may be hastened your own recovery
may be accelerated by it I have particular
pleasure in conveying to you the Consent of my
Colleagues to your request to the extent of
the purpose you require it, - our knowledge of
the intentions of our respective Sovereigns that
Cuddalore should revert to the English
Government under the general Clause for
restoring Places not especially mentioned to

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[illegible] ded, rests exactly upon the same degree of authenticity
with our knowledge of the intended Option of Pondicherry
to the Crown of France But we do not meant to annex
to our Compliance with your request in relation to the
latter Place, any Condition relative to the former. —
You have facilitated our Determination in favor of your
Request by your Declaration that it is not your
meaning the French flag should be hoisted at Pondicherry
until we shall be empowered by the Orders of our
Superiors to make the formal Restitution to you of
that Place: as in the mean time the Sovereignty of it
cannot be changed. It will give me great Pleasure to hear
of the good Effects to your health of the Change of Air,
and to have any occasion of testifying to you the
distinguished Consideration with which I have the
honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obedient
humble Servant

(Signed)

Fort St. George
3d August 1783.

General Stuart In consequence of what I said the
day before yesterday, and entered on the Minutes, I am
against granting what Mr. Bussy now asks, and
consequently will give many reasons.

General Stuart against committing any Works to be erected at Pondichery

The President proposes that
Letters be written to Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Cram to
Furnish

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Forwards General Smith's Detachment with the Provisions, and every other necessary that he can't supply and General Smith to be acquainted therewith and proceed

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Agent

Thomas Hungscote Esqr.

Dpty Secretary to the Select Committee

From the Deputy Agent the Bullock Masters refuse to take Charge of the Bullocks belonging to the Bengal Troops

Sir,

In consequence of your Letter to me of the 13th Instant I have used every endeavour in my Power to prevail on the Masters of the Army to receive under their Charge the Draught & Carriage Bullocks attached to the Bengal Troops - But they have positively refused to agree to, alledging that the Bullocks are old, and almost rendered unfit for Service by the want of Forage &c. for a considerable time past -

are

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
& Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Hungscote Dpty

Camp
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Ordered that the Commissary to the Army be & hereby is directed to provide the Bullocks as mentioned in the foregoing Letter

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Letter and the discharge thereon be sends unnecessable.

The following General order agreed to be published.

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G. O.

G. Orders pointing General Burgoyne to the Command of the Army.

The Right Honble the President & Select Committee are pleased to direct that Major General Sir John Burgoyne do proceed with all convenient speed to Camp & take upon him the Command of the Army

By Order

(Signed) John Huddleston Sec.y

General Stuart informed that the above order should be signed by him.

General Stuart; Sir I should regularly have come there

The Committee adhere to their resolution

From Lieut.t Brooke concerning his Arrears & requesting 6 Mo.s advance

Read Letter from Lieutenant Arthur Brooke desiring his Arrears may be discharged, and requesting an advance of 6 Months as usually granted to officers going on a Voyage for their health

Agreed that his Arrears be discharged; the Committee cannot consent to giving 6 Months

Memo. thereon

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6 Months advance as the state of the Treasury will not admit of it.

The President acquaints the Committee that General Stuart sent the Adjutant General to them with General Orders to be published in this Garrison, titled His Excellency, Major General James Stuart, and as he thought the General had assumed a title he had not a right to, therefore he declined directing it to be published.

The President informs the Committee that he had declined issuing a General Order sent down by Genl. Stuart on account of his assuming the title of Excellency

Read a letter from the Commissary General inclosing an abstract of the Surgeons Generals Accounts _

From the Commissary General, inclosing an abstract of the Surgeons Generals Accounts

Whereupon I proceeded to the Post of Commissary General, & observed that a certain Charge, made by the Surgeon General, & Surgeons Mates for Visiting and attending sick Commanded Sepoys, Lascars and Coolies on the Hospital at St Jovanna &c. Diems, had been regularly stopped by my Predecessor on Office, till 5th March 1782 when the Charge had been discontinued agreeably to a resolution of the Select Committee recommending a strict attention to the 7th Paragraph of the 61st Page of the Book of Regulations which expressly says "That Sepoys & Lascars entertained "to dressing their wounds, shall be entitled at the Cost of "the Surgeon, but their own Subsistance is supposed to pass "the Company any Expence on Account of Victualling."

In consequence of the above Resolution

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Resolution the Surgeon Generals discontinued the Charge for Victualling the Sepoys &c.a but made another under the head of Bazar Medicines "Cloathing & attendance "for sick & wounded Sepoys &c.a at 5 fanams each Man p.r "Diem."

As the Charge made by the Surgeon General for Sepoys &c.a is altogether contrary to the Book of Regulations, I refused to affix my Signature to his Bills, & directed the Deputy Commissary General, to draw out an Abstract of the several Sums charged for Bazar Medicines, Cloathing Bedding, & attendance for the wounded Sepoys &c.a which abstract I have now the honor to lay before the Committee & request they will be pleased to favor me with their Instructions on the Subject

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Abstract of the Surgeon Generals Charges for Sick & Wounded Sepoys Coolies & Lascars.

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| 1782 March | 242. 13. — |
| April | 110. 13. — |
| May | 196. 6. — |
| June | 203. 1. — |
| July | 338. 22. — |

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| | September | 162. 14.— |
| | October | 155. 19.— |
| | November | 62. 19.— |
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| | Total Pagodas 1807. | 25.— |

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5th. Received the following Letter from Mr. Cockrane, with Copy of a Letter to him from Col.l Gordon; & a paper of Intelligence as lodged in the Office. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr. Cockrane with Letter from Col.l Gordon Intelligence &c &c —

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I have the Honor to be &c

(signed) Basil Cochrane

Tranquebar
2d of August 1783 —

To the Honble Basil Cochrane Esqr

Sir

Major General Bruce being obliged to proceed to the Presidency by Sea on account of His Health the Command of the Army here has devolved upon me, and I take the first opportu=nity of acknowledging the receipt of your Letter of the 23d with the different Enclosures addressed to Genl Bruce — and it is with much regret I am obliged to acquaint you, that so far from having a sufficiency of Cash to reimburse any of your Expenditures for the public Service, there is not near enough to answer the immedi=ate Exigencies of the Army — But I make no doubt, both Generals Stuart & Bruce will report your Exertions in so favorable terms to Government, as will induce them to embrace an early opportunity of reimbursing you —

I am in hopes to be able to

move

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5.th move the Army from hence in the course of two or three Days, and shall esteem it as a particular favor your communicating, any information you may obtain respecting the operations to the Southward. —

I have the Honor to remain &c

(signed) A. Gordon
Colonel

Camp at Cuddalore
29.th July 1783 —

Received the following Letter from Major General Stuart with several Enclosures

John Sudleston Esq.r
Secretary S. Committee

Sir/ I send you a number of Papers from 1 to 15 concerning the quantity of Rice, and the means of Carriage with the Army under my Command during a certain period Referred to, and connected with my Minute July 23.d, in Answer to the Presidents Minute June 25.th There is likewise the Correspondence (1-to-14.) with Captain Trubridge of his Majesty's Ship the Active, Capt.n Halliday of the Isis & with Captain Muirhead who Commanded at Conjimeer during the landing of the Rice from the Resolution transport & a Letter

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5. x from Him at Pondicherry you will please send me as usual the Receipts for those Papers.—

Fort St. George
5th. August 1783

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

There is likewise a List signed with my Initials accompanying this.—

Major Gen.l James Stuart
Commander in Chief

Sir/ N.o 1.

From Capt.n Hearsey
26th. Received 27th. April
Grain at Achariwalk
& death of Bullocks—

Enclosed I have the honour to forward for your inspection a Return of Rice Cattle &.c Now at Achary Walk,— I have secured all the Rice in Pagodas or Choultry where the utmost care will be taken of it— I am much distressed in being necessitated to Repeat the sad Condition the Bullocks attached to the Grainary are in—116 Carriage & 8 Draught Bullocks have died in Marching to this place, the forage almost Completely burned up by People who have been employed by the Enemy for that purpose. the whole Carriage for Rice with the Army will hardly give Thirteen Days Subsistance to the Troops, and the Carriage Daily diminishing—in Consequence of the Sickly State of the Cattle —

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Achry Walk
26th. of April
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Mil.y Sec.y Depr.

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