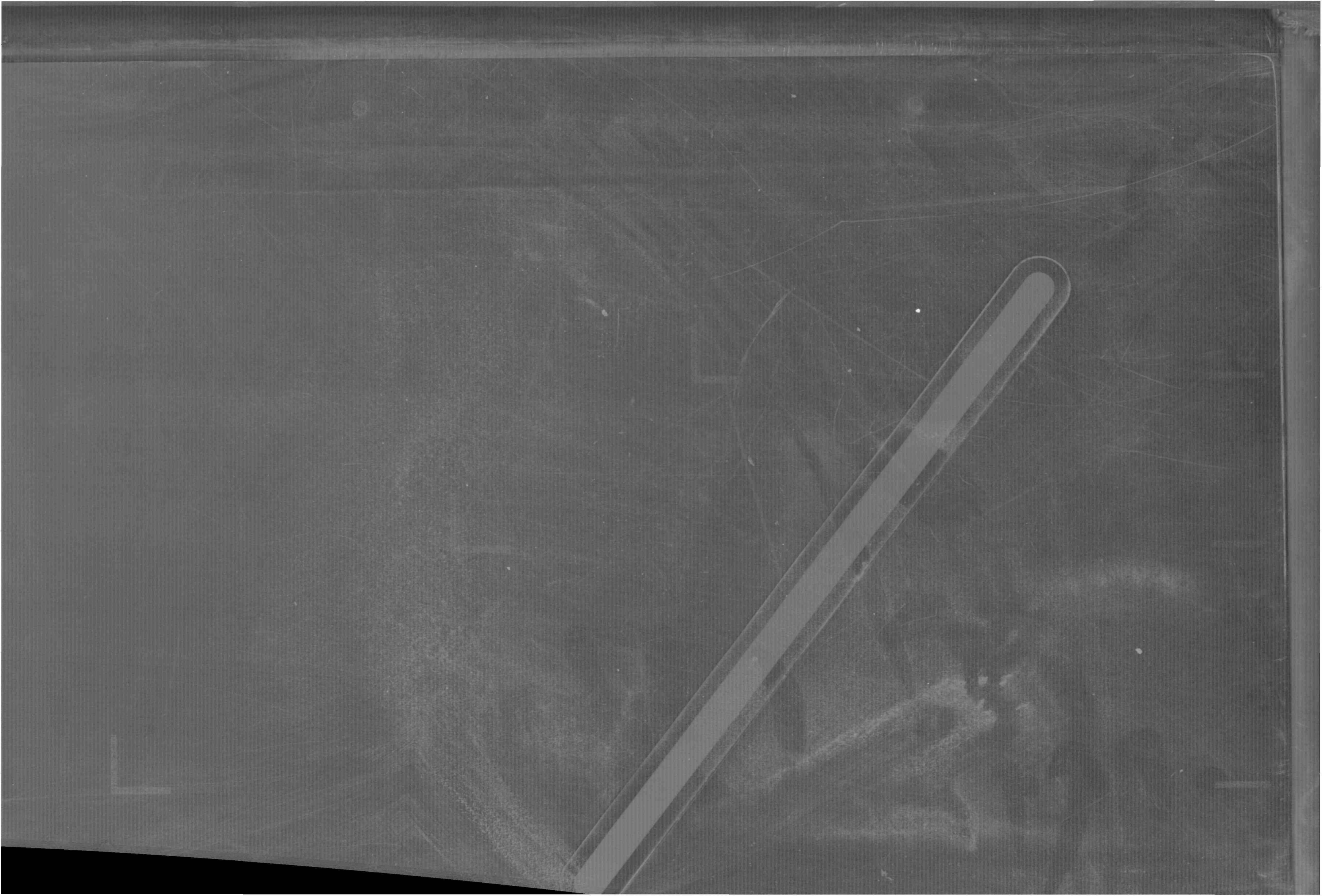


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Read the following Letters —

My Lord

I did myself the pleasure to write your Lordship the 12th. Instant. I have now the honor to enclose you an Account of the Cash received & disbursed since the 16th. Ultimo the balance in my hands being so very small, I have sent back our Money Carriers for a further supply. —

This morning I received letters from Bangalore of the 6th Instant both Kings and Company's Officers complain much of their treatment their allowance being reduced of late Doctor Kaine writes that Tippoo Saib is at Syrungapatam very ill of the same disorder his Father died of, his Army suffered greatly while before Mangalore from disease both in men and horses. part of his Army still invests the place. —

I have the Honor to be

My Lord

with very great respect.

Your Lordships most Obedient

& very humble Servant

(signed) Thomas Oglivie —

Vellour
18th Augt. 1783

To

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To The Right Honorable The Governor
and President and the Select Committee
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen.

In answer to your Letter of the 8th July, I had the honor on the 19th July to Inform your Lordship and the honorable Board, of my intention to proceed to Dindigull, in order to wait your further Commands in that place and on the 25th & 27th July the Army marched in Devisions from Trichenopully by the route of Touracourchy, for there was not a Suffeciency of water by the Shorter Road of Manapare.—

At Touracourchy, I received Public Letter from Mr. Sullivan, containing a Formal Requisition that I should move the Army into the Melloor District, & that I should from thence proceed, myself, with a Detachment to Shevaganga in order to Enforce the payment of the Tribute due in that Country — your Lordship and the honorable Board in your Letter of 8th July were pleased to give me a discretionary power for proceeding either to Dindigul or to any other place that might lead most effectually to Enable this army to carry Offensive Operations into

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26th into Execution, in the Event of Tippoo's refusing to
Accede to Terms of accomodation offered to him. In
addition therefore to the weight of Mr. Sulivan's
Arguments on this Occasion, and to the Respect I at
all times entertain for his Opinion, I conceived it to
be my Duty to comply with the Requisition in Question.
as it did not interfere with my Orders I had recei[ved],
but on the Contrary tended to promote a very Object
of Service that this Army could have in view.—

I arrived at Mellour on 2d. August, did
from thence proceed to Shevaganga, with an Escort—
whether I had previously detached two Battalion on
their approach, the Rajah and his Ministers fled to
the woods of Callacoil and could not be prevailed upon
to return; but in the course of four Days, I was luckily
enough, in Mr. Sulivan's Name and with his sanction
to bring them in to an Arrangement; of which Mr. Sulivan
will communicate the particulars to your Lordship
and the Board; and which, I hope, will meet your approbation.

At Shevaganga, I received a Publick Letter from Mr.
Irwen, urging the movement of the Army into the
Tennevelly Country; in order to repress the Insolence
of the Polygars. and assuring me that, by this Movement,
I should enable him to Collect a very considerable sum

For

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26th for the urgent necessity of the Troops about the
time I was informed that the Military Stores
ing at Tanjore, and the Detachment under Col
Stuart, could not reach Dindigul soone than
25 August. Therefore, with the advice of Mr. Sul
determined to Comply with Mr. Irvine's Requesi
and to Employ the Interval in procuring Such
Supplies for the Army as might Enable me to can
to Execution any Orders you may be pleased to give
I withdrew the Troops from Sevagun
on the 8th and Joined the Army that night at Trepa
I left a Battalion in Mellour for the Purpose o
Collection, and marched with the Remaing Force by
Pallamerry and Naiglapour to pandalumcourchy;
where I arrived yesterday at Two oClock P: M: Afte
marching Eighty Miles in Four days, the Quickne
of those Marches had not given Cat Bom Nay time t
return from the side of Chocampettah, but I found
his fort about two thousand Armed Men, who shut
their Gates and Manned their Walls against me. Ho
resolved to attack them immediately, for Cat Bom Nay
was every soon expected himself with Eight thousand Me
We opened a Four Gun Battery at
Four P. M. during the Night. Notwithstanding
the

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26th the Precautions I had taken and the Corps I had
stationed on the different Posts of the Fort; the Troops
were so fatigued that on any of the Enemy Effected their
Escape — We have found a best fourteen Guns, and
a quantity of Powder in the place: as well as some
Money, Grain & Bullocks. The Military Stores
shall be appropriated to the public Service & the
other Articles distributed to the Troops. or destroyed

During the short time I have to remain
in this province, I shall use every Effort to Execute
such Objects of Service as M.r Sullivan shall point
out; for by doing so, I have no doubt that the
arrangements of the Country will very soon be
compleated by his Zeal & Abilities. and that the
Army which is already largely Indebted to his
Exertions will be Amply supplied with Money
and means of Conveyance and enabled to reach
Dindigall as soon as the Military Stores at Tanjore
and the Detachment under Colonel Stuart can
Arrive at that place. —

I have now My Lord & Gentlemen
laid before you the proceedings in which the Army
has been Engaged since I had the honor of addressing
you last. It will afford me the most Sincere —

Satisfaction

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26th Satisfaction if in these Particulars my Conduct shall merit your Approbation, and in my degree tend to give Effect to your Intentions respecting the future Operations of the Southern Troops.—

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen with
great Respect.—

Your most Obedient and
very faithfull Servant.
signed Will Fullarton

(Duplicate)

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have had the Honor to receive your Commands of yesterday — referring to our consideration the Proposal of Ragonauthrow for the Sagheir of Arnee, and desiring our Opinion upon it.—

We are clearly of Opinion that the

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26th The Offer of Ragonauttrow is advantageous, and that it will be for the Interest of the Company to accept of it under the circumstances mentiond in your Letter to us. —

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient and most
humble Servants. —

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p.signed Chas. Oakeley
Davis Haliburton
Geo. Moubray.

Read Letter from Ensign Freer 11th requesting permission to proceed to Bengal for the benefit of his health — Granted. —

Dispatched the following Letters
Bombay and Committee of Assigned Revenue —

Fort St. George ag.t 26.1783.

To the Honble Wm Hornby Esqr.
President &c.a Select Committee
of Bombay

Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive your letters of the 19 June & 26 July. —

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Succours

We trust that you will have heard from Mangalore that We had at an Early Period met your wishes of Sending successors and Reinforcements to that Place. Tho we consider as you will perceive by the enclosed Papers that a General Cessation of Arms has taken place on the part of Tippoo Saib, in which case we are equally bound to refrain from Hostilities on our part; yet as it is possible that he may not agree to the Terms of such as Treaty as may appear reasonable to the Representatives of the Company empowered to conclude it with him, we have determined to Comply to the full extent of your Requisition in Regard to a Reinforcement on the Coast of Malabar; that in case of a necessary Renewal of Hostilities the war may be carried on from thence into the Enemy's Country. In addition therefore to the Troops sent by us to Mangalore in the Begining of last Month amounting to between Three and four hundred Men, we shall send to the Coast of Malabar a Body of Europeans at least equal to 700 Men as soon as Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes to whom we have applied will supply us with Ships for this purpose which

we

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26th we expect to be about the middle of next Month;
and as you particularly desire that the Reinforcemt.
shall not be commanded by an Officer whose
Rank would supersede Br. General Macleod's
we shall endeavor to meet your wishes also
in that respect —

We shall take care to approve
you by the quickest Conveyance of the Transactions
whether of Peace or War which may take place
between the Company and Tippoo on this Side
of the Peninsula — that the Conduct of the Company
on both Sides of the Peninsula may be connec
and uniform —

we are, Sir

your most Obedient and
Humble Servants
Macartney &c. Committee

Inclosures
Letters from Tippo
Letters to Tippo
Letter from Bengal
of 20th July
Letter to Bengal
of Augt 23, 1783

(Official)

I have no other Objection to this Letter of August
26th from my disapprobation, as before expressed, to
the Mode of the late Negociation & the General Cessation
of Hostilities ordered on our part, without sufficient
Security on the part of Tippoo Saib. —

/signed/ James Stuart,

August 27th 1783.

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To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

&c.a Member of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to furnish you with the enclosed Extract of a Letter from Captain Cuppage at Vellore, to General Stuart & likewise to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint Mr. James London to be your Secretary in the room of Mr. John Balfour. —

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen,

your most Obedient Servant

Signed p. John Huddleston

Secretary —

pleased.

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To Surgian General desiring he will send a Surgian from the Main Army to join General Jones's Detachment

To Mr. Cochrane enclosing List of Stores for the Southern Army —

To Lt. Col. Ross with leave for Mr. Cumming to proceed to Bombay for the benefit of his health —

Received the following Letter from Colonel Elphinston —

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

My Lord & Sirs,

I had the honor of informing you of the Motions of the Detachment under my Command from Madrapticum & Pomacoil, We are at present encamped at Bowangery: the Detachment is remarkably healthy. —

As I find the Coleroon to be impassable near this place, I intend to march tomarrow Morning towards Trichenopully, nearly by the route which Colonel Stuart marched; unless I may be obliged to Change it from unforseen Circumstances. Said Saib's Camp is at Villaporam, parties of Horse from it have attended our march Since we left Kellenore, without giving any Molestation except plundering a few of the followers — By my information Tippoo Saib is employed in the Beddenore Country Persuading Some Polygars who had been friendly to General Matthews. —

I have the honor to be
your most Obedient humble Servant
Signed John Elphinston
Lt Col.

Camp at Bowangery
24th August 1783

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Read Letter from Colonel Pearce with application for two Officers to proceed to Bengal for the Benefit of their health, and two Sergeants of Infantry to join his Detachment. Granted. —

Dispatched the following Letters

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr.
Chief &c. & Council of Ganjam
Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President & Select Committee to enclose you the accompanying Returns of Caffries imbarked for Ganjam, on board the Earl of Talbot Indiaman, Captain Taylor, you are to receive them into the Strength of the Caffery Company in your Garrison. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t Servant
Signed/ John Hudleston
Secretary.

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To Members

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

Fort St. George
28th August 1783

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to furnish you with the accompanying copy of the last Letter to Mr. Strevon of the 25th Instant. —

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen,
Your most Obed.t Servant
Signed/ J. Hudleston
Secretary

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28th. Dispatched the following Letter to Mr. Scotney. —

To Mr. Bryan Scotney —
Military Storekeeper

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire you will Send the Stores, agreeably to the Inclosed Lists, to the different Providencys without delay —

I am Sir —
your most Obedient humble Servant
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
28th. August 1763

Recieved the following Letter from Maddapollam. —

To Mr. Thomas Kingscote
Deputy Military Secretary

Fort St George

Sir Immediately upon Receipt of your Letter of the 11th Instant. I informed the Dutch Prisoners at Pulicat, that they were to consider themselves at liberty, and that their Subsistence was to be discontinued. —

I have the honor to be
Sir, your most Obedient Servant
(signed) William Duff
Maddapollam

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Received the following Letter from the Adjutant General —

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

Sir

The Commander in Chief has no Objection to the enclosed application for leave of absence, which he desires me to transmit to you in order to be laid before the Right Honble the President & Select Committee. —

Head Quarters
Fort St. George
25th Augt 1783

Sir
I have the honor to be
your most Obedient Servant
(signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjutant General

Sir

The Commander in Chief has no Objection to the leave requested by the enclosed Letters which he directs me to send to you in order to be presented to the Right Honorable the President & Select Committee of Fort St. George. —

Head Quarters
26th August 1783

Sir
I have the Honor to be
your most Obedient Servant
(signed) Henry Malcolm
Adjutant General

Read Letter from Captain Gower of the

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To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney K.B.
28th &c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord.

As I am preparing to depart for Europe, & have only a Share in the amount of sales of the different Prizes I have had the good fortune to take, it will be highly inconvenient to me that any part thereof be unsettled on my leaving this Presidency.

I have therefore to request your Lordship will be pleased to order the Payment in Ready Money of the amount of Guns &.ca. bought by the Honorable Company from the Dutch Prize the De Vrybeid.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord

your Lordships

Most Obedient & Humble Servant

Sgnd G. Gower

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27th August 1783

Ordered that the above Letter be referred to the Committee of Stores. —

Received Letter from General Stuart.

(Official)

Sir

I have perused the parcel with the papers of Intelligence (mostly marked M. B. and to remain in the Office) received from Mr. Cockburne

for

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29th for Some time past, but I don't precisely See what is re-
ferred to as incorrect applicable to the note I wrote
to you this Morning —

This Same Sure of that many of the
papers which I have now read & are so marked in this
parcel, are of the first importance in the Chain of
Correspondence & Intelligence at the time they were wrote
To my Surprize I See also in this
parcel some very essential Correspondence with the Admiral
from Mr. Cochrane, at a very Critical period indeed —
There is besides, the letters and papers certified by my
late Aid de Camp Mr. Campbell, & by my Order Sent to
Government — If by being marked as above to lay in the
Office be meant, that, they are none of them to be
transmitted to Bengal & to the Court of Directors, I shall
certainly take notice of it in Such a manner as to have
the Communication made where proper: mean while I am
to request that the is letter be on record, as I shall in
due time cite several of the letters and papers in this parcel,
now returned, so soon as I have Leisure to Collect together
all the Material Correspondence & Intelligence from
Mr. Cochrane, during the four Months from April to July
last.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obed.t & most humble Serv.t
[signed] James Stuart

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29th Aug.t 1783
2 P. M.

Thomas Hingeston Esq.r
D. S. F. C.

To.

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At a Select Committee present

on Military Affairs

Saturday 30th. August.

The Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K.B.

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Major General

James Stuart Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Morgan Williams Esqr. —

Minutes of the last Committee Read and approved. —

In consequence of the Letter from the Commissary to the Army, of the 13th Instant, on his being ordered to muster the draught and Carriage Bullocks which Mr. Hanworthy was desired to take under his charge the 27th Ultimo; belonging to the Bengal Detachment, it is Agreed that the agent be desired to receive them into the Company's Service. —

The agent desired to receive the Bullocks belonging to the Bengal Detachment into the Company's Service. —

Read Letter from Captain Hughes (as entered in Miscellany Book) requesting he may take Charge of his Battalion — Agreed Accordingly —

Captain Hughes to take Charge of his Battaleon. —

Read the following Letter from Vizagapatam enclosing Letter from Messrs. Urquhart & Dormieux and Captain Lane. —

To.

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Fort St. George 20th August 1783

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Vizagapatam enclosing a Letter from the Chief of Bimlipatam requesting the allowance of the Dutch Servants to be continued a Letter from Capt. Lane & representing the ruinous State of the Barracks at Chicacole.

We received your Commands of the 15 Ultimo and immediately acquainted Messrs. Vrymole & Dormieux (the Dutch Chief & Second) that the Poisons of War of this Nation at Bimlipatam were now to consider themselves at Liberty and no Longer entitled to pay. They have since addressed us a Letter Representing the hardships of their Situation; Copy which we enclose for your Information & we have in answer told them of our having done so —

The Battalion being now no longer necessary in our Neighbourhood & as their presence at Chicacole is of Material consequence in keeping the Country in quietness We have judged it expedient to return the Troops to their old Cantoonment — The Officers Quarters there is represented to be in very bad Repair — Captain Lane's Letter on the Subject comes enclosed, but unless we have authority from you we have acquainted him we can make no other alterations than more temporary Repairs tho' mere they in the end are certainly the most expensive.

We are very respectfully
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obed.t & Humble Servants
signed } Claud Russell
Nath.l Barlow
Chs. Headlow

Vizagapatam
15th Augt 1783

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To Claud Russell Esqr

Chief &c.a Council of

Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

We have been honored with your Letter of the 3. Instant, accompanying His Majesty the King of great Brittain's Royal proclamation for a Cessation of Hostilities with France, Spain, Holland and America, for which we Esteem ourselves much Obliged to you, and we beg leave to Congratulate you on the happy Conclution of a peace, which we Sincerely wish may prove of a long duration. —

We likewise return you our thanks for the notification, which you were pleased to give us of our being again restored to full liberty as also the rest of our Honorable Company's Servants at this place — But as by the present Situation of the affairs of your Nation on this Coast, we are totally deprived of all resources to provide for the wants of those Servants, we with much reason apprehend that the Cessation of their monthy allowance will become a very — distressfull Circumstance to the greatest part

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of them, who are burdened with large Families,
and have nothing to depend on but their pay —
We therefore request that you will be pleased to
represent our case to the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee of Fort St. George
and grant us at the same time your kind
intercession — in order to obtain the Continuation
of the Subsistence hitherto received,
till we know by Orders from our
Superiors, how we are to act for the
future — We dare flatter ourselves with
a favorable Success of to this our request
especially as our Honorable Company
will be accountable for any disbursements
of the kind —

We remain very respectfully
Gentlemen,
Your most Obedient humble
Servants,
/signed/ D. Vrymoet. &
Joh. Mark.s Dorrienx.

Benilipatam
6th Augt 1783

/a true Copy/
/signed/ Wm Drake Secretary

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To Claud Russell Esqr.

Chief of Vizagapatam

Sir

The certainty of a Peace rendering it probable that my Battalion may soon be directed to return to its Station at Chicacole, I beg leave to remark to you the State of the Officer's Quarters, in that Cantonment, From their having been so frequently left unoccupied during the War. from the Walls being of unburnt Brick & the whole composed of bad Materials badly put together, the white Ants had got such Possession and the weather committed such Depredations that even before the Battalion marched from Chicacole in October last many of them were become uninhabitable. how much worse must they be now. From the original Plan having been circumscribed, they have even in their best State been very much inferior to the Barracks we have built in the Company's & Nabob's Forts from Madura to Chicacole this I can aver from ocular Knowledge — From the want of the necessary Protection of a Verandda, they are rendered exceedingly uncomfortable during the tempestious Season to those within & the Buildings themselves sustain much Injury, from being thus exposed to the Severity of the Weather. —

I remain with respect

Sir

Your most Obedient & Servant.

(signed) Thomas Lane

(A true Copy)

J.s Wm. Drake Secretary —

Cantonment near Vizagapatam July 23. 1783

Sgnd

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The request of the Dutch Servants not agreed to. — Agreed to inform the Gentlemen at Viragapatam that we cannot consent to their making any further Allowance to the Dutch Prisoners lately entrusted the Gentlemen may raise money on their own private credit.

Captain Lanes Battalion to Remain in the of Viragapatam. — Agreed that Captain Lanes Battalion do remain till a peace arrangement takes place in their Contonment near Viragapatam. —

Mr. Lend appointed Paymaster at Vellore & Mr. Gambier Clerk the Committee of Stores. — The President proposes that Mr. Francis Lend be appointed Paymaster at Vellore in the room of Mr. William Crane, nominated a Member of the Committee of Circuit; and that Mr. Cornish Gambier do succeed Mr. Charles Floyer as Clerk to the Committee of Stores — which is agreed to. —

General Stuart remark. — General Stuart. — I do not know on what grounds the Right Honorable President asks my Note, this parti- day, to any appointment of this short; it is the first time to the best of my recollection, that such Compliment have been paid me. —

The President to reply — The President did not ask his note, and thinks it a Matter of total indifference to the Service, whether the General votes or not. —

Received the following Letter from Colonel Pearse enclosing One from the Bengal Agent and Surgeon. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Col.o Pearse enclosing Letters from the Bengal agent & Surgeons, with their accounts & requests that they be discharged

I have the honor to lay before you three Letters which I have received, Concerning Money Matters & am to request that you will be pleased to take them into Consideration & to grant relief. —

Mr. Ramsays Bill is for Batta of the Europeans untill the Period, in which commences, the Batta was paid with that of the other Troops, & so it ought to be, because it is the sum allowed to the Person who supplies the Europeans with their Provisions, & they have received their provisions from Mr. Ramsay. The Paymasters Letter sufficiently explains, itself, when I found that our Bearers were totally omitted, & that our Surjon could not get a Pagoda for our Hospital, I was compelled to use the Power, vested in me by the Supreme Council, to draw Money & accordingly I directed our Paymaster to get Cash for the Hospital at any rate; he drew in our Paymaster here, but Mr. Turnay could not answer the; it was returned Protested, & now, unless the Money is paid, a Bill must be granted on Bengal at the Current discount with interest for the Time past and to come till paid: for those are the Terms demanded. —

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The distresses of the Surgeon are such as call for immediate relief because he has, under all his difficulties, found Means to go on & has not complained till driven to it by absolute necessity —

In all our Estimates, the Batta of Europeans the Charges of the Hospital, & the Tentage, must allways make parts of the Sum total: the Latter, because the Officers actually loose by it when they get it, as the Capeneers they are at here in the Carnatic exceed the allowance: & because they had not any Tents delivered out to them when the Tentage was withheld — and because, if the Tents were not carried by the Officers, they must be carried, repaired & replaced, by the Company, who, in that case, would pay a greater Sum, tho' under a different name. —

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I have the honor to be —
My Lord and Gentlemen,
your most Obed.t & most humble Servant
Signed J. D. Pearse
Colonel
Commanding the Bengal Troops in Service
in the Carnatic. —

Madras 24th August 1783

Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse. —
Sir

I beg leave to send you enclosed an Account of the Sums due me for Batta of the European Soldiers of the Bengal Detachment under your command now twelve Months in Arrears Amounting to —

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Sicca Rupees 12927..3..8.. I need not represent to you the difficulty of procuring the Articles Supplyed during many of the months, & the impossibility of doing so without disbursing large Sums of Money — as these disbursements are now become so considerable, my necessity's oblige me to request your interference to obtain me payment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obed.t Servant.
(signed) George Ramsay
Agent for the Contractor

Fort St. George
22. August 1783

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To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse
Command the Bengal Detachment

Sir

When the Army lay before Cuddalore the latter end of last June, the Troops & Doolys Bearers were ordered to receive One Months pay &c.a — At this time Mr. Gillis, our Senior Surgeon made repeated Application to General Stuart for an order on the Madras Paymaster for Cash to Pay the Bearers, attached to the Bengal Hospital, but, tho' many promises were made on the part of General Stuart, he never performed them. — It was in Consequence of General Stuarts non Compliance that made Mr. Gillis inform you of the distress of his people, who were One Months Pay behind those of the Coast. & by your Particular desire took up from a Mr. Kelly, there in Camp, the Sum of 3000 Pg.s in lieu of which he gave him a draft for the same Amt. on the Mr. Turing Paymaster at Madras, who refused to accept it, not having any of the Companys Cash in his hands — since the return of his draft unpaid Mr. Kelly & his attorneys have frequaintly wrote to me to pay back this Sum but I am unable to perform what they ask of me. I have therefore to request that you will lay this matter before the Governor here and to procure an order of the same Sum to be paid to me, as Mr. Kelly will not be satisfied unless he receives the whole in Coin

I have the honor to be
your most Obed.t Servant.
Signed John Anderson
Military Deputy Paymaster
&c.

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Madras
August 1783

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To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse

Commanding the Bengal Detachment in the Carnatic

Sir

Inclosed I have the Honor to send to you on Account of the Money due to me from the Honble Company an Account of the pay of Doolie Bearers and other Hospital and Medicinal charge of the Bengal Detachment, and also I send an Amount of the Money I have received on account for these charges

General Coote ordered that our Sepoys should be exactly on a footing with those of the Coast, who are not stopt any thing from their pay whilst in the Hospital; consequently the Stoppages from our Sepoys were discontinued. It certainly however was not his intention that the Surgeons should suffer the Loss, but that they should be allowed it by the Company, who defray it on this Coast.

The charges for Doolies is exactly what I have paid at different times for new Doolies, and repairing the Old ones, when it was absolutely necessary. —

The last charge is for the extra Bearers that I had upon the march to Madras, & that were retained in the Service for the first five Months after our arrival here, because we had at

that

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that time, a great many sick & went immediately
on Service as you very well know. —

You, Sir, I hope, are convinced
that I have not ever spared either trouble or expence
in fulfilling the duties of my station, and on
supplying the Sick & wounded under my care,
with every thing requesite for them. —
and I do assure you that I have already been
a great Sufferer by being kept in Arrears & by not receiving
my allowance as regularly at Madras as he has been
my distress on this account, that in December, I was forced
to take billows Bengal for the Months of September, October
and November, & to discount them at the loss of 15 ℘
Cent. by which a deduction of 4000 Rupees was a heavy
loss upon me and now, from my inability to get cash,
even by these means, I have been forced to take up
Money at interest and to give security of drafts in
England for money remitted for necessary expence
attending my affairs at home — and now am hard
pressed for cash to pay off part of what I had
borrowed an Amount of this very demand of the
Company, so that unless you can order me a supply
of 10,000 Pagodas, I fear I shall be in jail where I
certainly should have been before, had I not through
your means, got 4000 Pagodas from Mr. Anderson:
but I hope you will be kind enough to get the affair
settled for me and prevent that certain & sudden
distraction that must otherwise come upon me. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very Obed.t & very humble Servant
Signed } Thomas Gillies
Surgeon
Fort St. George

Madras 23
August 1783

Dr. The Honorable Company 6 rs

Bearers Pay for January	1181.		By cash from Mr. Welch the Madras Paymaster	1289.	—
Do. for July Inclusive	6786	7817.			
Stated allowance for the Hospital for medicines Servants &c. for January	595		By Do. from Mr. Anderson the Bengal Paymaster	4970.	—
Do. to July Inclusive	3570	4165.		6259.	—
To Spoy Stoppages which were withheld by Order of Genl. Coote		6152.. 30.	By Ballance due to me the 31st. of July	16,385.. 20.. 75..	
To money paid for Doolies & repair of Doolies at different times		1804.. 32.. 75.			
To Contengent bills for Extra Bearers employ'd on the field being the Amount of bills sent to Genl. Coote for Signature & returnd since his death & now to come before the board		2705. — —			
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(signd) Thomas Gillies
Surgeon
Bengal Detachment

"Dr. Gillies 30th August 1783"

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Agreed that they do receive a part in Cash, & that Bills on Bengal be granted for the remainder, & that the above Papers to transmitted to Bengal with a comparative Statement of Coast Surgeons Charges.

The General delivers in the following Minute.

In Committee
August 30th 1783

The Official Box brought to my House the day before yesterday a Box full of Papers in Correspondence with the Select Committee, from the second week of July to the 2d of August together, with an Inventory of the Papers, and in the Margin Marked, Diary August 2d Committee.—

I took the trouble to look at every one of those papers and, to my great astonishment, found that I had never seen Several of them tho' officially received & entered since July 16th & of importance in Connection with the Transactions immediately under Discussions & Some of them interesting in the Conduct of the Honorable Major General Bruce, than Commanding the Army, in a most critical Situation near Cuddalore, The Letters which I never saw till yesterday are—

July 16th Returned to the Presidency

From the Honorable Major General Bruce to the Select Committee 15th July.—

From

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From Do. to Do. 17th. July —

From Do. to Do. 24th. Do. —

all that I never know before of the proceeding letters,
was the Extract of General Bruces, letter July 15th.
Concerning Mr. Cochrane. Having at last seen those
letters I only mention it now as an irregularity
the probable consequeans of Suffering such long
Intervalls between the meetings of the Select
Committee as lately was the care from July 16th.
to August 3d, my principal reason indeed for stating
the Matter thus Officially & for record, is to extract
my Opinion Consonant as I hope to the Company's
Instruction & indeed self evidently supposed that
on this and on every Occasion, where communication
is required or transmitted to Bengal or to the
Honorable Court of Directors of any subject
under Discussion of the Select Committee every
Opinion of the Members connected with the
Subject on record, also every letter in Correspondence
upon such Subject, should be transmitted at the
same time, otherways the Representation and
information must be partial. Thus in the
case of the Honorable Major General Bruce, the
whole of this Correspondence, including this

his

this

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three letters above mentioned, should have been transmitted to Bengal at the same time with the Council of War of July 12th & 13th. and the Committee's letter immediately subsequent; and if it is not already done, I trust it will now take place in the same idea I hope that when the Select Committee Sent their Letter to Bengal my minute of August 23d. in dessent. at signing it has been sent, if not the same day, at least as soon after as possible. —

(signed) James Stuart

Fort St. George
August 1783
In Comittee
August 30th. —

Gen.l Stuarts Minute on the want of Bullocks for the Army recommends the 36th. Regiment on a Reinforcement of 700 Men to be sent to Mangalore his Opinion on the cantoning of the Army enclosed as Indent for Tents. —

I think it my duty to represent to the Committee that the part of the Army, now in the Neighbourhood of the Mount, tho' called a Field Army, is totally unable to move with more than five days Rice which the Sepoys carry usually on their Backs owing to the almost entire want of Carriage Cattle in the Department of the Grain keeper and Agent —

By the Detachment which have been made from this late Main Army there is not left above 300 European Seasoned Infantry in it, which are his Majesty's 73 Regiment — If the war is to continue we ought to prepare and provide for it, nay; were we almost Sure of the Country, we should now make great preparations in order to Secure a good & lasting peace to the Hon.ble Company's

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It is therefore that in my Minute of
August 23d I was, and am of Opinion to ajust the
Operations for Mangalore to the utmost in our power —

and in like manner how I should Advise &
immediately to provide the Carriage Cattle, without
which an Army in this Country is a dead Mass; also
this his Majesty's Troops lately arrived be put
that in Condition to take the Field as soon as possible.

and as this cannot be without a proper
Covering I now lay before the Committee the Quarter
Master Generals Return, made by my Order of
the state of the presents Tents &c.a & what will be
wanted for the 36th & 52 Regiments and One
additional Battalion of Sepoys. —

It is the 36th Regiment or a certain
proportion equal to 700, which I am of Opinion
should be sent to Mangalore & I wish them to
carry Tents if possible to be the more ready for
every Service — As the arrears or Sea pay, since
leaving England is due to this Regiment according
to the Representation of Lieutenant Colonel Sterling
the Officer Commanding this of necessity must be
immediately settled both as a Matter of right &
due by the Mens attestations and as needed to
provide necessaries for which I supposing them to embark

the

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Scarcely

the 10th / there will but Scarcely be time. Indeed it should not be supposed they can embark without it. The Regiment should also be paid upon the Current Muster to October 25th. at least, & I must request the attention of the Committee to this Coast the important Service be impeded. On a Message from me to the Admirals Secretary yesterday, I find that nothing has yet been orderd concerning the Imbarkation of this 36th. Regiment, as I suppose, because nothing had been Officially applied for, if not already done I request it may be done this day and to mention that the Cloathing and necessarys for His Majesty's Troops on the other Coast is meant to be sent by this Occasion.—

2. Batta.n 42d. Reg.t
100. do
102d. . . Do.

The time draws near when measures must be taken for the Cantonment of the Army during the Monsoon, of which to say a few words now, my Opinion is that, if, by any means, we had Cattle or Coolies, I should now begin to employ them in Carrying Rice forward towards Conjeveram, and if possible to lodge there as much as might Serve the Army during the Monsoon & to canton them in that District; but I dont know how this can be done without Cattle or a Sufficiency of Coolies both to feed the Army & to provide for the Cantonment

Wor

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Were there the means to do this, I should advise to take a position with the Army immediately near to woods Choultry, high grounds about Six Miles on this Side of Conjeveram. I don't myself know what Accomodation can be made at Conjeveram or neighbourhood, for the Europeans during the Monsoon; but, in all Events, it will be necessary to be provided with Tents Sufficient both for men and Officers, which with the assistance of Hutts might possibly do. —

By thus advancing the Cantonment in to the Country to the west, it might be the Means to assist the Settling & Collections of the Country towards Arcot and the Garrison of Vellour might give the like encouragement on the otherside. —

But I am in duty called upon to say from my experience that whether from the bad Choice of the Aumils, or the mode of Mangement or the diffidence of the Riots or Country people, who dont know what Master to look to, there seems to be small progress or wish on their part to settle; and the few Looties of Sayd Saib — keep the Country as waste as the whole Army of Hyder or Tippoo did.

whether

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I do not give an Opinion as to a choice betwixt the present Management of the Revenues, & as before, thro' the Nabobs all I mean to say is that the Chief black Managers should be such as have the Confidence of the people and head men of the Villages, Men of Courage, and should have Sooties or Sebundies to cope with those of Tyda Saeb —

The Letter read in last Committee from Captain Cuppage Shews the bad consequences of a different Management —

I left at Vellour a brave man of the Sort approved of by the late Commander in Chief, his name is Mohomed Merad. I dont know what is become of him: but every disgrace & disappointment has followed from removing him, as I believe from that Distruct thus much I thought proper to add on the Subject of the Collections & security of the Country, it can it be done in my Opinion by detaching from the Army, which do not remain with their Manager, But he may derive Conjecturaw from the Contrual & proper position of the Army.

signed James Stuart

The Indent for Tents to be sent to the Military Storekeeper to be complied with if possible —

The General delivers in Promotions in His Majesty's Troops as deposited in his Office —

Read

The Indent for Tents
To be sent to the Military Storekeepers

cannot

consequence

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Read the following Minutes of the Committee of Stores

Fort St. George August 18th 1783

At a Committee of Stores Present

Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross

Minutes of the Committee of Stores.— Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy

Bryan Scottney Esquire

Read Letters from Captain Sydenham Aid de Camp to the Right Honble President, informing us of an intention of Sending the Sea horse Frigate to the Southward with stores for the Southern Army & Garrisons: Agreed that they be sent according to the accompanying List which the Commissary of Stores Reports may be Spared without inconvenience. approved

Read a Letter from Mr. Crase paymaster at Vellore, accompanied Indent for Stores wanted for that Garrison: agreed that it be Complied with Conformably to the Remarks of the Company of Stores. approved

Commissary

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The Committee take into
Consideration to Indent of
Ordanance & Military
Stores wanted for the Garrison
of Palmacollah, Reffering in
their proceeding of 28th June
for further Consideration
Agreed that it be complied
with According to the
Commissary's Remarks — approved

referred

The Commandant of
Artillery lays before the
Committee a Report of
Madras Gun Powder proved
25th July — Agreed to lay
the same before the Right
Honble the President &
Select Committee. —

Read a Letter from
Mr. Secretary Freeman
Accompanying Mr. Henry
Mitchells Letter to the
Right Honble the President
& Council requesting to
be supplied with 6 Three
Pounders

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Pounders from the Company
Store with a necessary
quantity of Ammunition,
in Consiquence of which
the Military Storekeeper
Informs the Committee
that he has been furnished
with 6 two & half Pd. Foreign
Guns. —

Mr. Mitchill to pay for them

Colonel Ross lays before
the Committee the following
memorandoms from General
Stuarts Viz.t —

The Canvass of the Army
near the Presidency will
need two third to be renewed.

renewed

"His Majestys Troops
"already arrived exceed 800
"with Officers in proportion,
"and as many more are
"hourly expected. there is
"every thing for Field Service
"wanting for them. the
"Supply of which he" —
Requests the Committee
will

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will take in to Consideration
Agreed to Submit the same
to the Right Honorable
the President & Select
Committee for their
Directions & to request
that they will be pleased
to direct the State of the
Camp Equipage to be
Sent to this Committee — To be Ordered — Col. Davies
Return of Tents
to be sent to
Mr. Hollond
Publick stores
what he may

The Committee
proceed to Examine four
6 Pounders field carriage
Received from the
Contractors yard, which
they find equal to Musters;
agree that they be received
in to the Honorable the
Company's Stores. — approved

Patrick Ross
John Hennedy
B. Scott Esq

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The President, lays before the Committee Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore, assistend in Country Correspondence N.o Stating, that from the ravages & Committed in his Country by the Enemy, he is unable to discharge what he owes to the Company, & that 12 years will not restore the Country to its former State: Obliged to borrow Money to pay the Companys Troops to put the Country proper State; must receive great Supplies from hence of grain & Money. —

in a grain

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from Masulipatam from the Nizam (as entend in Country Correspondence) representing that, as there is no difference between the Circar & Company: the Troops under General Jones may pass thro the District of Mortazanagur (Gunloor) & he hopes he will be carefull no harm happens to any of the Villages. —

from Masulipatam enclosing letter from the Nizam respecting General Jones Army passing thro the district of Mortazanagur.

enclosing

The President is requested to write to the Nizam upon this Subject & to Masulipatam to desire that, where any Troops are to march thro' the Countries under the Nizam, a Letter be written to the Naib as usual. —

The Regulations, regarding the Surgions, agreed to in Committee the 20th June, to be published in General Orders. —

Regulations regarding the Surgion to be published in General orders —

Received Letter from Major General Campbell of the 98th Regement, applying for a Store Room — Agreed that the Superintendant of the Godowns do Furnish him with one. M.B. —

The Superintendant of the Godowns ordered to Furnish a Godown for the use of the 98th Regiment —

Read Report of the Town Major concerning John Anderson, a private Soldier lately arrived on the York, who was mentioned in the General Letter from the Court of Directors to be appointed an Officer, if his conduct during the passage merited this favor, it appears that he has acted imprudently & irregular and not deserving of that Indulgence —

The General recommends the following appointment.

That

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That Captain Collins be appointed to the
Command of the 8th Circar Battalion, vice Captain Long permitted
to proceed to England for the benefit of his Health — Captain And.
Brown do command the 7th Carnatic Battalion vice Captain
Lucas deceased. —

Promotion recommended by General Stuart. —

Lucas

Lieutenant Collins to be Adjutant to the 1st Carnatic
Battalion, vice Lieutenant Lind deceased. —

Lieutenant Sampson to be adjutant to the 5th Carnatic
Battalion Vice Lieut.t & M.r Thomson promoted. —

Ensign John Deighton to be adjutant to the 5th Carnatic
Battalion, vice Lieut.t Wahab appointed to the Independant
Company in the room of Lieut.t Douglas. —

Lieutenant Orton to be Adjutant to the 3d Carnatic
Battalion vice Lieut.t Watson deceased. —

Ensign Read to be acting Adjutant to the 10th Battalion
vice Lieut.t Gillon Prisoner. —

To be published in General Orders. —

Agreed that they be published in General Orders.

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At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Morgan Williams Esquire

Saturday Night 8 Clock —

Arrived this day His Majestyes Ship Crocodile Captain Williamson Commander with dispatches from the Honble Company for their Several Presidencies, the Committee having met agreably to the desire of the President, they proceed to open the Packets which are as follows Viz.t

List of the Packet from the Court of Directors the Crocodile Frigate —

Letter from the Court of Directors	9th	December	1782
General Letter	27th	March	1783
Seperate Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
Letter from the Secret Committee	Do.	Do.	Do.
Extract from the Memorial of Mr. Bapteise			
Copy of a Letter from the Secretary at war with enclosure	24th	Do.	Do.
Copy of the French instructions to Monsieur Bussy and Monr. Suffren with Translation			
Copy of a Letter from Monr. De Coatnas to Monr. Bussy & Monr. Suffren with enclosure			
A Packet addressed to Monr. Le Bailly De Suffren Lieut.r Des Armés Navales Commandeur de Ordres			

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A Mons.r Le Marquis De Bussy Lieut.n General des Armes du Roi, & Commandant to Force a S.t M. . . . . }

Letter from the Secret Committee to Bengal 6.th March 1783

Copy of a Letter from Lord Townsend to the Chairman & Deputy Chairman . . . } 3.d December 1783

Head of Cautionary instructions to be given to the Commanding Officer of the Convoy going to the East Indies . . . . . }

The Committee Adjourned.

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August 31 Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney Pres.t
Select Committee &c.a

My Lord &c.a

In my Letter of the 20th July I did myself the Honor to acquaint You of my having marched with the Detachment Ordered to join the Army to the Southward &c.a

From Col.l Stuart — his Detachment arrives at Tritchinopoly — has sent to Conduct Col.l Elphinston by the same Route

Nothing extraordinary or worthy of Your Notice happened on the March to Pichandy coil on the Northern bank of the Coleroon I arrived there the 7th and have been employed since the 8th in the morning, till late last night, in passing the Detachment over the Coleroon, the Pullathson the Island of Seringham (which are not now fordable) and the Convoy in Boats — The Rivers are very full and Rapid which has made the passing the Detachment both Tedious & Laborious.

I shall tomorrow begin my March towards Dindigull taking with me such Guns and Stores as are Ready here and which are wanted with the Army — Colonel Fullarton I understand is at present in the Tenaverly Country I have not heard from him since the 4th he was then at Shevagunga

I do not find that the Enemy are in any kind of Force on this Side of the Passes into the Coimbetore Country — My Hircarrahs who are just now Returned, after making an excursion into

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into

That Country, by the Attour pass. inform me, that there are 1100 Horse, and two Battalions of Sepoys with two Guns at a place called Volconda, which is the only force on this Side the Pass. there are Several Small Struggling Detachments from this party in different parts of the Country.

heard

I heard yesterday of Lieut.t Colonel Wilkinstons being on his March with a Detachment coming this way, I therefore dispatch'd two of the Hircarrahs who came with me to meet him, to Conduct his Detachment in the Road I marched, and made gitt for Guns to pass along (if he is to March on the Northern bank of the River) It will now find no difficulty in following my Route until he comes to the bank of the Coleroon

I have the honor to be most respectfully

My Lord &c.a

Your most Obed.t & most humble Servant

Camp Tritchinopoly
19th. August 1783

Sign'd J. Stuart
Colonel
Commanding the Detachment
ordered to the Southward

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Duplicate

I have the honor to inform
Your

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From Mr Hippesley advising of the Route to be taken by Col Elphinston how supplied Grain Cattle &c for Chilumbrum will exert himself to the utmost for the Service

Lordship that Your Directions to Mr Sullivan under date 8th Instant, Reached Tanjore yesterday Evening——

On the first intimation of the Detachment which was by Letter from Lieut Colonel Elphinston under date 10th Inst from South Bank of the Poloar, I immediately wrote to Colonel Stewart then at Tritchinopoly, informing him of the State of the Rivers in the Tanjore Country & of the extent of our Means to expedite the March of Col Elphinstons Detachment, Colonel Stuart thought the most advisable Route, was that, himself, had taken, on the Northern Bank of the Coleroon, which was also the Route that head appeared most eligible in Mr Sullivans Opinion, when the Tanjore Country was much less overflowed than at present, & agreeably to that opinion Col Stuart informs me that he has advised Col Elphinston to direct his March by Trincadivaddy to Tritchinopoly.

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship &c. that I have ordered Rice Cattle for Slaughter Arrack &c. equal to a Consumption of Six Days to be provided on the South Bank of the Coleroon, opposite to Chilumbrum, & have written to the Officer Commanding at that place in Order that it may Readily be Conveyed across the River if necessary. An equal quantity will be Ready on or before the 30th Instant Trincadivaddy which will I hope obviate every inconvenience that might Result from a Scarcity

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Scarcity of Carriage.

We have Received no Advices from Col Fullerton since his Letters informing Us of the Sett of Pondatumcourchy (& of which Success I understand the Colonel have informed the Honble Board in Duplicate) Col Forbes writes from Dindigul under date 20th Inst that Sippoos people are still collecting great quantitys of Grain in Daraporum"

The Enemy in small Parties are overrunning the Ariatore Districts but have not lately appeared in any considerable force.

Your Lordship &c may be assured that I shall do myself the honor to transmit the Earliest Advices of every material incident that may occur in these Districts, & that my best endeavours shall be exerted to make the absence of M Sullivan as little felt as possible.

I have the honor to be with great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful & most Obedient servant

Sd Hector Munro

Sanjore
22d August 1703

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have herewith the honor to transmit You an Indent for Military Stores, which

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From Mr Palk with Indent for Stores wanted immediately - has Supplied Col Stuart, but fears the Army if ordered to distant Service could not be equipped from thence.

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are very much wanted, particularly to, for Supplying the Troops in the Field, as the Small Remains of each Article will state to Your Lordsp &ca & the Necessity for causing it to be complied with, with all convenient expedition

Colonel Stuarts Detachment arrivd here in the greatest distress — he has however been so well equipped as to be able to continue his march towards Colonel Fullarton. Should this Army go upon any immediate & distant Service it must soon experience the Want of many indispensable Articles, which the Arsenal of Tritchinopoly cannot possibly furnish at present

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Faithfull & Obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) Thomas Palk

To Thomas Kingscote Esqr
Deputy Secretary

Sir

From Commissary of Stores to the Army enclosing Returns of Ordnance and Stores.

I have the honor of inclosing to You a Return of the Ordnance & Stores under my Charge for the month of July which I Request You will present to the Right Honble the Rest & Select Committee
I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signd) Joseph Moorhouse
Comm.y of Stores to the Army

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To John Huddleston Esq.r

Military Secretary

Sir

From Permacoil

Parties of Horse

commit Depredations

in the Country —

Reports received

there that all the

Stores you are taken

out of Ginjee and

Vrnee. —

Please to inform the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, that for these three days past small parties of Horse have been seen from the Hill, and I have had frequent accounts of Depredations committed by them at different places — this Day about a Hundred altogether, came down on different parties, very near the Fort, made a push at the Cattle & tho' they carried off a few — but it was entirely owing to the Negligence of the Herdsmen — who did not pay attention to the Signal — parties were pushed out from the Pettah & Hill, who soon drove them off, they wounded one Man, & brought in his Horse — I am informed by Hircarrahs lately come in that Side Scib, has taken all the Stores & Provisions out of Ginjee & Vrnee —

I have the honor to Remain

Sir Your most Obed.t & hu.ble Serv.t

(Sign'd) Nathaniel Dawes Pruett

Commanding Permacoil

Permacoil

August 20th 1783

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross

President &c. Members of the

Committee of Stores

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to enclose to You

Dispatched the following Letters

To Committee of

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of Stores enclosing Letter from Captain Gower for their Report thereon.

a Copy of a Letter addressed to them by Captain Erasmus Gower Commanding His Majestys Frigate Medea, which they refer to your Consideration, Upon which they desire You will immediately Report your Opinion, as the Medea will sail in the Course of two Days.

I am Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signd) John Hindleston

Military Secretary

Fort St George
4th Sept.r 1703

To Mr. Francis Lind

Sir

To Mr Lind appointing him Paymaster at Nellore

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acquaint You that they have been pleased to appoint You Paymaster at Nellore in the Room of Mr William Oram who has directions to deliver over the Charge of that Employ to You: they desire You will proceed thither with all possible expedition

I am Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signd) John Hindleston

Military Secretary

Fort St George
1st Sept.r 1703

To Aland Russell Esq.r

Chief & Council at

Vizagapatam

Gentlemen

To Vizagapatam cannot make any Allowance to the Dutch

I am Directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of Your Letter to them Dated the 15th Ult.o and to acquaint You that they cannot consent to any

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Dutch Prisoners lately enlarged — Captain Lowes Battalion to remain near Vizagapatam in Cantonments.

any further Allowances being made to the Dutch Prisoners who were lately enlarged, but they have no objection if those Gentlemen can raise Money on their own private Credit.

With Respect to the Application of Captain Lowe enclosed in your Letter of the 15th Ulto to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee are pleased to direct that Captain Lowes Battalion do Remain in their Cantonments near Vizagapatam till a Peace Arrangement shall take place.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient servant
John Hudleston
Military Secretary

Fort St George
1st Sept 1783

(Signd)

To
W. B. John Kennorthy
Deputy Agent

Sir

To the Deputy Agent to receive the Bullocks of the Bengal Detachment.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire You will receive into the Company's Service the Draught & Carriage Bullocks belonging to the Bengal Detachment which were mustered by Mr Jackson & reported fit for Service

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
John Hudleston
Military Secretary

Fort St George
1st Sept 1783

(Signd)

Fort S.t George 1.st Sept.r 1783

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Monday
1.st Sept.r 1783

At a Select Committee present on Military Affairs

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B
Anthony Sadleir Esq.r Major Gen.l James Stuart
Alexander Davidson Esq.r Morgan Williams Esq.r
Sir Edward Hughes attended the Committee

The President informs the Committee that he received the following Letter from M.r de Bussy on the 29.th Instant, and that he had prepared the following Draft in answer to it, which was ready to be laid before the Committee on Saturday, but the arrival of the Crocodile having occasioned the Committee to break up before the business could be dispatched, he now lays both the Letter and the answer he had intended before the Committee, observing only that the Answer must be now different in consequence of the dispatch of Crocodile, and he will prepare another Draft for their Approbation.

Received the following Letter from the Marquis de Bussy.

Translation

My Lord

M.r Monneron Captain of the Portuguize Ship the S.t Peter of Alcantara, will have the Honor of delivering this Letter to Your Lordship; I beg leave to recommend him to your attention: ——— I am warmly interested in his Welfare, & am persuaded he will experience your good Offices in expediting the dispatch of his Ship

I avail myself of this opportunity to inform Your Lordship, that for the purpose of accelerating the intended Evacuation of Cuddalore, upon the receipt of the Orders of our respective Sovereigns, I have ordered round to Pondicherry 2 Ships laden with Military Stores, which I have been induced to do on account of the Powder being so ill lodged at Cuddalore, as to be attended

From the Marquis de Bussy to Lord Macartney to accelerate their departure from Cuddalore has sent a Ship laden with Military Stores to Pondich.y and on account of the bad accomodation for the Powder at Cuddalore has sent it to Pondicherry. has given Orders to M.r Monneron to pay attention to the Police to prevent any further Interruption of the

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the Tranquility of the Inhabitants

attended with great danger, had it Remained any longer in its former place

Although We are not yet Re-established in the possession of Pondicherry I could not Refrain from directing Mr. de Monneron Commissary General of the Marine, to pay particular attention to the good Order & preservation of the Police in thereby prevent different abuses which have come within my knowledge & which tended to the interruption of the Tranquility of the Inhabitants: abuses which have arisen (and would otherwise never have existed) from the want of a Superintendent vested with the powers necessary for putting a Stop to the ill Effects of Anarchy.

I have the honor to be, with very Sentiment of Consideration

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient & most humble Servant

Cuddalore
August 24.th 1703

Signed Bussy

Draft not sent

To the Marquis de Bussy

From President to Mr. de Bussy his having Removed from Cuddalore supposes he must have received the Committees Letter approving of that Measure Relative to the sending Warlike Stores to Pondicherry with-out

I have Received the honor of Your Letter of the 24.th Instant by Mr. de Monneron, to whom I shall be glad to Render any Service in my power.

From the palace near Pondicherry whence Your Letter is dated I judge you have Received the Letter which I had the honor of writing to you on the Instant containing the consent of this Government to some immediate Negotiation, remind that City as you said that in that case you would come to the Neighbourhood for the benefit of your health. In this instance I certainly was more gratified by actually

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without the Committees Consent was taking a Liberty which might have been granted with more Satisfaction. Government disposed to shew every attention to the French Nation will not enter into any discussion on the Establishment of an Officer to promote the Security of the Police as the hourly expected Orders from home will prevent the Necessity.

actually meeting your Wishes in a Matter which you would not otherwise have undertaken, than I now am by the mere acquiescence in the transportation of Warlike Stores to Pondicherry, of which You give me notice after it has taken place; For a license may not always be observed to be taken with the same degree of Satisfaction with which it would have been given. This Government will indeed in respect to you & your Nation be more disposed to grant than withhold their consent to your Request & you might have depended on every facility and Assistance for promoting the Security & Police of the Territories, which are to be Restored to You on the arrival of the Orders from our Respective Soveriegns except only, until such Arrival what would amount to such Restoration — The Establishment of any public Officer in those Territories might be Considered no doubt in that light, but Unwillingly avoid a discussion of which the orders from Europe hourly expected will prevent the Necessity

I have the honor to be &c.

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the 30th August 1703

The President also lays before the Committee the latest paper of Information Received from Pondicherry from Mr Klemmann an Officer in the Companys Service whom the President had sent thither to make observations on the Proceedings of the French.

Pondicherry is in the same State as when I left it in the Year 1700 after its demolition — I have

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have seen also the Public Buildings and found no Repairs except at the Government House and Soldiers Barracks at present occupied by the Sick, but these repairs are very trifling —— Mr. Cole Buffey lives at Mr. Lewis's Garden House, and is determined not to come into Pondicherry till he has Authority to hoist the French Flag there, and he has given no orders out for any Police to be established there on the part of the French, on the contrary, when I was there Captain Wemyss of the Resolution had entered into a written agreement with Mr. Hugon, one of the principal Merchants for his Cargoe of Rice and Mr. Hugon gave it under his hand that he said Captain should deliver it at the Measurement of the Madras Garce but afterwards insisted that it should be delivered by the Pondicherry measure, which is Sixteen P.Cent less than the other —— At the Request of Captain Wemyss I went to Mr. Monneron as President to desire he would do him Justice, who answered that Pondicherry was an English Settlement in which he had no Authority, otherwise he should chearfully give Captain Wemyss redress, upon which I took upon me to go with him (Captain Wemyss) to Mr. Hugon, and after much Altercation the agreement was annulled by mutual consent —

(The French have no Troops at Pondicherry, but a Guard of an Havildar and fifteen Sepoys at the Government house, a Serjeant and twenty Sepoys at the Count Le Merck's, and a guard at the Redoubt near the bounds, but without the Guns.

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(Signed) Charles Frederic Klouerman
Ensign 12th Battalion

Dispatched the following letter to Bengal.

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In consequence of the arrival of the Crocodile with dispatches from the Court of Directors, the President thought it expedient to summon a meeting this day and requested the attendance of the Admiral in order to lay before them the dispatches received, and to Resolve on the Measures to be adopted in Consequence.

The President informs the Committee that having now Collected from the different Members their ideas, he will lay before them in a very few days a Minute upon the Subject with drafts of Letters proposed to be sent to Bengal, M.r de Bussy the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.r
Governor General &.c Council
Fort William

Gentlemen

We have the honor to inform you that his Majestys Frigate the Crocodile of 20 Guns anchored yesterday in these Roads. She left England on the 14.th of April, & brings an Account of the several Arrangements of the new Administration, with the pleasing Intelligence of the safe arrival of the Rodney Packet at Limerick on the 30.th of March; ——— No Answers have been received to the public Dispatches, but the Secretary at the Treasury has acknowledged the Receipt of the several

To Bengal the Crocodile arrived the 31.st Ult.o brings Acct of the Arrival of the Rodney, Received by the Ho.x Copies of all the Dispatches received relative to Peace requests a Supply of Money sends an Indent for Stores which are much wanted.

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several Packets forwarded from hence by the Rodney

We have the honor to transmit by the Fox, all the Packets received by the Crocodile under Your Address. — last many of the Papers just received here, relative to the Measures to be taken in Consequence of Peace should be omitted in the Packets, directed to You from Europe, We have the honor of transmitting to You Copies of them without any delay; as the early Consideration of them may enable You the sooner to send Us the Instructions and Powers partic[ularly] relative to Tippoo Saheb, for which this Government has already made repeated Applications to Your Board, and of which the present Dispatches appear to Us to enforce the Necessity. Allow us to add that the pressing Exigencies for Money force from Us a renewal in this Respect, also of our Solicitations with which Your immediate Compliance can alone remove the present Distress: our own Resources not being adequate at any time to our increased Expences and being at this Season less productive than at any other

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obed[t] Servants
Macartney &c.[a]

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Sign'd

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P.S. — We Request that you will please to Order to be made up and sent to Us by the first Opportunity

Tents — Bell — 90
Private — — — 400
Sepoy — — — — 70
Officers — — 100

We enclose you Copy of a Minute of General Stewarts

Resolved that the Admiral be furnished with a Copy of the Letter from Monsieur De Castries to Monr de Bussy.

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Admiral requesting he will afford a Conveyance to the Reinforcement under orders for Mangalore, the Cloathing and Military Stores

The President lays before the Committee two Letters from the Adjutant General of the 20th and 30th August which are ordered to be sent in Circulation

Read the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform you

From General Burgoyne Agent cannot send Rice by Coolies to the Mount must use the Carriage belonging to the Army, wishes to know if they are to be employed.

you that I have Received a Letter from the Grain keeper to say the Agent had informed him he should no longer be able to send Rice to the Mount by Coolies, and that it will be therefore Necessary to Convey it by the Carriage of the Army from Madras to Camp. I beg leave to observe that if the Carriage of the Army is so employed it will very soon be unfit for Service, & if We are ordered to march this inconvenience will be sorely felt. I therefore beg to know whether it is your pleasure I should send the Carriage of the Army to Madras for Rice, or not.

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servant
J. Burgoyne M.G.

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General Burgoyne to send in the Carriage of the Army including Captain Moorhouses to transport Rice to Camp.

Read Letter from the Surgeon

From Surgeon General has ordered Mr Mallet to the Northward.

Surgeon General advising of his having ordered Mr Mallet to proceed to General Jones's Detachment in consequence of the Orders he had received (are entered in Miscellany Book)

Minute thereon

From the late behaviour of Mr Mallet the Committee think him a very unfit Person to be employed, it is therefore Agreed that Mr Anderson be directed to send another Surgeon from the Main Army in his room.

Bills on Bengal granted to Chocanpah Chitty

Read Letter from Chocanpah Chitty requesting bills on Bengal for the Amount of a Purchase made by the Company of the Sloop Escape for 600 Pagodas; Agreed that Bills on Bengal be granted at the Bazar Exchange, the Interest not allowed

From Mr Hawkins with Complaints against Lieutenant Innis.

Read Letters from Mr Hawkins with Complaints against Lieutenant Innis (as entered in Miscellany Book) Resolved, that Lieutenant Innis be ordered to join his Corps with the Army.

Arrangements in the Engineer Corps

Agreed that the following Arrangements do take place in the Corps of Engineers

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Lieutenant Colonel Ross — — — — — — Madras
Major Johnston — — — — — — Do Coast
Captain Banks — — — — — — Madras
Lieut. Wickens — — — — Carnatic Army
Ensign Jennings — — — — — Do
Norris — — — — — Madras
Sauter — — — — — Do

Assistant Engineer Dyce to join his Corps
And to direct that the Extra Artificers and
the two half Companys of Lascars taken from
the Garrison for the Expedition be Returned to it
And that the Fascine Makers be employ'd
as before the Expedition took place.

Agreed that the Additional
Company of 60 Men that is now at
Chillumbrum be incorporated in the 4th
Carnatic Battalion, and that the 4 Inde-
=pendent Companies at Chingleput be
incorporated in the 20th Battation.

The President delivers in the
following Minutes on General Stuarts of
the 30th Ultimo.

Short

Presidents Minute
on that of General
Stuarts of the 30th
August 1783.

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Short Note on General Stuarts Minute
30th August 1783 in Committee

Whether the General ever
saw those papers, or why he did not see them,
are matters the President knows nothing of.

The course of business is, that
as soon as the President has perused the Letters
and papers received they are sent to the Office
to be circulated.

The General by a particular
order of Committee has free access to all papers
in the Office—

The proceedings are transmitted
in course to the Governor General & Council.

Note on General Stuarts Minute of
August 30th 1783. in Committee

The President is not in the
least surprized, nor can any body who Reads
the Records be surprized at the want of Carriage
Cattle with the Remainder of the Army late
commanded by General Stuart.

carriage
Lately

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Mr Westcott has been directed to send up all the Bullocks that he has been able to procure for the use of the Army

The Measures proposed by the President and adopted by the Committee for sending Reinforcements to the other Coast and to Colonel Fullarton, together with the position of General Jones, will probably either secure a good Peace or enable the Company to prosecute the War with Success.

According to General Smith's former Requisition the whole number of Tents ordered for to Bengal or ordered to be made up on the Coast, but the Consumption of them has been beyond Calculation

The Admiral assured the President ten days since that he would furnish conveyance about the middle of the Month for 700 Men to the Malabar Coast.

As the Paymaster of the 38th Regiment is not yet arrived Col Stirling informed the President that the Regular Indent for Subsistence could not be furnished, the President

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President therefore ordered the Paymaster to advance him Money on Account— ther. have been three Payments in that manner, and more will be made as Money comes in

As to the latter part of the Generals Minute, containing observations on the Revenue Syst.m It is not properly before this Committee

Bills on Bengal granted to Mr Wooley

The President lays before the Committee a bill drawn by M.r Wooley for 100 Star Pagodas being for Pay for his Interpreter and travelling Charges — Agreed that Bills on Bengal be granted him at the Bazzar Exchange

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General Stuart delivers in the following Minute on M.r Burgys Letter from Ouligarry

In Committee Sept.r 1.st 1703

General Stuarts Minute on M.r Burgys Letter

Minute of General Stuart on seeing Mons.r Burgys Letter dated Ouligarry 21.st August & Draft of the Presidents Letter in Answer

The Letter which Mons.r de Burgy sends to the President dated Ouligarry

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Oulgarry 24th of August is the strongest proof I can adduce that polite Attention to the French draws no other Return than a thankless presumption on their part.

Mons.r de Bussy without waiting for leave or acknowledging the Receipt of the Right Honble Presidents Letter, which allows him to go to the Neighbourhood of Pondicherry (contrary to my opinion) dates his Letter from that Situation, not only so but brings off the Military Stores, without saying by your leave, from Cudalore to Pondicherry, and appoints a Frenchman to take care of the Police for you at that Place, which by the Companys Orders is not to be given up till the French leave, without a doubt brought over all their Troops from the Mysorean Army

I give Credit to Mr Cochrane Intelligence uniformly in what regards Mons.r de Bussy's intrigues (contrary to his Professions) from July 3d to August 23d the last date of the Intelligence received two days ago, and am of opinion that an Answer couched in the polite French language which the

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the Right Honble President can judge of.
should be sent to him to order back the
Military Stores &c.a to Cuddalore and to
state to him in direct terms that neither
Pondicherry nor Carical will be restored
to France untill there is a certainty that
all the French Troops have seperated from
Tippoo's Army and ceased to act with them

(Signed) James Stuart

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

To Surgeon General to order a Surgeon to join General Jones instead of Mr Mallet

Letter to the Surgeon General (as entered in M.B. No) directing him to order another Surgeon instead of Mr Mallet to join General Jones.

To Mr Scottany to comply with Indents for Tents for the Service of the Army.

Letter to the Military Store=keeper (as entered in M.B. No) enclosing an Indent for Tents for the Army and directing him to comply therewith as far as the Stores will admit of

To Major General Jones

To General Jones respecting his Allow=ances in the Mabot of Cuddapah - directing him to establish Ma=gazines in convenient places & Surgeon ordered to join him.

Commanding the Northern Army

Sir

The Select Committee having perused a Letter from you dated the 9th Inst. to know what Allowances you are entitled to draw as Major General I am directed by them to inform you that you are to receive Pay & Gratuity according to your Regimental Commission in His Majestys Service & that you are entitled to draw the same Batta which is drawn by Sir John Burgoyne & General Bruce

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I am further directed to acquaint you, that the Select Committee do not know of any such person as the Nabob of Cuddapah: There was a Man about the Durbar who either was, or pretended to be a Relation of the last Nabob of Cuddapah long since dead. He frequently applied to Government to be employed on the first rumour of Capt[n] Edmonds's expedition; but received no particular Encouragement from the Government, as he was very little known to them. — He was told however that Capt[n] Edmonds would be the best Judge whether he could be useful or not, who was accordingly written to on the subject & informed that our Intention of attacking the Cuddapah Country was to distress the Enemy by driving them out of it and possessing ourselves of it rather as occupiers than owners, but that no Settlement or decision of right relative to it, could possibly take place till a Race, & that if the Cuddapah Man served with

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2. with the Army, & roads of use, he would be considered in the same manner as the other Polygars ——— This was the former Determination respecting this Man, & they desire me to acquaint You that they still adhere to the same opinion

The last Letter to you from the Select committee was so explicit, that they conceive it unnecessary to add more than their desire, that you will establish a Magazine in the place most Convenient where Provisions Operations may be necessary.

W.m Ferguson having been directed to Return to his Station at Nellore I am desired to inform you that another Surgeon in the Room of W.m Ferguson has been ordered to join the Detachment under your Command.

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I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

From Ensign Mapother has taken the Command of Permamalee.

Received a Letter from Ensign Mapother (as entered in M.B. 240) advising of his having received the Command of Permamalee from Lieutenant Innis.

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Received Letter from Mr.
Cochrane, Enter Letter & Enclosure dated 20th
August

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

F. S. G.

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Cochrane with Intelligence of the Enemy

Enclosed I send further
Intelligence from N 3 of the 17th Instant
and have the Honor to Remain with Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your &c.
Basil Cochrane

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Carical
20th August
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Intelligence lodged in the Office

At a Select Committee present
on Revenue Matters

Tuesday
2d. Septem.r 1783

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
Anthony Sadleir Esq.r Alexander Davidson Esq.r
Morgan Williams Esq.r

Minutes of last Committee

last

read and approved

Read the following Letter
from

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From the Committee of Assigned Revenue
enclosing their Minutes of the 20th Ultimo
(read in Committee 25th August with Proposals
for renting the Arcot Provinces.

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

From Committee of Assigned Revenue with proposals for renting the Arcot and other Provinces

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the Honr to send you a Copy of our Minutes of the 20th Instant, with a Statement of the Proposals made for the Districts lately advertized likewise a Petition from Rougenaut Bro Brother of the Jaghiredar of Arnee and a proposal for renting that District

The Jaghire of Arnee having been included in one of the divisions of the Arcot Province, We could not take into consideration a seperate proposal for any part of such division; We therefore beg leave to refer it to your Lordship &c and shall wait your Orders concerning it

Before we conclude the Subject of these Proposals, We must
observe

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observe that the Rents offered for the several Districts intended to be farmed out, are calculated on the Supposition of Peace, and upon the promise of allowing an Reduction for all Losses sustained before that Event finally takes place — The Situation of the Great Province is at this time very unpromising and the Troops of Tippoo Saib being still in possession of the most productive parts of it, whatever is collected before the Restoration of Tranquility will depend altogether upon the forbearance of the Enemy, or upon the degree of Force which may be employed to support the Renters in their respective Stations. —

We have the Honor to be

Hr.

Chas: Oakeley
David: Haliburton
Geo: Mollbray

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/ signed

Minute thereon

The Committee having maturely Considered the Proposals for renting the several Countries with the Opinions delivered upon each by the Committee of Assigned Revenue on the proceedings now before them; it is agreed to adopt their recommendations from the reliance we have upon

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upon their experience, knowledge, and integrity fully warrant
in their management since the Revenues have been under their
care. —

Mr. Williams delivers in the following Minute

Mr. Williams's Minute on vesting of the Arcot and other Provinces

As the Nabob assigned Revenues of the Carnatic for the purposes of defraying the Expences of the War and discussing his heavy Arrears to the Company of the War, and has shewn great dissatisfaction at our Conduct with respect to this Assignment I am of Opinion we should be very careful how we reject off high offers for the Rent of his Provinces and thereby prevent an Association of Particility on the Part of the Committee of Assigned Revenue and Mismanagement on the part of the Select Committee for superporting and conforming those People whose Offers are less according to their Statement than others in the Rent of the different Districts, on which Account I think it necessary to make my Observation as they seem to me to vesting Narratives Remove offers for the Arnee Provisions 10.50.657 Pagodas, and all the Tanjore Chungelooy formerly an Annual of good Character has offered as Rent for them 11,17,000 Pagodas yet the Committee recommend the Proposal of the former to be accepted because they say the latter is not a Man of Property

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Quere 5th Naraineurry Ramrow a Man of Property or will he back his Offer with good Security. —

Venkat Row's Offer for the Arcot Provinces amounting to 10,82,355 Pagodas should in my Opinion be accepted, altho a high Rent has not been offered by Poonamalee Venkatachilla and Avanmala Narringrow for the reasons given by the Committee on A 17. & 18. Narringrow Offers for the Vellore Provinces 7 Lacks of Pagodas and Ragava Chary 7 Lacks and Seventy thousand Pagodas — Quere 7th Narringrow a Man of Property and able to back his Offer with Security, if not, Ragava Chary's Offer should be accepted and he is a man of Property. —

Mundapaty Venkatram Rauze being a Relation of the late Rajah Ramchunder Rauze and has offered to increase the Rent of the Ongole Country from 50,000 to 60,000 Pagodas I think his offer should may be accepted.

Sheneviss Achary has made an offer for Tuppoty 185.000 Pagodas and it is recommended to be accepted by the Committee altho' Nayagy Row offers 195.000 and accuses the other of defrauding the Company of 15,000 as appears by his Petition. and which he says he can recover with the

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the Agistature of Government — Roy Mammal, the Sowcar above-
mentioned offers the same Rent as Sherawaps Renters and has
laid the Contract 29000 Pagodas on Board. —

Rayaru Chetty offers for Selvarete 9,000 and Roy Mu-
mul the Sowcar 39,000. the present Renter Mahomed Hussein
Cawn only offers 37,500 Query whether it would not be
proper to accept of the Proposals of the Man who will
give the best Security.

| signed | Mr. Williams

Agreed that a Letter be immediately written to
the Committee of Agistature informing them
of the foregoing Resolution and directing them to Cause
the necessary Papers to be made out for the Renters
now appointed. —

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Dispatched the following Letter

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

&c Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen.

To Committee of Assigned
have resolved to nominate
Renters agreeable to their
recommendations —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 21st. Ultimo enclosing Your minutes of the 20th. and to inform You, that having Considered the several Proposals together with Your Opinion upon each, they have resolved to nominate the Renters agreably to Your recommendations, and to desire You will immediately cause the necessary Papers to be prepared.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

[signed] John Budleston
secretary

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3d. Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President and Governor &c Select Committee

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From Mr. Cochrane
the intelligence

My Lord Gentlemen

Enclosed I send further Intelligence from

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3d. No.2 of the 29th. Instant and have the honor to remain with

respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

& Very humble Servant

(signed) Basil Cochrane

Negapatam

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August 29th.

Sayed Saheb has received a letter from Tippoo Saheb, the following is extract of which — Mr. Bufoy has wrote me frequently that the English were willing to conclude a Peace, and that he would settle every thing in favor of the Circar — my answer to Mr. Bufoy was, requesting him to be the mediator, and to conclude a Peace accordingly — these matters were then arranged I have received Intelligence that the English Detachment that was at Trechinopoly, is marching to Dindygall therefore on receipt of this You will wait on Mr. Bufoy, and explain to him all this and write me an answer what he says immediately on Seyed Saheb receiving this Letter he set off for Pondicherry. and after explaining the purport of His master Letters received for answer. " I have received a letter from Madras telling me that they will soon send Mr. Sadlier the Second in Council, & another Gentlemen here to settle matters, they will arrive soon in the mean time. You (Seyed Saheb) must plunder all the Countries under the charge of the English, until they send their Letters here, & conclude the Peace —

after-

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After Seyed Saheb rec.d this answer, he gave further orders to plunder the Countries and at Mr. Bufey's desire sent a Thousand Horse to follow the Detachment now marching to Tri= =chinopoly. —

The Danish Resident that had been in Seyed Saheb's Camp, and had the Letters leave to go to Cuddalore, by Sea left that place and arrived at Tranquebar without giving any inte= =mation to Seyed Saheb, which has so incensed him, that he has wrote to the Danes, that if they do not send back their Resident. he will send a party of Horse to destroy the Danish Bounds. - Seyed Saheb as soon as the Rivers has abated will send a party of Horse across the Coleroon. —

/ signed / Basil Cochrane

To Mr. Secretary Kingscote

Sir

From Mr. Cochrane will land the Stores rec.d from the Sea Horse Naaid as near the Southern army as possible

I have been honored with Your Letter of the 29th. August inclosing one a List of Stores laden on board the Sea Horse & Naaid for the use of the Southern Army

The Captains of both Ships are now ashore and assure me that every thing has been delivered out of their Ships — I have as yet had no report from Mr. David The Conductor of Stores who is now on board of or Tonny receiving them out of the

Chellengas

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3d. Challenger and will proceed tomorrow to Tondy the nearest
where port to whom the Southern Army is — I shall write You again
tomorrow by a Cattamaran at present Capt.n Drew is anxious to sail
which prevents me sending a Return of what has been received

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient &

Very humble Servant

(signed) Basil Cochrane

Negapatam 1st. September 1783

1st & 2d

From Col: Mackenzie to General Stuart - intends leaving Negapatam in a day or two for the Southern Army with the Detachment - the Stores to go in boats to Tondy & from thence to Madam-

I have just time to informe Your Excellency of our arrival here without any loss - The detachment will move on Towards Trichinopoly under the Comm.d of Capt.n Powell in two or three days. from circumstances, sooner will be impossible, I propose going from here tomorrow in order to join the Army Mr. Cochrane To whom I send all this detachment. am much Obliged will writing You by this Conveyance. The Stores for the different Corps & those belonging to the Company go in boats from hence To Tondy from thence to Madam- I understand Col: Stuart has got to Cundygull & I presume the whole of the Southern Army will be soon got together Capt.n Drew by whom this goes is just Setting out Which

I hope

write

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3d.

I hope will apologize for My not being more explicite

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's obligd &

Obedient Servant

(signed) Geo: Mackenzie

Lt. Col:

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President & Select Committee

&c &c &c

My Lord & Gentlemen

from Col: Pearse -

Mess.rs M.c Donald & Matthews

Cadets for Bengal

now with his Detachment

at this Coast - Lieut.t Symes by me

request to go to Sea for his

health —

Mess.rs M.c Donald & A: N: Matthews.

Cadets of the Bengal Establishment being on their way to that Place, but now here, are very deprous of staying with the Detachment in which they have near Relations under whose patronage they must take shelter till it shall be come their turn to be promoted. I request Your Permission to stay & join the Detachment under my Command.

desirous

Lieut.t Symes being at the Point of Death with Consumption has been advised to go to Sea by the first opportunity I request Your approval of his doing so

I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obed.t

humble Servant

(signed) T. D: Pearse

Commanding 1st Bengal Detachment

in the Carnatic

Madras

3d. Septem.r 1783

the

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3d.

Minute thereon

The Committee comply with the request contained in the above letter —

John Huddlestone Esqr.

Secretary Select Committee

From Genl. Stuart with letter from Chellumbrum giving an account of the depredations committed by Sidi Saib —

Sir

I have the honor to communicate for circulation to the Right Honble President and Members of Select Committee the enclosed original letter now received from the Officer commanding at Chellumbrum. in date August 31st. which besides other Information deserving notice, gives the Accounts of Syd Sahibs depredations in that valuable District, during the present Supposed Cessation of Hostilitys — This letter moreover affords additional certainty to the Intelligence, this day sent in Circulation from the Honble Mr. Cochrane dated August 29th.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) James Stuart

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Sir

I have the honor to inform You that Sidi Saib has reinstated his Amildars in all the Villages in the Neighbourhood

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3d.

Neighbourhood of this place since the departure of Col.. Elphinstone detachment the Horse have plundered all the country to the Westward and the inhabitants whoever cultivating the ground between this and the Cubroon have quitted their villages and taken shelter in Chelumbrum les then is a cessation of Hostilities between us and Said Sahb, I have been giuen to understand have to act but if I obtain Your permission I can without much difficulty remove them from our neighbourhood —

The quantity of Paddy delivered over to me by Lieut.. Brycksmyr was twelve thousand Murkal, out of which three thousand eight hundred and thirty six have been expended. The remainder will not be sufficient to last out the Monsoons I have kept an exact account of the daily consumption —

6 + Seven

The Sepoys are seven Months in arrears, they have only received one Months pay for this part and I have had no money left with me for that purpose. The new Sepoys have not received any since they were raised —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Fras.. Cossper

Lt..

Chelumbrum

31st.. August 1783

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The Committee are of Opinion that if any attack should be attempted by the Enemy upon Chellambrum

Remain there

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3d. or the Countries actually in our possession It is the Commanding Officers Duty to repel them with vigor notwithstanding any Cessation of hostilities, but it is also his Duty to take especial care not to give the Enemy room to pretend that the breach of the Cessation proceeds first from us —

The Intelligence of 29th August sent by Mr. Cochran of Mr. Sadleir & another Gentlemen being to proceed to Tryd Sahb, the Committee know to be totally groundless.

The Commanding Officer at Chillumbrum should send his Indent for the Months pay, to the Paymaster General, who will send the Money to him, or if he can procure Money to the Southward, his bills will be accepted here, but care must be taken to send his Indents regularly.

Resolved that a Letter be written to Mr. Cobbe at Chillumbrum accordingly.

General Stuart

I believe that Monsr. Bussy told what he know not to be true concerning any further Deputation and purposely to amuse Tippoo Saib. but at the same time, I believe he said so to Tryd Saib —

Dispatched the following letter to Sir Edward Hughes

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K. B:

&c &c &c

Sir —

to Sir Edward Hughes
wishing him to afford a Convoyance for the Transporting to the Malabar Coast —

Having come to the resolution of sending

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3d. a Body of 700 Europeans to the Malabar coast, beg leave to solicit
them
Your assistance in affording them a conveyance thither to be
landed at such place as the service may require at the time of
their Departure from hence.

We inclose You a list of Military Stores belong=
=ing to Bombay which together with some Military Cloathes
we request You will be pleased to order to be sent by the
same opportunity.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
3d. Septemr. 1783

(signed) J Macaulay &c.
Selct Committee

4th. Received the following Letter

To John Huddlestone Esqr.
Secretary Select Committee

From Genl. Stuart
was misinformed in regard
to Major Alcock, whom
he had recommended to be
invalided.

Sir

I am to request, You will communicate the
the Select Committee - Inclosed Letter from Major Alcock to me, To the Members of
from this representation and from the present Appearance
of his Health think he does not come under the discrip-
=tion of the other Officers mentioned in my Letter of the 3d
1783

description

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4th 1783 to be put in the Bounty — and I cheerfully confess I was misinformed as to the State of Major Alcock's Health & Constitution

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September 4th 1783

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient humble Servant
(signed) James Stuart

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

Sir

I am honored with Your Letter of the 1st Instant for which Favours You my Thanks, and am thoroughly satisfied with Your Reasons for having recommended it to the Select Committee to make me a Provision for Life in Europe, in consideration of my length of Service and loss of Constitution, — however, permit me, Sir, to assure You, that I do not consider myself as coming under such description — as I am thank God perfectly effective, and capable of discharging my Duty in the Field. —

Believe me Sir, You have been misinformed as to my State of Health, as it has not during this year kept me from the Field more than five Weeks, and that from a complaint brought on by excess of fatigue. — I was at the Siege of Pondicherry, when I was wounded, — At the Siege of Negapatam General Munro appointed me

Quarter

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4th Quarter Master General as he was pleased to tell me for my zeal and Activity at the Seige of Pondicherry, — and after that of Negapatam, for my Attention to my Duty there, he appointed me to the Command of Tanjore —

As some evidence in contract to the misrepresentations made to You, I beg leave to accompany this with Letters from Colonels Lang. Braithwaite and Nixon, and an Order issued by Colonel Braithwaite, — which will shew that I have been employed during the War. and in what degree of Confidence and esteem as an Officer, I was held by those Gentlemen my Commanders during this War. — If any further Testimony is necessary of my past Services, be pleased Sir. to consult Colonel Nixon, with, and under whom I have long served. —

When I was ordered from Tanjore to Madras, I offered Colonel Lang, to remain with him to serve in the Field, if he thought it necessary. —

I trust Sir every Idea of my being an Invalid is removed from Your Thoughts, and that You will be pleased to withdraw my Name from the Recommendation to the Select Committee. — and that I shall soon experience it by Promotion. —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your respectfull and
most Obedient Servant
/ signed / Hugh Alcock

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B:

President and Select committee

of Fort St. George

From General Lowes advising of the 2d. Carnatic being cutt off & enclosing two letters from Captain Montgomery——

My Lord Gentlemen

This instant Mr. Smith of the Nabob of Cuddapahs Troops has returned from our advanced Post, where Capt.n Montgomery with the 2nd. Carnatic Battalion was sent in consequence of Your orders rec.d by me the 14th. instant, giving an Account of the Whole Detachment being cut off, notwithstanding Capt.n Montgomery informed the Enemy that a cessation of Arms had taken place between the Nabob Tippoo Saheb and the Company's Troops &c.a and that there was a letter sent to Meer Saheb to that purpose. There even three Flags of Truce passed before this Melancholy accident happened. The Orders given to Capt.n Montgomery were that in advancing if he heard of the Enemy having got possession of Yedadgoo eight Cos off. he was to return to Ganjr, if they should have got the Fort of Buddewall, he was to take post at Tickoor, and if they were advanced near to Buddewall, he was to go into the Fort that Mr. Smiths account is that a French Officer passed upon the Messages between the Enemy and Capt. Montgomery, offering to let him retire provided he gave up the Fort but the latter would not submit to that. in consequence firing was began

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4th began by the Enemy which galled our people, and Capt.n Montgomery advanced in order to take possession of their Cannon that upon his arriving near them he was attacked by a large Body of Horse to the amount of two thousand five hundred, and that the Battalion was entirely defeated. —

I informed Your Lordship and the Gentlemen in My last Letter of the 28th instant what I had done as to recalling the heavy artillery, and the resolution of remaining where we are until an Answer was got to my Letter from Meer Saheb. — Enclosed I have the honor to send You the only two letters I have received from Captain Montgomery, by which Your Lordship and the Gentlemen will see, that he was not under the least apprehensions, and his reasons, for not going into the Fort. By Mr. Smith's Story I am afraid my friend Capt.n Montgomery is no more, a loss to the Service not easily to be supplied: however hope it may not be so bad as represented, but — thought it my Duty to acquaint You with the circumstances just as I heard them; as there will be people in soon will write again tomorrow. I believe Capt.n Montgomery has with him about five hundred men, his Grenadiers having remained with me attached to the five Companies —

Your Lordship and the Gentlemen will see the impossibility of our doing anything until reinforced but in what manner I submit to You; particularly as two thirds

of

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4th. of the remainder of my Army, an composed of Bravar Grenadiers which this check may dispers never having been upon Service

Camp Pass at
Camerate 31st. August 1783

I have the Honor to be
My Lord Hy. Obedient
with Respect
Your Most Obedient humble Servt.
(signed) Tho.s Jones
Major General

Major General Jones
Commanding the Northern Army

Sir

I have to acquaint You of my arrival this forenoon at Buddiwal, with the Nabob without any accident agreable to your Orders an Havildars guard was left at Tyr. to prevent any Me being taken out of the Fort till the arrival of the Army — and the Nabob sent from these letters to the different Polegars — he had also two hundred Pagodas I received from Major Lysaght to pay for what Rice may come

Yesterday a party of about forty horse joined the Nabob on the March to entertain on his Service — his Troops has seen very good and were highly pleased at the sight of the Battalion and Guns.

Buddiwall
August 27th. 1783

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient humble Servt
(signed) A Montgomery
Capt. Commanding
the

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To Major General Jones

Commanding the Northern Army —

Sir

The Nabob has just now intelligence of the Enemys Arrival at the Cuddapah Pass - seven Cos from hence inforce 2500 horse - 1500 foot, 3000 Colleries and six Guns. he has sent out people to bring intelligence of their further — motions My Battalion is near the Fort - The Guns and mus loaded - and the Nabobs people are coming out - I think it would have a bad appearance to draw into the Fort - I shall acquaint You of every motion - as quickly as possible and have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) A: Montgomery

Capt.n Commanding a Detach.t from the Northern army —

Buddawall
August 28th 1783
11 oclock P.M.

Copy of a letter from Capt.n Montgomery to Major Lysaght

Dear Sir

We have not heard any thing further of the Enemy, but that Meer Sahebs Son was not with them - the Party is Com.d by a Bramin who is Busy I have

two

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4th

two good Sepoys out, who have been before at Caddapah and
are to go round and come aback way into the Enemy's Camp - and
I hope they will bring intelligence that may be depended on when
You arrive, it will take them three or four days to get round,
and back - I have promised them five Pagodas each if they bring
a just account, and as You will no doubt have people out also
- You can compare their Stories - The Nabob and his People
visited a very few are still in the Fort - I have sent to his Dubash who
speaks and writes English to come to me and tell me what
Further intelligence his Master has. Received - I believe the Enemy
are composed of ruffs got together by Meer Sahibs Son, who has
this Country as a Jaghire and is left by Tippoo to fight his own game
the best he can, and I believe they mean to take possession of the
Pass - I am not apprehensive being on good ground and near the
Fort, and I shall not retire the gat a bad name last Night
and I fear the great full of Water will make the ground very
heavy for your large Guns - We are all very well here - I wrote
to You Yesterday forenoon, what the Nabob said about the Polygars
sending in Rice - and last Night I wrote to the General immedi-
-ately after we received the intelligence which of course You
must have heard -

Camp at Budwal
29th August 1783 forenoon -

I am
Dear Sir
Yours always
[signed] A: Montgomery

Dispatches

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Fort St George 4th September 1783

4th Dispatched the following Letter to Commanding Officer of Chellumbrum ——

To Lieut. Francis Kapper,

Commanding at Chellumbrum

Sir

The Commander in Chief having laid before the Select Committee Your Letter to him of the 31st. Ultimo I am directed by them to inform You that should any attack be attempted by the Enemy on Chellumbrum, or the Countries actually in our possession, they desire that You will repel them with vigor, notwithstanding any Cessation of Hostilities that may have been agreed upon but at the same time the Committee particularly enjoin You to take especial care that the Enemy may not have the slightest cause to pretend that the breach of the Cessation first proceeded from You us.

You will be pleased to send Your Indent for the months Pay to the Paymr. General who will forward the Money to You, or if You are able to procure Cash to the Southward, I am directed to inform You that Your Bills will be accepted by Government, but You must be particularly careful to transmit regular Indents.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(signed)

Fort St George
4th Septembr. 1783

Received

To Chellumbrum — to defend himself if attacked but to be cautious not to give cause to the Enemy to pretend the breach of the Cessation was on his part. —

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5th

Recvd the following letter from General Stuart

From General Stuart to know if all his letters & papers are to be sent home by the Musca

To M.r Skrings cotte

I have sent the General letter proposed to be sent by the Medea and beg you will inform me, before I am to seyen o.t. whether all the letters official & papers from me to the Secretary or in Committee are to go, as I apprehend by the present dispatch, and I must request of Your time will admit of it, to be furnished with the List or inventory of such letters or papers.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

Septem.r 5.th 1783

/ signed / J Irmes Stuart

Secretary Select Committee

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President and Governor &c Select Committee

From M.r Cochrane has hired two Donys to carry Stores to Masura — enclosing intelligence of the Nizam &c —

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

On the morning of the 29th August the Mr. Jestys ships Sea Horse, & Naiad arrived here, on receiving intelligence of the same, I immediately left Carnical & came here in order to expedite the landing of the Stores and marching of the Detachment to Tanjore. —

As

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At Your Lordships &c Select Committee were pleased to direct thos Mr. Secretary Kingscote, that I should forward the Stores by the safest and most expeditious manner possible to the southern Army which is now in different divisions collecting money from the Tinnevelly &c Polligars to the southward - & Judging that Madura has now become the centrical Garrison for receiving all stores for the use of the Southern army, I have two Tonnys to receive the Military Stores together with the Cloathing sent me by Mr. Mantray & Mr. Balfour: also the Stores & Baggage belonging to his Majestys Troops to the Southward all which will proceed tomorrow direct for Tondy the nearest port to Madura - Mr. David the Conductor of Stores also proceeds with them together with ten officers belonging to the Kings & Companys Troops that came in the above Frigate with the winds that now prevail, I expect they will arrive in four days. and having already informed Col: Fullerton of my intention to send the stores to that port. I doubt not of the Carts & Bullocks of the southern army being in readiness to convey the them to where necessary

I recommended to Lt. Colonel Mc. Kenzie to march the Detachment direct across the Country to Tondy & then to escort the stores to Madura - but he seems to prefer the Route of Tanjore & Trichinopoly which in my humble opinion - on from the Country being overflowed will be along & tedious march - he however on account of the want of Dooley Boys has consented to let the said Proceed in the Tonnys to Tondy and the men that are in good health will march from hence tomorrow

Sick

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5th

for Tanjore - And what with my own Pattamkon Boys & such I have been able to procure from Tanjore & there, I shall furnish the Detachment with a sufficient number of Dooleys for the use of those men that may fall sick on the Road - Mr. Kepperley at Tanjore is also doing what he can to procure Dooleys & Boys there.

As there is Likelihood of the Enemys Horse & Foot crossing the Colleroon as soon as the waters have abated with submission I would recommend that the Vessels that bring any future stores for the use of the southern Army, may first call at Tranquebar for Intelligence where I shall retire with all the Bullingas that I have got collected here. Vat Nagore when the Enemy arrive on this neighbourhood -

Yesterday evening Captn. Drew sailed for Madras and having not then received the Report of Mr. David the Conductor, of the stores being all received, I was deprived of the Honor of writing Your Lordship &c by that conveyance, I however wrote a few lines to Mr. Lowtey Thengreater acknowledging the receipt of his Letter & informing the Captn. Drew & Sir Richard Strahan had assured me every thing had been sent out of their ships. —

Enclosed Your Lordship &c will receive further correspondence from No 3 of this date and have the honor to be with respect —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &
Very humble Servant
(signed) Basil Cochrane

Negapatam
2d. Septemr. 1783

&c

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5th

Septem.r 2d

The Nizam intending to declare war against Tippoo Saheb, sent for Makepatte Row / the Vackeel of Tippoo Saheb at his Court / and desired him to quit his Country, as he intended to declare war against his master But on the representation of the Dewan. That there would be no harm in the Vackeels remaining at Court Makepatte Row was permitted to remain, but was forbid to appear of the Durbar, without the Nizams leave first obtained — This happened four Months ago — On the 2d August Makepatte Row wrote a Letter to Tippoo Saheb the following is extract — Before the Nizam was displeased with the English on Account of their not paying their Annual peshcush, for the Chicacole & Rajahmundry Circars / but now the English have sent two Gentlemen from Bengal with a packet — who are arrived and have presented it with Nazars to the Nizam at the same time told him that the English would for the future Pay the Annual peshcush punctually — which assurance has pleased the Nizam and every thing is made up between him & the English — The Nizam now thinks that he will be able to effect some thing in conjunction with the English, and told the two Gentlemen, that as the English were still at war with Tippoo Saheb he also intended to march against him. but desired that a Detachment of English Troops might be sent at the same time to march with them which he said would secure success — The two English Gentlemen in reply said, that they would write

to

5th to Bengal for an answer on that subject —

After Tippoo Saheb received the above letter he wrote to Lop Saheb as follows — "Since we hearkened to the advice of the French, the War has been encreasing daily, and not no advantages gained by the Enemy — Mr. Bufsy for these two months past, has been writing that he will settle the business between me & the English on my own Terms — but he has done nothing Yet — I have received Intelligence that the English intended Joining the Nizam and that both Forces are to march against me, You will call on Mr. Bufsy and ask him pointedly whether or not he can settle the peace, between me & the English — and You will write me particularly what he says, and then I shall any how conclude a peace with the English myself —

[signed] Basil Cochrane

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

From Dr. Anderson has directly that Mr. Allerton be ordered to join General Jones

My Lord & Gentlemen

On receipt of your Orders of the second dated sending Mr. Allerton was in Town for Detachment I directed Mr. Davis Surgeon Major to order him to join Major General Jones Command immediately, and appoint Mr. Young to the care of the Europeans with the main Army

I have likewise acquainted Mr. Mallet with Your Orders whereby he is stop'd from proceeding on this Service

I have

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5th "

I have the honor to be with due Res-

=pect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George

Septemr. 5th 1783

(signed) James Anderson

Surgeon Genl.

As Mr. Adderton has for the present been directed

to take charge of the Artillery Corps in the room of Mr. Mallet

Minute thereon

the Committee are of opinion some person from the Circars should

be ordered to join General Jones, if no one from the Army can be

spared

General Stuart

I have no objection to any Surgeon being sent that

is fit for the Duty — to the best of my recollection it was under-

=stood that Mr. Adderton was to be the Surgeon to the Artillery

I wish it without prejudice to Mr. Davis — the Artillery is the

only Corps left to the Company & I wish Adderton attached to them

now —

Sent letter to Colonel Pearse (as entered in M. B.

To Col. Pearse - with leave for Lieut. Symes & Messrs. Mc Donald & Matthews —

No.) given permission to Lieut. Symes to go to Sea for his

Health & for Mr Donald & Mr. Matthews to remain with

his Detachment

Sent letter to Lieut. Bridenel (as entered in M.

To Lieut. Bridenel - cannot go home without resigning the Service

B. No.) informing him that he cannot be permitted

to return to England on his Private Affairs without resigning

the Service. —

Recd

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6th

Recvd letter from Permacoil.

To John Huddleston Esqr. Permitted 3d. Septembr. 1783

Military Secretary. Fort St. George

From Permacoil
reporting the conduct
of the Amildaar Managers
small Parties of Horse
about.

Sir

I had the Honor of addressing You, For the Information of the Right Honble the Presidt & Select Committee, the 21st. Ultimo on the Subject of Sorgutar Conduct on the Amildar Manager Residing in this Pollak, I was much in hopes that it would have been by last on so disagreable a Subject; that every thing would have been restored to the Poor Inhabitants so Plundered & Matters Amicably accomidated between the Parties But I find my advice to Lekhmiah, had not the desired effect He has not made restitution of the whole Plundered by the People; But I learn He has by ___ an frightes the Men from thence, The others gave up that their People had taken; I Yesterday Received a letter from that Amildar of Aroppor Wherein He complains to Me that on the 30th at Night Veerabadrah / Manager for Moodoorungapanneddy / is at with 20 Horse to Villivanatham. and some small Village under the Cobol & Management of the Complainant Plundered them & took away Some of the Inhabitants Prisoner He Sendeing for the Man this Morning. The People Informed He is gone to Pondicherry, I do not Know If He took the Prs. with him But He did not returned & I cannot find

6th. Send them Here. — I cannot but consider this Conduct as Highly Disrespectfull to the. afterhaveing Given them Protections in this Place When from the Unsettled State of the Country they were shall to Proceed to their Different Stations. and after the Reperted Promises Made to me they would not be Guilty of Such Acts, and I should not Hesitate to Turn them all out of the Place & Treating them as they Deserve. But. besides by Haveing Recourse before to the Board about them; it Might be Concieved / and false Representations Would No doubt be made / that I wish to Interfere in Matters / which I am Thoroughly Sensible / I have nor right to Meddle in. Vizt the Revenue. as Nothing is Farther from my Desire I cannot by hope their Honors Hon will point Out to me, How I am to act towards these Men,

I told them the other Day. When this being their Usurpation Complained of Tawmy People having Plundered one of his Villages that I would State the whole of this Conduct to the Board, it is therefore in my opinion Shewing the Highest Contempt to them, the Attempting any thing of the Sort, till an Answer arrives. I feel myself most Awkwardly Situated. & Hope I may be favord with an Early Answer. The Poor Inhabitants look at to me. as the Companys Chief Servant. and Complain to me of their Grievances. Which tis not in My Power to Redress: They have much Reason to

me.

unable

repeated

my

them

earnestly

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6th " to with them Men away, and as they do not belong to this Place, I shall be extremely Happy Should the Honble the Board See Sufficient Cause to order them to Desart, or at least send such Orders as may Effectually Prevent their Oppressing the Miserable Villagers, and to Disband their Beons. It is Mortifying to me to observe that the Managers Know I have Frequently addressed the Right Honble Us on the Subject of their Business, and that to this Day My letters all Remain Unanswered. They of Consequent Despise my Authority.

Small Parties of Horse have been Scouring Daily this Day, to the Westward, and Last Night, a Party of 12 Men at a Village Near this, where they Plundered a Man & Woman. There was Some Cattle in Sight but they did not attempt to take them off They asked the Man, which Road Provisions was Brought to this Garrison, and If any was Expected at Present. The Man told them that having Lately Received a long Supply, none was Expected, They asked the Road to Chingleput, and on being Shewed it Road off that ways from

I think the Small Parties that have Infested the Road So Much of Late, have been on the Watch, to Give Information Should any Convoys Lie on the Roads Near the Town Observed to the Westward this Morning Saw large Herds of Cattle Grazing

Done the favor to Communicate the Contents of this to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee

I have the Honor to Remain

Sir

Your Very Obedient Servant

signed J. Nath: Dawes Lieut. Commanding

Parmacool

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6th P. S. I found a Transport Carriage in a Tank on the Pettah the other day. I have Got it out and Put it in order: Make that known also If you Please.

(signed) Nath. Dance

From Tripassore for leave for Lieut. Healy to come to the Presidency

Minute thereon

Received letter from the Commandant of Tripassore (as entered in Mil. B: No.) requesting leave for Ensign Healy to go to the Presidency.

Permitted accordingly

Received letter from General Burgoyne

To the Right Honble the President & Members of Select Committee

Fort St. George

From General Burgoyne the Madras Masters will not take charge of the Bengal Bullocks the Army in great want of Same ___

My Lord & Gentlemen

I beg leave to inform You that the Bullocks belonging to the Bengal establishment having been ordered to be given over to the Madras Magistys. they will not receive them, alleging from the long arrears due to them. they are not able to support the Drivers, & that those who belong to the Bengal establishment, will not come with their Bullocks to that of Madras - the consequence is, the Bullocks just now and accountable by no one ___

I also beg leave to represent that the Sepoy Battalions are in the greatest want of tents for the men & bell tents for arms - many of the men since the wet weather come are falling

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6th. falling sick, & the arms will be spoiled for want of Bell Tents very soon. — I earnestly wish a few of both sorts may be sent to camp immediately.

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

Camp
September 6th. 1783

General Stuarts minute on the sending all the Carriage of the Army for Ceir

The Committee having resolved that the whole Carriage of the Army should be sent in to Madras for Ceir — General Stuart deliver the following Minute thereon —

If all the Carriage of the Army be sent, it will not answer the purpose so well as in the manner Sir John Burgoyne has stated, to send the third part of the Carriage every Day; and therefore with Submission I wish it might be so worded might the third of the whole Carriage of the Army, including Capt. Moorhouse's to be sent every Day to Madrass —

The whole carriage of the Army would not be saved at once, and must starve here —

Septem. 6th. 1783

(signed) James Stuart

The following letter was dispatched to Sir John Burgoyne

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne

To General Burgoyne to send in such manner as he thinks proper for Ceir

Sir —

We have received Your letter of the 30th. ultimo

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Ries for the Army 6th

The scanty means of carriage that we possess at Present not enabling us to convey the Rice to Camp from hence, We direct that You will send to Madras all the carriage of the Army (including Captain Moorhouse's) together with Lascars &c &c in such Divisions & at such periods as seem to You to be the most likely to answer the purpose of transporting the rice thither. You will give the proper Notice as usual to the Agents that no disappointment may arise

Rice

likely

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

Fort St George
6th September 1783

Dispatched the following letter

To Mr. James Anderson
Surgeon General

Sir

To Surgeon General
to send some other person
instead of Mr. Anderson
to join General Jones -

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant and to acquaint You that they do not approve of your sending Mr. Anderson to General Jones's Detachment as he is now acting with the corps of Artillery; if none of the Camp Surgeons can be spared, You may order one from the Circars.

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(signed) John Budleston
Secretary

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Returned

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Recd. letter from General Jones

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney

President and Select Committee Fort St. George

From General Jones - has written to Mer Sadleir on the Cessation of hostilities many Sepoys of the 2d. Battn. come in —

My Lord Gentlemen

To my utmost astonishment the Sarcarrah. and Dubash. which I dispatched to Mer Sadleir the instant that I received Your letter of the 20th. Ultimo acquainting me with the Cessation of Arms having taken place, returned this Morning without having delivered the letter - I have now sent it off, and acquainted Mer Sadleir with the cause of his not having received it time enough to have prevented the late Cote Action.

There I have is returned to Camp two Black Officers, and one Hundred and Fifty four Rank and File including ten Sarcars, whom I have dismissed.

I have wrote to Angole for Arms, and accoutrements for them. I am informed, that a great many of the Sepoys have retired towards Vellore.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord Gentlemen with
Respect
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Thos. Jones
Major General

Pass at Camerall
2d. Septembr. 1783

At

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At a Select Committee, Present

on Military Affairs

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.

Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Major General James Stuart

Saturday 6th. Septemr. 1783 Alexander Davidson Esqr. Morgan Williams

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

Read the following Letter from General Stuart.

To the Right Honble the President, and Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Genl. Stuart enclosing letter from Meer Saib - with his answer to it.

I am honored by this days Tappall with Your Commands of the 20th. instant - I have accordingly wrote to Meer Saib at Cuddapah - a Copy of my letter, Your Lps have herewith - ed In consequence of Your former orders, as soon as the 24 Pnr. arrived I advanced Captn Alexr. Montgomery with the 2d. Grena - dier Battalion, & two field pieces to the pass at Budwalla, 18 Cos in front, when he was to wait my Arrival - This place has been occupied by the Nabob of Cuddapahs People for some time - I wish much for Your Lordships & the Gentlemens Direc - tions as to him, and his Troops in case the Enemy - & them

Where

Stuart

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Should act against each other during the cessation of Arms - I had marched the 24. and 12 Pdrs forward, in order not to lose time whilst I was taking every method to procure Rice for the Subsistence of my Army - I have been much indisposed for a few days, & this Evening with every thing necessary, has been carried on by Major Lysaght - whose zeal for the good of the Company's Service, I cannot say enough upon. The heavy Artillery I have ordered to return, & shall leave Capt.n Montgomery where he is until I have Meer Saibs Answer - provided he finds it not difficult to Subsist his men - I meant to have marched either this afternoon, or to Morrow Morning the last of my army five Coys. and a half. having compleated the quantity of Rice necessary - prep.d Bullocks Coolies &c.a

Zeal

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
[signed] Tho.s Jones
Major General

Pass at Cumerall
28th August 1783

Copy of Genl. Jones's letter to Meer Saib at Cudapah 28th August 1783

In consequence of Orders which I have received from the Right Honble the President and Select Committee this Morning acquainting me, that a Cessation of Hostilities had taken place between the Nabob Tippoo Saib, and the Honble Company's troops - I take the earliest Opportunity of writing to You upon this Subject, and make not a doubt - but it will be Observed as strictly by You, as it shall be by me until we receive further Directions. I must desire You will apprize

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appoint a proper person to settle with one that I shall send to meet him the terms on which we are to be until we receive Accounts of either Peace or War —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Tho.s Jones

Major General

Pass at Cummerall

28th August 1783

Copy signed Thomas Jones

Major General

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney President

& Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Inclosed I have the honor to send You a letter which I have received this morning from Meer Saib with my answer to it which I hope You will approve of. There have joined Two Sepoys since I wrote to You last.

I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Tho.s Jones

Major General

Pass at Cummerall

4th September 1783.

From Meer Shummud deen Aly Cawn to Colonel Jones — No date

Your letter has been received and the Contents are

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and understood.

Since there is certainly a Peace between us How come You to remain in the country of the Circar notwithstanding the arrival of the Victorious Army. Why do not You go back to Your own territories. From this it should seem Your intentions were hostile By the Blessing of God hostilities will not be delayed either, on this side — If there is really peace, Return to Your territories before the arrival of the Exalted standard of the Circar — It will be for Your good You know well what happened in an instant to the foolish Seyd Mahomed who had collected together Ten thousand horse, and You know also what happened to Your own troops —

If there is certainly peace it will be proper in You to retire within Your own boundaries before the arrival of the Victorious Army or else I am not to blame for what happens

The Victorious army will soon arrive and this is written to give You intimation of it —

To Meer Saib Behauder

Sir

I have just received Your Letter. I understand the contents but You do not seem to understand mine. It is not peace but the Company and Tippoo Saib have agreed to stop all hostilities and that every body should remain where they are until peace is agreed to, or that we are to go on with the War — Tippoo Saibs troops are in the Carnatic

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Carnatic - under the command of Meer Mahomed Sein Cawns Vakeel remain there until it is determined - what Countries belong to Tippoo Saib, and You. & what belongs to the Company - after that is fixed every body will know what is theirs - Your telling me that I shall see You in a few days is very Kind. & I do assure You, that if I had not got Order three days after my Battalion went to Budewall not to fight - unless attack'd You should have been sav'd the trouble of coming to me, as I meant to have been with them, however if You continue in the mind of breaking the Cessation of Arms. agreed to by Tippoo Saib. I will try to make You repent it. & prove to him, & the company, that the fault lies with You, as I have kept strictly to their intentions — I cannot conclude my letter without thanking You for Your goodness to the Prisoners - & have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Thos Jones

Major General

Pass at Cumerall

4th Septemr 1783

The President lays before the Committee the following

Letter from Nellore

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

Governor &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord

Having within these few hours

received

From Nellore - Engagement between Meer Saibs Son and Tyd Mahomed at Beed: Dabaloor. The latter defeated

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Inclosed the following Intelligence from Assistant Blaire Esqr
leave to Communicate it to Your Lordship —

Extract of a Letter from Sungamapolly Sunday Morning
31st August 1783

Yesterday Meer Saheb Son with his Detachment
Engaged Syed Mahomeds at Buddawaloo from 6 o'clock in the
Morning until 9 — when Syed Mahomeds Cavalry & Foot People
with an English Army at Yearstenmukul, and we have
Accounts that the Sepoys of the English were all killed-Meer
Saheb son halted with his detachment at Buddawaloo. We are
in doubt whether he will Come in to this Country or go against
Combum Country ——

I have the honor to be with the Greatest
respect
Your Lordships
Most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) George Campbell

Nellore
2d September 1783

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

From Nellore with an account of the engagement between Syed Mahomed and Meer Saibs Son and their Forces of each — only 4 Cowries with a few Sepoys of the 2d Batn escaped

My Lord

The following Intelligence. I do myself the
honor to forward. —

Translation of Information from Calway 1st September 1783

The

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escaped having lost all their Baggage —

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The force with Meer Saibs son Consists of 3000 Horse-
=men — 2000 Sepoys — 2000 Carnatick Horse. 7 Guns 10 Elephants &
some Camels loaded with Rockets

Syed Mohomeds Force was 1000 Horsemen 4000
Carnatick Polygars & 2 Guns — with these he marched to join a
Battalion & 2 Guns which had Arrived to the South of Budda-
=waloo (or Buddavaloo) about the same time Meer Saheb con
Arrived one Cos distant from the said place — Syed Moho-
=med prepared to fight him which the European Captain advised
him not to do, but he refused & fought with him the
Officer made ready by forming the Sepoys into a Foot
with 2 Battalions at this time the Intelligence left Bud-
=dawalo but heard upon his road that Syed Mohomed & the Batta-
=lion were beaten — & that General Jones Army with 13 Guns were
at Yeturmankullo —

I have likewise received a letter from Lieut.
Crofley of the 2d Battalion who has reached to Calicut. he mentions
the entire defeat of the 2d Batt.n that only himself & a few Sepoys
escaped and that all their Baggage was lost in the Fort of Budda-
=valoo. —

I have the honor to be with the greatest

respect

Your Lordships
Most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed) Gyo: Campbell

Nellore
3d Septemr. 1783

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The General lays before the Committee the following letter from Ensign Read to his aid de camp.

Lieut. Close

aid de camp to the Commander in Chief

Fort St George

From Nellore - the 2d Batt. cut to pieces Lt. Crowley the only surviving officer arrived at Gal-ways.

Dear Close

The 25 of last Month Captain Montgomery with his Batt. marched to Join Side Mahomed the Cuddapah Nabob as he is called Genl. Jones Intended to march the 28th and I am sorry to Inform Yaw they have had an Action with Tipsoo Troops Commanded by Meer Saibe Son Side Mahomeds Troops are Dispersed and the 2d. Batt. almost Cut to Peices Lieut. Crowley is Arrived (Naked) at Calways in this Side of the Hills he Wrote to Capt. Campbell Yesterday, that he is the Only Officer who Escaped & he met with 4 Wounded Sepoys on the Road

I am Dear Close

Yours very Sincerely

(Signed) And. Read

Nellore
September 3d.

The General delivers in the following Minute in consequence

In Committee September 6th 1783

General Stuarts Minute on the foregoing letter.

I have about an hour ago received the letter now delivered in, addressed to Lieut. Close my aid de camp from Lieut. Read at Nellore. —

I have every reason to think that the news

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news of our misfortune and disgrace, in this Cuddapah Diversion is but too true. ——

I believe I have mentioned in Committee within the ten days my apprehensions that such a thing would happen, & I wish from my heart it may not have the other consequences stated in one of my late Minutes Viz. the uniting the Nizam & Country powers against us with the underhand intrigue & assistance of Mr. De Bussy ——

I desire it may be noted that this Disaster seems to have happened after General Jones had notified the Cessation of arms to Tippoo's Chief Officer

(signed) J. Stuart

The Committee are much concerned to hear of the accident that has happened to the 2d. Battalion and wait with impatience to hear from General Jones on the Subject, all the letters from them were directory to him to be on his guard.

The Committee see no reason from this accident alone to fear an union between the Nizam & the Country Powers as other more favorable opportunities have been passed by him, It is not clear to the Committee whether they happened before or after General Jones's letter was received by Meer Saib nor whether he was the Agressor or not - Genl. Jones's letter will probably explain all this

The President desires his letter to Captain Edmonds of the 7th. February and also from the Secretary to

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To General Jones of the 2d. System. be read

Rec.d the following letter from Lt. Dawes Command-
-ing at Permacoil

To John Huddleston Esq.r
Military Secretary Fort St. George

Sir

From Permacoil, with a return of provisions & Stores in the Garrison and disapproving to build barracks at Pellipooram Small parties of Horse constantly infest the Roads. —

Enclosed I have the honor of sending for the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, a Monthly Return of the Garrison &c and Military Stores, also a Return of the Provis-
-ions & Stores in this Garison & at the Port of Chellenore. I shall Specify at the Bottom of the Return of Provisions & What Number of Days is will serve for, for the Troops & followers as at Present By Which their Honors &c will Judge of the Expediency of Sending of more before the Monsoon Setts in. —

Do me the favor to Communicate the following Intelligence. I have this Day Received Dy.t Jude Sibe is Collecting all Sorts of Materials and Preparing to Build Barracks & Stables at Pet-
-pooram. Where he intends to Canton his Army. He has also begun one Range of Stables for 1000 Horse. — He has with in this very few Days Received a large Supply of grain from the Mys-
-tore Country. amounting to 13000 Bullock load altogether — His Horse Brought in 4000 Head of Cattle while my Man were in his camp. He Seems to be making as large a Collection as Possible all over the Country. This Day I Saw a Small Party of Horse Near Tindavanam, & Driving off 6 or 8 Cattle Small Parties Constantly Infest the Roads but they make no Stay in any

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any one Place.

Permacoil
1st. Septembr. 1783

I have the Honor to Remain
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(signed) Nath. Dawes. Lt. Commanding
Permacoil

P. S. That representations being made to Side Sibe by the Amildar of Ginjee, that the People there all having their Villages, and that the less they were Prevented from so doing the more is Not be able to Make good his Paymasters to the Sircars the /Side Sibe/ sent Parties of Horse all round to Stop them and carry them back to their Villages —

(signed) Nath: Dawes Lt.

A Return of Provisions Stores in the Garrison of Permacoil 1783

	Sacks of Rice	Sacks of Paddy	Sacks of Natchenny	Sacks of Cumbo	Sacks of Gram	Sacks of Black Gram	Sacks of Green Gram	Sacks of Ghee	Sacks of Lamp Oil	Sacks of Gingly Oil	Salt	Pots	Sacks of Wood
1st. August Remain	44430/2	13168	11356.	16	2400	84	288.	24.	183	4716.	120.	600	31700
													165
31st. August Issued to Sundry Hellenoor	16262/2	1440	1920.	1	2400.					2.			
Total	17702/2	1920.		1	2400								
1st. Septembr. Remain	26728.	11243.	11355	16		84	288	24	183	4516	120	765	31700

N. B. Rice & Paddy equal to 32.332 Sear of Rice Daily Consumtation of this Port is 546 Sears which is 59 days Provisions & 138 Sears over

At Hellenore there is Rice and Paddy equal to 2250 Sears of Rice the Daily consumtation of that Port is 47 Sears. which Makes 47 days Provision & 41 Sears over.

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The President acquaints the Committee that he has already given directions for Permacool being furnished with provisions from the most convenient place.

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue

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

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue – the Feast of Tirupatty to commence in a Fortnight. The Renter applies for Troops to guard him.

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the Honour to represent to Yr. Lordship &c. that the Feast at Tirupatty will commence in a Fortnight From now, & Acharey, the Renter of the Collections at that place, has applied for some Troops to protect him on this occasion — We hope Yr. Lordship &c. will be able to comply with his request, as he has declared it to be of the utmost consequence to the Collections —

We have the Honour to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient and

Most humble Servants

Fort St. George
3d. September 1783

(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Moubray

Minute thereon

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Rajah of Calestry desiring he will assist and protect the Renter at Tirupatty for the approaching collections and that he will augment

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as whether he thinks he has Force sufficient or what Sepoys he will require, and if he manifests that Zeal for the service which we have reason to expect, he may rest assured of the favor and protection of the Company.

General Stuart to order 3 Companies Sepoys to join the Calastry Man.

Resolved that General Stuart do order 3 Companies of Sepoys from the Main Army under the Command of Lt.t Brooke to be ready to join the Calastry Man if necessary.

The President's observations on General Stuart's minute of the 1.st August 1783

The President delivers in the following Minute on General Stuart's on his signing the letter of the 13.th August to the Court of Directors.

The Presidents Observations upon Gen.l Stuarts Minute of the 14.th August 1783

Minute of General Stuart in Comm.tee the August 16.th 1783

The Opportunities of conveyance to Europe having been so few on account of the Bengal Packet not putting to sea at Madras since January 1781. & the Dispatches of course being so long joined to the late uncommon press of business there really was not sufficient time for the ceremony of reading the General Letter paragraph by paragraph — but every Member of the Committee had a full & various perusal of it in his Closet. where if any Objections had occurred he would naturally have marked them & discussed them afterwards with his Colleagues & if necessary had corrections made & expressions altered or expunged. —

The short space of time which I have had to peruse the General letter now forwarded to the Honble the Court of Directors will not admit of my entering into any particular Discussion of it however interesting to myself or to the Publick. —

I have never had Communication of the Proceedings in Committee during my Absence from April 21.st to August 2.d excepting three Meetings, and were I ever acquainted more minutely with what has passed, I conceive that the regular form of the Companys business requires × the General letter × to be read Paragraph by Paragraph —

The General by a particular order has access to all papers in the Office.

Form

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From the General Compleation and
Style of this General letter in what
regards the Representation of my Con-
duct wherever I am mentioned I declare
with great Freedom, that I look upon it,
in the draft that was Communicated
to me, to be X the Presidents own
Commentary upon his own minutes
and Conduct, and not /as represented/
/supported by/ uncontrovertable facts/
an expression so often there repeated -
Viewing therefore as I do, the General
letter and the parts alluded to, I esteem
it in so far a fortunate Circumstan-
ce, to have had time to throw my
Ideas together, in the paper of July 20th
in observation upon the Presidents
Performance of June 25th - in what
so materially concerns the Public and
myself, regarding my Conduct previous
to, and after coming to the ground South
of Cuddalore; Every material part
of the Correspondence to give insight
into that business is now with Govern-
ment, and I have been at the Trouble of
furnishing Duplicates of most of that
Correspondence to the proper Offices so
there can be no reason to prevent the
Honble Court of Directors having the lat-
est Information on the Subject by the
present and by every subsequent Dispatch,
and

The General letter alluded to, is faithfully extracted
from the Records - The President declares upon his honor
he never wrote a single line of it - If any unfair repre-
-tations or inferences had been inserted the General
might have objected to them, & pointed them out much
more properly than to condemn them in gross by general
words. - But in the President's opinion there are
none such - The President perused it carefully, he
approved of it, he signed it & considers himself as much
accountable and is as ready to Answer for it as if he had
written it himself -

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and I now repeat what in Effect I had the
honor to observe in the paper 23d of July
my full and entire Confidence that
the Honble Court of Directors will
not take things upon the bare assertion
of any Man, but when the matter
is of consequence to be enquired into
the Records and original papers may
be restored to — I have on this occasion
given in Duplicate the List of all
the Correspondence to and from Govern-
-ment from April to July, also the
Receipt for the letters or papers delivered
into the Office since my return to
the Presidency July 16th and I expect
that all these letters will be sent Home
by the present Dispatch as far as the
Committees are brought up to their Dates,
and the other sent Numbers in the
Packet —

Extracts from letters as I see on some
of the Pages of this General letter, can
serve no impartial purpose — I observe
likewise that a very large proportion
of Sheets in the beginning of this General
letter is taken up with what X regularly
ought to have gone by the Rodney Packet
and in that Case our Honble Employers
would have been fully and early acquainted
with

The President does not comprehend the General's meaning —

all the Proceedings & Papers connected with them, as far as was possible to bring them up were sent home by the Rodney — What are the Papers omitted —

Vide the letter of Rodney —

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with their business to the latest period of the Dispatch, a rule which in my humble Opinion ought now to be followed, especially as connected with the most important ends of settling terms of Peace to insure permanent stability to the Honble Company's affairs.

I say that every paper to the day of* closing the Packet should be transmitted independent of any separate Representation by letter not on Record from the President to the Chair. The Transactions with the French at Cuddalore through the Separate Deputation of Mr. Sadleir and† his Colleague, a private Gentleman whom the East India Company's know nothing of† gave General Orders to the Army, settling matter of the highest importance to the honor as well as the Interest of the State, without my being once named in such Deputation, tho the Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces and a Member of the Efficient political Government within Call, so soon as the Cartel was admitted of Ships, the Acts of this separate Deputation, will doubtless come under the Cognizance in the first Instance

*Every paper undoubtedly should go home, at the proper time, but papers unaccompanied by the Committee's Observations might often lead the Court of Directors into Error. The opportunities of writing home will now be more frequent & it is hoped that before the Fleet sails for England, it will be in the power of the Committee to send the most perfect information, relative to all their affairs —

†Mr. Sadleir's Colleague is known to be a man of distinguished Abilities of singular Integrity & eminently qualified for the mission on which he was sent — It was a Mission unsought un-solicited, & totally unknown to him till he was appointed to it — How far the East India Company may be supposed to know nothing of a Gentleman who came to India with their special permission and under Covenants to the Company, which he has religiously observed is left to the General to explain — ×Vide the General Order (not order) I gave by those Gentlemen and the occasion for giving it, wherein under the records, will immediately see the Necessity of it and why the General was not mentioned in the Dispatches In the Selection of persons for the Commission in Question, the Committee was guided by their opinion of the particular fitness of Mr. Sadleir & Mr. Staunton for that Service —

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† The orders of the Committee (which are referred to) had provided for the Event of a Cessation & directed the removal of the Army from the bed of Sand which had been the grave of so many brave fellows under the Generals Command — but those orders were not obeyed. It was indeed the Duty of those who disobeyed to take precautions against the distresses of the army occasioned by that disobedience —

† Not the slightest suggestion came from our Army of a desire to have an Hospital at New Town. It indeed it would not appear to have been thought an eligible place for our sick, as the French requested leave from us to send them to Pondicherry —

† The returns of the Quantities of all things sent from the Presidency from the month of the Army on April 21st. will fully ascertain this assertion as far as relates to the Presidency & shew what General Stuart himself has acknowledged in his letter of the 10th. of may 1783. the exertions of this Government in support of the great object intrusted to him —

† Vide the proceedings when all this business is fairly stated & will appear in its true light. The only Communication of the Commissioners with Tippoo Saib is their letter of the 2d. of July, which is here annexed, for the satisfaction of the Committee —

Instance of the Supreme Board in Bengal, the allowing the Sick and Wounded of our Enemies to have the advantage of Pondicherry (under our Protection) while near 1000 brave fellows of our Army under that Direction were suffering in a bed of Sand and nothing ever asked to give them Cover in the × new Town but daily the Distresses of our Army, in consequence, and the want of Sustenance owing to want of † precaution at this period but Chiefly the × universal Cessation of Arms Agreed upon by this Deputation for several Weeks with Tippoo Saheb will doubtless be considered of by the Governor General and Council of Bengal who have the Constitutional power and right in matters of Peace and War especially as the influence of this Deputation was by Circular letters exclusively tied on the Malabar Coast, where they could have no Shadow of right to interfere — × The calling me from the Command of the Army at that particular Crisis for the reasons

× If the Committee were dissatisfied with General Stuart's Conduct. It was their duty to recall him — and no private consideration ought on such a point to influence their proceedings. With respect to the President he can

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can very safely say that whatever Sentiments he may entertain of the General, they are totally unmixed with malevolence—

Brute

Put with respect to the General's Military Tenets particularly upon the Subject of the King's Troops, which the Company maintain at so great an expence, they seem'd so pregnant with Danger to the authority of Government that so repugnant to reason that the Government could not avoid entertaining very serious apprehensions upon the evil consequences that might arise to the Safety & Legal Powers of the State, from the propagations of such notions. They were therefore under the necessity of finding at once upon points which probably would not otherwise have been brought forward—

Vide the proceedings of the 10th. December 1782

reasons or pretenses as stated in the Presidents Minute June 25th. like all acts of Government must be Submitted to their Superiors & have obeyed—and hope by this and every other Instance of my Actions to have disproved a Malevolent and groundless insinuation which I see more than once brought forward in this General Letter attempting to injure me in the Minds of my Honble Employers as if Danger were to be apprehended from the Claims of the Commander in Chief of the King's Forces made by me who Command at the same time the Honble Company's Troops on this Coast, with the Meaning and as near as possible conveying the Words; "that if there is Danger the two Situations ought to be Separated I trust that the impartial Judgment and known Candor of the Court of Directors will lead them to look through the thin Veil covering a false and Malicious Hypothesis, and do me the Justice to believe that no Consideration on Earth of Power or otherwise ever did or ever will influence

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influenced me to be unfaithful to my Trust in their Service, where I have at the Age of Fifty, chearfully dropt a bloody Limb while others at their Ease are only dropping Ink on their paper in black Characters, and I have fully as much at Stake considering every thing that is truely valuable in life as any [x] Enemy, I have in the same Service whatever be his Title on his power: —

If I am to Sign this General letter, it cannot imply my concurring with any thing therein mentioned in which I was not consulted, and much less as an Assent to a uniform be praising the Commentary of the Presidents Minutes or of his Conduct, I have / tho' very lately / from a Motive of attention to Sir Eyre Coote until he could be present Delayed to give in what was nearly Six Months in my possession, I mean the [x] Decision of the Board of Bengal 9 January 13th 1783 — Concerning the Illegality of the Acts of this Select Committee where I am included.

&c

[+] If by an Enemy, the General means the President, he may be afraid of his mistake, the President despises personalities. It is a painful part of public duty to express censure. When it falls to the Presidents Task to do so, he trusts that it is done in a liberal and gentleman like manner, and that such Censure flows not from wantonness or passion, but is a necessary deduction and conviction from indisputable facts and unprejudiced observation —

The President will avoid the puerility of taking notice of the Antithesis of dropping bloody Limbs and dropping black ink — but he must be allowed to say that Wounds however honorable to those who receive them, tho they may be used as a plea for forgiveness of an Error at the bar of Compassion, cannot be urged or admitted as a Justification at any other

[+] With respect to the General's Signing the Letter the President must here repute what he has often said before — upon the subject. As the General is only an occasional but an integral member of the Committee the President is in doubt whether the General comes under the description of those who are ordered to Sign by the Company's Instructions — It appears however of so little consequence that when the General has refused to sign a Letter the Committee have not thought it worth while to take notice of it —

worth

Title

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The Official Extract goes now with this Packet and being so excluded it follows that in what regards either Management of the Revenues in the old Form, or the new and strange Management of the Revenues / Assigned to this Incidental / Resident / by a Committee of Servants under Council with reference to a part only as Stays of the Select Committee, and no way controulable by the Council at large; I added that if matters of doubt or dispute, have arisen, as might be expected, + betwixt His Highness, betwixt the Governor General and Council of Bengal or betwixt the Members of the Council / and not of Committee / here, with the Resident and the other Members / part of the Select Committee; / I say in such cases + involved in this General Letter, my Name gives no Sanction any way, having been in express terms told that I have nothing to do with the Expenditure of the public Money, and in fact my name or authority not asked, to any of the Company's Bonds nor to any Civil Appointment since I have been

× the board of Bengal has very improperly given an extrajudicial opinion upon a matter which they have no right to interfere in, & in direct contradiction to the order of the Court of Directors of the 2d. February 1781 ———

× These matters are in a good measure foreign from the present point.— They are under supreme Power, & the Resident feels no uneasiness about their fate — The General seems to be very imperfectly acquainted with this Subject.

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* The General is right. The President brought out that very letter of the 11th January 1781 in which are contained the words quoted by the General —

That the President begs to remind the Genl. of another letter of the 2d. February 1781. the 31 Paragraph of which stands as follows.—

"Upon the Death or coming away of Sir Hector Munro from our Settlement of Fort St. George. We desire that you grant a Commission of Brigadier General to the next Infantry Officer next in rank upon your Military establishment to Genl. Munro at the time of the General's Death or departure for Europe or such other Commission as will preserve the Command of the Company's army in our own Officers. and it is our further order that the Officer so promoted shall from that time have a Seat and vote in our Select Committee, only whenever Military Affairs or negociations with any of the European or Country powers in India shall be under Consideration.

been in Government, and yet the act of the East India Company which this Right Honble President, as I believe, brought with him dated † January 1781 contains the following very clear words.

"We have thought fit to revert to the Company's former System on the Coast of Coromandel and ordain that the Government of Fort St. George shall consist of a Governor and 11 Counsellors the Commander in Chief included.

With the preceding Remarks in this Minute which I desire may be entered on the Proceedings of this day, and transmitted Home, I sign this General Letter because it is the practice of the Service —

(signed) James Stuart.—

The President has been so much engaged of late with more important business that he has not had Leisure to remark more at large upon this Minute of the General nor on his numerous Notes, Memorandums &c. &c. perhaps he may one day have occasion to review them. —

(signed) Macartney

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Agreed that a copy of the President's Minute be sent a member in the Packet to England.

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The General Letter to the Court of Directors being read and approved, Agreed that the Packet be closed.

General Stuart. — Sign this General Letter consistent with the Company's directions, but without any alteration of sentiments expressed on various points therein stated as the Sentiments of the Select Committee.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Stranbenzie

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

The Memorial of Colonel Turner Stranbenzie in Behalf of the 52d. Regiment, and several Officers under his Command.

Memorial of Col: Stranbenzie request of the Committee, to recompence the 52 Regiment for the Losses they sustained in the Duke of Kingston.

Sheweth

That when the Services of the Kings Troops were required by the Honorable Company in India, and when other Corps had declined coming out, the 52nd freely offered themselves and were accepted.

That in the Passage hither the Duke of Kingston Indiaman having on Board Part of the Regiment, unfortunately took Fire and was lost. —

That by this Means a Part of the Regiments Stores, as well as all the Baggage of the Officers and Men on Board were lost.

That of this Loss Your Memorialist is ready to set forth more particular Statements, but is willing rather to trust the Feelings of the Honorable Board, than to lay before it Accounts of Losses both Regimental and Individual, so heavy, that he scarcely hopes they will be wholly reimbursed.

He therefore begs leave to lay before You these Circumstances, and to request in Behalf of the Regiment he commands, such Recompence for

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for the Loses they have sustained, as to the Honorable Board shall seem most proper. —

(signed) Turner Stranbenzee
Lt. Col: 42d Regt.
Colonel in the army

St. Thome
29th August 1783.

Ordered to lie on the Table

From Lt. Innes on being ordered to deliver over the Command of Poonamalee

Read Letter from Lt. Innes on his being ordered to resign the Command of Poonamalee (as entered in Miscellany Book)

Read the following letter from the Quarter Master General

From the D. M. Gen. requests an answer to a joint letter of the of the Adjt. General and his with regard to their having Brevet rank of Lt. Col.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Having before addressed your Lordship &c. in a joint letter with the Adjutant General under date 13th of May last regarding the peculiarity of our situation with regard to the Nominal Rank of Lt. Colonel which has been annexed to our Posts respectively, & requesting We might have the Brevet Rank instead of the Nominal Rank of Lieut. Colonel the known custom of the Kings Service & which we understand has been adopted by the Gentlemen at Bengal, but not having been favored with any Answer on the Subject. I beg leave My Lord & Gentlemen to refer to the above letter & to request Your consideration thereof, and on this occasion I hope it will not be deemed presumption my pleading a length of twenty Years Service (during which my Conduct met with distinguished Marks of Approbation from the late Commander in Chief) in addition to the reasons urged in the above Letter, particularly as I request nothing unprecedented or which

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will affect the rise of any Officer, my Senior on the List of the Army I am particularly moved to reiterate my request, at this time as the presence of the Commander in Chief, may throw some lights on the subject, which may point out the propriety of the Measure.

I have the honor to be

My Lord Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) John Davies

D.C.G.

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Read the following letter from Major Bruce

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Major Bruce

Colo. Stuarts Detachment found a difficult to pass the River but are proceeded some guns to Sindigul —

My Lord Gentlemen

Colonel Stuart found it a much more difficult task the crossing the Colleroon and Coverey Rivers than he imagined or expected as unfortunately they swelled to a great height just as he arrived. As soon as I was informed of his approach I made him acquainted with the State of them, and as the Covery was then fordable, wished he might be able to reach Porchenopoly time enough to embrace the advantages of it, the Colonel in Consequence march'd with more Expedition than before and arrived on the Northern Bank of the Colleroon the 7th inst. which was sooner than he expected to be then; but unfortunately the River was so exceedingly high on the night of the 6th as to overflow this

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their Banks which made the Business of croping tedious and Laborious and the Rear of the Detachment was not over till the 8th. They enc=camped Yesterday Evening near the 5 Rocks and this Morning proceed=ed towards Dindigull, taking with them some Guns that were in Readiness here for the Use of the Army. —

I have the Honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Most Obedient &

humble Servant

(signed) Tho. Bruce

Trichinopoly
21st. August 1783

Read the following Letter from the Governor of Tranquebar.

To the Right Honorable Lord George Macartney.

President, Governor &c &c

Council at Fort St. George

My Lord, and Sirs

From Tranquebar has desired Thomas Christian Walter Esqr. to proceed to Madrass to request different things —

I have hereby the Honor to acquaint You, that I have desired Thomas Christian Walter Esqr. / His Ma=jesty's Councellor of Chancellery and Secretary to this Council, to proceed to Fort St. George for to request You different things for which he has my Instructions, I therefore am to request the Favor of You, agreable to the Friendship, which Subsistes between our Nations, that You will receive his Propositions as made by myself, and grant him Your Answer and — whatever

Christ

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whatever Assistance he may want

I have the Honor to be with Regard.

Fort Dauphin
the 28.th of August 1783

My Lord and Sir
Your Most Obed.t
humble Servant
(signed) Abbeele

The President lays before the Committee a Muster and Return of Draught and Carriage Bullocks with the Army 29.th August 1783 (as lodged in the Office)

From Dr. Gordon with an indent for Medicines for the Southern Army

Minute thereon

Read letter from Doctor William Gordon with Indent of Medicines for the use of the Southern Army (as entered in Miscellany Book N.o) The Committee are much surprized and displeased at Mr. Gordon's indenting for Medicines from Camp the 20.th August for the Southern Army, before he had set out on his March or could possibly know the wants of that Army being also not the Senior Surgeon of it. That he be written to signifying this to him

Three Chests of Medicines for the Southern Army were sent a short time ago per Nayade, on the Indent of Mr. Gillespie to the whole demand is supplied.

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Rec.d the following Letter

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Hopegood with Returns of Colonel Upheaton's Detachment, and Colonel Fullarton's Detachment employed against the Polygars

I had the Honor of addressing your Lordship &c. on the 22d Ultimo on the Subject of Colonel Upheaton's Detachment and have the Honor to forward Copy of a Letter just received from the Colonel, by which it appears that he has availed himself only of the Supplies stationed at Tirmulwaddy, and Expects to arrive on the Northern Bank of the Coleroon, opposite to Trichinopoly, about the 3d Instant. On the 29th Ultimo I dispatched for a Set Bullocks laden with Rice to Trichinopoly and immediately on their return I shall reload them on the same Service

Upheaton

Letters from Colonel Forbes of the 29th Ultimo inform us of the arrival of Colonel Stuarts Detachment, the preceding day

written

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7th Six miles of Dindygull, but as the force
in the Dindygull Country is to be encreased, it is to be apprehended that they
be under the immediate necessity of moving
towards Verapatchyer or Pyany to secure
themselves subsistance, and it is probable
that Colonel Fullarton may think it
advisable to order their further march
to the Environs of Daraporam where some
Parties of Horse have been assembled with
an intention it is said to destroy the Grain
remaining there in those Districts —

Mr Cockrane will doubtless
have informed your Lordship &c of the arrival
of the Sea Horse and Neype at Negapatam
and that he has thought it advisable to
transport all the Stores by Sea to Nevapatam
as the Rivers between Tanjore and Negapatam
have overflowed the Country, so as to render
it almost impossible —

No late letters have been received
from Colonel Fullarton but Letters received
yesterday from Mr Irwin informs us that the
Colonel

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5.th Colond is still occupied against the Polygars and that Mr Irwin is in hourly Expectation of hearing of further Success —

I have the honor to be with Great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most faithful & most obed.t humble Serv.t

(Signd) J Coxe Hippesley

Tanjore
1.st Sept.r 1783 —

John Coxe Hippesley Esq.r
Acting Resident at
Tanjore

Sir

I am favord with your Letter in answer to those I wrote to Mr Sullivan and am much Obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in Ordering Rice, Cattle and Arrack for the Detachment under my Command. I have this day received the Supply of those Articles. And the Quarter Master has given Receipts for them — In three days I expect to reach the opposite Bank of the Coleroon to Monkenoply

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For Trichinopoly ordure I make no doubt, but
boats will be ready for the passage of the
Detachment

I have the honor to be

Camp at Tremiloaddy
31st August 1783

Sir

Your obedient and
humble Servant
(Signed) John Elphinston

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Surgeon General knows no Surgeon in the Circars who can join General Jones, recommends Mr Ferguson to be continued with him

I am just now honored with
your Orders of this date and can assure you
there is not a Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon
in the Service to obey any orders while you
support them in an agreeable Independence
which I can only hope will last for a moment
if your good pleasure —

In reply to the orders of sending
a Surgeon from the Circars to join General
Jones's Detachment having no knowledge
of any Surgeons there unemployed. Hope it
may

over as a Monument

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y.r may appear to you equally proper to suffer Mr Ferguson to remain where he is till such time as he can without risque to the Service be relieved, as to move any of the Surgeons who are useful merely for his convenience —

I have the honor to be

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6th Sept.r 1783 —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

(Signed) James Anderson
Surgeon General

Sent the following Letter to Sir John Burgoyne

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne B.t
Commanding the
Army

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to them of yesterdays date, and to acquaint you

to General Burgoyne informing him that the Committee have no communication with the Bullock Masters but the Agent who had reported concerning the Bengal Bullocks desiring he will indent for them —

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To you that Government have no connection with the Bullock Masstrie otherwise than thro the channel of the Agent in Camp, who has the sole charge of that Detachment and who has not as yet complied in any of his letters to the Committee any objections on the part of the Masstries to receive the Bullocks belonging to the Bengal Detachment.

In answer to your representation of the want of tents. I am directed to desire, that you will be pleased to indent for such a number as you shall judge absolutely necessary for the accommodation on the men and the preservation of the stores.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Tho^{s} Kingsbe

Dy Sec^{y}

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Received the following Letter

from Lieutenant Dawes

John

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B.

John Andleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir.

Do me the favor to communicate the following to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

I was yesterday informed by the Country People that 8 days ago Side Saib had sent Orders, to call in the small parties of Horse Stationed in the adjacent Villages, and that he was so much displeased at their late Conduct that he punished the Conduct for Suffering this party to commit such Excesses —

Side Saibe has been at Pondicherry for these Six days past, he has 100 Horse with him in the Town —

About 30 horse were seen this morning from the Hill, towards Ginjee so perhaps tis only the former party relieved. If I hear any thing respecting them I shall immediately give advice of it

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from Permaul. Said Saib has called in all his out posts and furnished the Commandant for his ill behaviour in plundering —

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8th

I have the honor to be

Sir

6th September A. M.

Your most obedient Servant

Signed Nath. Dawes

Lieut. Comm.d. Carnatic

Recieved Letter from the

Commissary of the Army

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c.

Gentlemen of the Select Committee at

Fort S. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Major General Stuart having

From Commissary the Army regarding to know if General Stuart and his Staff are to be on the same footing respecting allowances as when in the Field

sent me his Batta Bills for the time since he left the Command of the Army in the Field, I conceived that I could not properly countersign them, but the General has informed me that as he is liable to take the Field at a moments awarning, he is at an Extraordinary Expence in keeping in his House the same number

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B.r of Servants, &c if he was in Camp, and thinks on that account he ought to have his Field allowances— I should therefore M.r Lord and Gentlemen be glad you would take the same into Consideration, and inform me whether the General and his Staff Officers are to be on the same Allowances in the Garrison of Fort Saint George, as they are in the Field—

I have the Honor to be very respectfully

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) William Jackson

Commissary

Camp

8.th September 1783.

Dispatches the following Letter to Mons.r De Suffrein with the Packet therein mentioned.

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To Mons.r Le Bailly de Suffrein

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit to you a Letter which came under cover to

To Mons.r Suffrein
inclosing him a Packet
received by this Government
under this date—

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8th This Government by the last dispatch from Europe, and have the honor to be with Sentiments of the highest consideration

Sir

your most humble Servant

(Signed) Macartney

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At a Select Committee present on Military matters

The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney K.B.
Anthony Sadlier Esqr. Majr. Gen.l & Stuart
Alexr. Davidson Esqr. Mor. Williams Esqr.

Tuesday 9th Sept.r 83.

Minutes of last Committee

Read and approved —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Upham —

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

From Colonel Upham Pelukandaroit using all possible expedition to carry to Tranquebar

My Lord & Sirs.

The last letter which I had the honor of addressing to you was from Guncondaporam of the 27th August, acquainting you I the

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the Detachment under my Command at that
place - I now beg leave to inform you that the
Detachment encamped yesterday at this place
and all possible Expedition is now using in
passing it over the River to Caithinpoly -

I have the honor to be

Camp at Pitchandocoil
on the North bank of the
Coleroon opposite to
Caithinpoly 3d Sept 1783 -

My Lord & Sirs

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed John Oppenheimer
Lt Col

The President begs the attention of
the Committee to the following Minute
which he now delivers in on a careful and
attentive perusal of the Company's instructions
received lately by the Crocodile regarding the
Peace -

Minute of Lord Macartney

The President has the honor to observe
to the Committee, that the late particular
Instructions from the Court of Directors, relative
to the Peace with France, confirm the Propriety
of the measures which, since the arrival of the
first certain account of that Event, had been
taken here in relation to it, upon general
Principles

Lord Macartneys
Minute relative to the
Orders from the Court
of Directors and the measures
to be taken in consequence

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Principles of Justice, Policy and Humanity

of Justice, Policy and Humanity, the

Instructions in fact, declare that all Hostilities

by Sea and Land were to cease between Great

Britain, and France on the ratifications

of the Preliminaries, Not only the Indian

allies of France were to be invited to accede

to the the Pacification made in Europe, but

the Instructions express an extreme desire,

that such Proposal should be made at as

early a Period as possible, not only the

French Commander was to be made

a Witness to such Proposal, but the

Directors Directions declare their Opinion that it

might be best done in concert with Hyr.

The obvious Propriety of establishing and

maintaining a good Understanding with

Neighbours at Peace, by the common

Intercourse of Civility and good Offices, is

inforced by these Instructions, and besides

where the particular case might call for

more essential assistance, and accommodation

the same is expressly directed to be afforded.

to them. In such particular case, it is said that

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That a proper place must be appointed for the French Troops, and every aid given them in providing for their Subsistance such is indeed the Sincere desire entertained in Europe of avoiding all disputes, that might arise in India from any supposed ambiguity in the Preliminary Articles of Peace that a mutual Communication has been made of the Instructions to be sent for the Guidance of the Representatives of both Nations in India in relation to each other. This Sincere desire is most likely to be effected by the countenance of that liberal, equitable as well as Prudent Conduct which this Government has endeavored to pursue after the great objects of contest have solemnly been settled between the Belligerent Powers in Europe, It might be incumbent and unwise in the Servants of the Company to offer any circumstance of slight importance, to give rise here to dispution or altercation, It was in conformity that the President in the draft of the Letter to Mr Bujoy laid before the Committee at the last Meeting avoided making any formal

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Remonstrance in observing upon the Removal by the Orders of that Commander of some Warlike Stores from Cuddalore to Pondichery without the previous consent of the Government, as such measure tho' an object of convenience to him, cannot in any Event be injurious to the Company. But the President is not equally disposed to acquiesce in the French Commanders constituting the Powers in Office in Pondichery any Person as it is proper that any authority there derived under him must wait the Event of the Cessation of that Place agreeably to the Instructions now received That cessation is not to take place until Information shall be received from the Company of the ratification of the definitive Treaty and until his most Christian Majesty's Commanders shall have actually withdrawn their assistance from Tippoo, as Succour of Your ally, This invitation from this Government to Tippoo Saib to accede to the Pacification made in Europe, with a proposal for a mutual Cessation of Hostilities.

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Hostilities, was the act which was to precede the Retreat of the French Troops from Tippoo The Commissioners from the Marquis de Bussy have declared that orders for that purpose, did follow immediately such Act, and the President has intelligence that that as the receipt of such Orders on the 22d of July last by Mr de Cossigny Commanding the French Kings Troops in Tippoo's Camp, those Troops did in fact separate from Tippoo, and encamped at distance of about 4 Cos or eight Miles from his Army. But tho this Account should be confirmed yet as such a Separation ought to be only Temporary, that the Corps so separated is still in the Dominions and may therefore be in some degree under the Compulsion of Tippoo, It must be a proper Precaution both for the safety of that Corps and in compliance with the Spirit of the Instructions, that it should be removed entirely out of the Territories and Power of Tippoo, in which the aid of the Company's Commanders is directed to be given if necessary, and must be chearfully offered. On the part of the Marquis de Bussy. he is

denied

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Directed to exert his good Offices towards an Accommodation between his Allies and their Enemies, And as far as relates to disposing Despos To accede to a general Pacification those good Offices have been accepted, and it is presumed they have been exerted. The Exertion of those good offices towards General accommodation appears alone to have been in the Contemplation of the Contracting parties. But in the adjustment of any particular Terms of Arrangement between the Company and Tippoo their own Agents are the fittest alone to discuss and terminate the whole. The Instructions indeed determine that all Hostilities shall cease, Provided that the Enemy shall at any time within the stipulated Period of four months signify his acceptance to the general pacification and with draw his Forces from the Territories of the Companys Allies and restore the Places taken there can be no doubt or difficulty in this Respect on the part of the Company's Servants. But the Enemy may expect to receive back, those places which have been conquered by the Companys Arms without the

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the assistance of any allies, and to make no
Remboursements for the Expences encurred
or Compensation for the losses sustained, by
the Company or its allies in Consequence of
the Invasion of the Carnatic. There is no
express Clause in the Instructions, such as
Sir Eyre Coote in the Instructions, such as
seems to be implied in
the Declaration that the Courts of London
and Versailles intended not to support any
charge made during the present War in
India. And as the Instructions specially
require Each of the Company's Presidencies to
follow such of the Directions contained therein
as might have any relation to it. This Presidency
ought certainly without further Authority
restore to Tippoo such of the Conquests made
by its Arms, as are under its immediate
Government but some of the Conquests this
effected by the Joint efforts of Troops sent
from hence and from Bombay. Happens
from their Situation on the Coast of
Malabar, to be under the immediate Govern-
ment of that Presidency. It is therefore
not absolutely certain that Orders which may
be so painful to the Civil and Military
Officers

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Officers of the Company at those Places as those for the Cession of them to Tippoo, and proceeding only from this Presidency would be obeyed by them, and without being able to engage for that Cession. It is possible that Tippoo may not agree to the Pacification This observation enforces the necessity of Instructions, and Powers on this Subject from the Superintending Power of the Bengal Presidency, which may effectuate throughout a Uniform Conduct. It is to be presumed that Authorities, or at least Instructions will soon arrive from that Presidency The Ratification of the Definitive Treaty may likewise be expected in a little time. And it will be therefore proper to prepare not only the delivering to the Representative of the Turkish nation the Towns of Pondicherry and Karical, but also the Dependencies on those places, which the Court of Great Britain has engaged to procure for them. Those Dependencies are included in the Territories under the respective Governments of the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Rajah of Tanjore

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Sanjore to those Cessions. The Presidency is directed to employ good Offices in procuring the consent of those Princes as well as their Auspices to the present Pacifications. In those Instances, indeed the respective Nature of the connections of the European Powers subsisting in India, appears to have been sufficiently understood by all parties and to have regulated the clauses of the Treaty, as well as the subsequent Instructions On the part of France, It stipulates only for Its good Offices in procuring an accommodation, but does not engage to procure any thing and forces even Embarrassment in with drawing its troops from Ayder Ali and precautions are taken on all sides in the case of Ales procuring in the Mad, On the other hand, not only there is no doubt entertained of the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Rajah of Tanjore's acceding to the Pacification agreed to by Great Britain, but an engagement is made for the alienation of Districts within their Governments, the Faith of the nation is pledged in a Solemn Treaty to procure that alienation, It is absolutely declared that upon the Ratification

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of the definitive Treaty, and the Retreat of the
French Troops from Tiffipoo and Tippoo's retreat
from the Carnatic those Districts are to be
delivered to the French Nation. But that Power
has never stood in relation to Hyder Ali or his
Successor, otherwise than Collaterally and merely
in the Predicament of an occasional and
equal Ally. Their Territories had not been
acquired and preserved by the Arms of France,
nor their Forts Garrisoned by its Troops nor the
War maintained from its resources. The Protection
of the English Company has indeed frequently
been claimed by the Nabob Mahomed Ali, as
well as his Dependence, acknowledged by him,
and the superior Authority of the Company
thus, as in the restoration of Tanjore and other
instances, been exercised in opposition to his
wishes. The Instructions are accordingly
framed in decisive language effectually
to procure the Stipulated Dependencies, and
exclude the possibility of failure. The Spirit
of them and of the Treaty sufficiently indicates
that the Effect must be produced, and the
Cession made, for the Refusal of the Nabob
on the application of this Government for his

Consent

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Consent would not preserve from forfeiture
the National Faith, It is to be observed that his
Highness will not express Reluctance at a
measure, to which his Friends and Protectors
have thought it expedient to give. But as
on a formal Occasion of ceding territory in the
Instance of Faithfully to the Myssoreans,
he declined complying with his own Engagements
asserting what is indeed a Fact that being only
an Officer of the Mogol he had not the
Power of alienation, It may be no useless
Precaution in the Presidency to undertake
the Responsibility of giving to France the
Possession of the Districts agreed to be ceded,
not having any doubt no more than the
Directors of the consent of his Highness, the
safety of our those Territories must depend
as they declare on the Protection afforded by
the English Arms against his more Powerful
Neighbours. The execution of this measure
may be indeed facilitated without any
particular Exertion of the Company's Military
Force, by the Assistance of the Auxiliaries
established in the Country under the
Authority of the Company for the Execution
of the Assignment —

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The Directors likewise with the very proper view of elevating the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Raja of Tanjore, as respecting their Neighbours, to the same Rank, & with the independent Allies of France, and in conformity to the Treaty which considers the European Powers, as Auxiliaries in the interior Contests of India, convey, in those general Instructions which are communicated to both Courts, expressions of their hope that the Nabob and Rajah will accede to the present Pacification, by which measure their respective Territories will be immediately protected, against any direct, or indirect hostility, from the Friends either as Principals or Allies. The Nabob and the Rajah having no troops their Peace must necessarily accompany the evacuation of the troops, that had been fighting for them, Hence Expectations by Great Britain for the Carnatic and Tanjore, must be conclusive for them, as to the present System of reciprocal Protection and Dependence, as continued. The communication of the Preliminaries of Peace, to those Powers is judged a mark of attention, and Respect towards them, by the

Terms

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the Company, of which its Servants should follow the Example. But this Example would be no apology for any neglect in guarding against the Efforts, that might be made by foreign Powers to take the advantage of which any opportunity given to them, also of making such formal and extensive Commercial connection might afford them to bring about particular connections with the Dependents of the Company. An attempt was formerly made to separate its interests from that of the Carnatic by a treaty between his Highness the Nabob and Mr Law Governor of Pondichery under the appearance of securing the neutrality and Tranquility of the Country. Such a Treaty and such a Connection were then disapproved, and failed. To suffer the Success of any similar attempt, and to guard against the means that might produce it, to be inattentive to the causes that might lead to the renewal of such a designs would be a culpable disregard of Prudence and past example. The Representative of the French Nation in India has the Reputation of much Political Skill, as well as of that ambition

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Ambition with which such skill is
frequently accompanied. He has returned to
this Country with extensive views of
advantage to the French Nation and yet
realized. His Army indeed is much inferior
to that of the Company's, but under its
experienced Leader is sufficiently strong to
ensure respect and influence among the
Country Powers, It is too numerous to be
maintained from the Districts agreed to
be ceded to Caine in their present State,
and may look out both for resources and
Employments, The Indian allies of France
are distant from their Settlements on
this Coast, The Marquis De Bussy may
not be averse to nearer Connections and
might have no objection to yield Protection
to the wholes of the Carnatic, He is not
ignorant of the Papers which have agitated
the mind of the Nabob for several Years
past, The general tendency of his views
is to change his subordinate condition in
the Mogol Empire, into an independent
Monarchy is sufficiently evinced among
other Instances, by the overture of his
Son

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Law already mentioned, by his private application to the Danes for Warlike Stores, and when he thought the occasion was ripe in the distresses of the Company by the absolute Declaration of the Independence, to the Presidency of Bengal. The first exertion of such a power, as the first object of his mind, since it has been delivered up to the Government of his Second Son, would be no doubt to alter the Succession in favor of that Second Son, to the prejudice of his Eldest Son's, undoubted Right, as fixed by the same Grant from Mogol and the Treaty with the Nizam under which the latter himself derives his right to the present enjoyment of the Government of the Carnatic. This Succession so established is expressly directed by the Companys Instructions to be mentioned as an act of Justice, and in preservation to the Public faith. Upon the Nabobs acquiring a Power to nominate his Successor, The present administration of this Presidency, declared its opposition to a Power which might be subversive of such Rights and such Instructions The immense Debt from the Nabob to the Company

Company, and to English Subjects, is also a very inconvenient Load. The Assignment for the payment of that debt, Circumscribes the Portion of delegated Authority remaining to be exerted by the Nabobs Second Son and Minister, and is some restraint upon his Actions. To be flattered with the prospect by a new alliance and new protectors, of becoming independent of the old, to be at perfect liberty in relation to the Succession, to be relieved from public and private demands and from the Assignment which they rendered necessary might be Cares on the part of the Friends of the Nabobs Ministers to the Company, who has counteracted his ambition might appear an irresistible Barrier. The Ceremony of acceding to a Treaty already made, might as precaution were taken by the Company's Representatives in the execution of their Instructions, be construed to convey a Power, and might be converted into an occasion of engaging in a new Treaty of a different complexion. By this Ceremony, no absolute

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could indeed be apprehended while the Nabobs
mind was free to act under the Restitution
of the Benefits that had been conferred upon
him, and under the impulse of his former
corresponding Sentiments of Justice Fedility,
and Gratitude towards the Company. And the
Ceremony of his acceding to the Peace proceeding
from a desire of adding dignity to his Station,
would have been a new comment of attachment
But his Excellency the Ameer who governs
his Father with uncontrolable Sway, is
supposed, is suspected to devert every mea-
sure of Government to the End of giving
the Sircarean in his own Station, Having
overleaped the Bounds of Justice and affection
towards his Brother, his Sentiments of
Justice and affection to the Company may
await only a fit occasion for transferring
them to another object. He may prefer
the prospect of succeeding to the Nabobship,
under the Protection of the French. to the
prospect of his Brother being Nabob under
the Protection of the English. It may
therefore be an act of requisite Prudence,
to take care in the Intercourse to be had
with

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with his Lordships on the Occasion. That his Minister may not impose it upon him as empowering a Deputation of Former Date. The Dependence of the Nabob was, it is true, too well established in fact, and in Regard, to call for the frequent expression of it in Words. But when the Advocacy of the Company in setting the Example to the Nabobs Country men, and neighbours of treating him with distinction and respect, had too much encouraged his fondness for ostentation and independency of Power positive Directions were transmitted to recall him to his Dependent and moderate Situation, and it will be his own Fault if any attempt on his part to withdraw himself from thence, should force the Company to declare to her Foreign neighbours that the Carnatic is a Dependence of the British Empire, in which therefore there can be no Interference without an Infringement of the Peace established with Great Britain.

If the observations contained in this Minute shall be honored with the Approbation of the Committee, the President shall prepare for the next ensuing Letter

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comformable thereto for Lies Arrangt the Nabob the Rajah of Tanjore, the Presidency of Bengal

I do now Submits to the Committee the Draft of two Letters. One to be sent from the Committee with the Packets to Mess.rs Bussy and Souffren and the other from himself in answer to M.r de Bussy's of the 24.th of last Month —

The Committee entirely approve of the foregoing —

In Committee 9.th Sept.r 1763 —

On perusal of the Presidents Minute this day. I beg leave to make the following observations —

General Stuarts Minute in answer to the Presidents and stating the Plan he would have pursued relative to the restitution of the Districts and to frame

I agree uniformly that there is every call from duty to our Honble Employers and in Obedience to their Instructions to Seize every proper opening to put an End to the present most ruinous War, but it is not sufficient merely to put an End to it, circumstanced as we happily are at present ourselves the peace from the nature of the terms made durable and profitable —

I will not enter minutely into the

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the whole of the Presidents Minute. I have already stated repeatedly my humble opinion, where he and the Members of Government were wrong in the outset of the Cuddalore Negotiation. They may and I hope will get over the Pauapoo Cut weeks and Months may be lost before they can ascertain Tipoo Saheb, and no time has been lost apparently since the Right Honble President has been under the necessity of explaining separately to Tipoo Saheb to shew that Mr Boyd had misre= =presented what is Intentions were as for his the present occasion or whether Judging of what is to be the letter from Government to Mr Boyd or the letter from the President Separately to that Government. I give it as my Opinion that on whatever way the Order of our Superiors have come to our Knowledge, we should without disguise acquaint them of such Orders a mode of which in my knowledge of human Nature in general and most particularly of the French Nation will tend to shorten all Disputes and carry effectually the point

Dispatches by his Majesty's Ship Crocodile.

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I view therefore in this mixed Minute of the
Right Honble President in whatever way
to be seperated. I am of Opinion that in
the most unambiguous Terms Mons.r Bajoy
be told that no Cession of Town, Territory
or Conception whatever around Pondicherry
or Karical can take place, if the
Definitive Treaty severe even interchanged,
unless there is the most unequivocal
& undoubted appearances and proofs that the
French Kings troops do not directly or
indirectly assist Hyder Saib, and in order
to bring this to a degree of certainty, I
am of opinion that we should offer to the
French troops the means of conveyance by
Shipping from Mangalore to Malabar
or else where, — I intirely approve of
that part of the Presidents Minute or
proposed Letter to Bajoy where he talks
of sending a Gentleman (as I suppose
in the Service of the Company) to take
care of the Police at Pondicherry now
that the Committee have been pleased
to allow Mr Bajoy to lodge within
the Bounds. Hedge there, but I give it as
my

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any Opinion at the same time that the
Company should be in the Receipt of the
Revenues there, as unalterably attached to
the Permission to Buy &c with the Sub
and accorded to have temporary accommo=
dation in that District

And in this place tho not a
matter before the Committee yet intimately
connected with the present Crises of Public
affairs. I cannot help giving any further
testimony of disapprobation to the Permission
some time ago given to Captain Lindsey
commanding the Ship Resolution from
Bengal, to carry his Rice to Pondicherry
after coming to these Roads, Other Ships
as I am told to the amount together of 2,000
Bags have delivered Rice at that place

A magazine which possibly with the
Cover of Buying's Intrigues may serve our
Enemies who I most sincerely believe are
now and have been for months past
waited by him to come to the Committee

As to what is most positively
stated, by the Right Honble President
regarding His Highness the Nabob and the
Company

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Consequences. Barely possible as I think to
accord for the supposed intrigues or ambition
of a Second Son, Ameer ul Omra I
think I see something that looks like a
personality on the part of the President,
from Revenue altercations — There is no
man locally versant in the affairs
or Situation of this Country who can
seriously lay down a position that any
real cause of Alarm Dangerous to the
State to the Company can possibly result
from Durbar Intrigues applicable to
Frame —

And relative to the Nabob
himself. I beg leave to refer to my memorial
seven years ago, He has been consistent
in his attachment to the British Interest
and if ever wrong in other matters it has
been owing to the ambition, the Intrigue
or advice of English Counsellors, and the
Governors here, have at times been of Council
in such matters — His Highness let his
Council be ever so bad Decisive in reality
as well as policy, every attention on the part
of his Government, And on this Account I

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I trust the President without thinking of what has past, will do a public answer with the utmost delicacy intimate to him what is expected of him by the Court of the Carnatic injury Company without injuring to his feelings — And my Opinion moreover is that no definitive answer be required of His Highness relative to the ultimate Cessions to the French on the Carnatic, until he knows the Opinion of the Governor General and Council of Bengal, — For this place and to conclude I must observe that so far as any information goes, this Government in their extraordinary Deputation to Cuddalore, called upon Monsr Bussy to name the allies of France and Tanjore mentioning Mahomed Ali or the Mahrattas as our Allies, and I am yet to learn if any notification on the occasion has been made to His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic by this Government excepting that of His Majesty's Proclamation for a General Peace

(Signed) James Stuart

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that you have sent proper orders to the
Troops of your Nation, which were acting as
Auxiliaries to Tippoo on the other Coast to
withdraw from his Army. I remain without
only to offer you every Assistance in our
Power towards the removal of those Troops
out of the Territories of Tippoo, and for their
Accommodation you will please to observe
that it was considered on Europe as a
necessary Consequence of the Cessation of
Hostilities between Tippoo and the English
and their Allies, that his Troops should
entirely and immediately evacuate the
Carnatic, in which however he has still
several Bodies of Horse and Foot, while
any such remain it will be contrary to
our Instructions and indeed to the Agreement
between our respective Courts, that the
Reforms intended to be made to Trade on
this Coast should take place, but you
may be assured that the Conditions of the
Treaty to be executed by this Government
including the Carnatic and Tanjore will be
punctually executed agreeably to the
Instructions peremptorily commanded by

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by both Courts

We have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servants

Macartney

& Lieut Commrs

Fort St George
9th Sept.r 1783 —

(Official)

I sign this letter with reference
to my observation upon the Right Hon.ble
Presidents Minute read by him in Committee
of this day — Signed James Stuart

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To the Governor Select Committee —

To the Marquis de Bussy &c.

Sir

I am to acknowledge the Honor
of your Letter (by Mr De Meneron and beg leave
to assure you that I shall pay every attention
to your recommendation of him. From the
Place near Pondicherry whence your Letter
is dated I judge you have received the Letter
which I had the Honor of writing to you
on

Form Precedent to Mr Bussy - more gratifiedly complying with his request Preparing the Works of Pondicherry that in appearing of his minding warlike Stores there if a Public Officer is requisite to manage the Police mill and a power from this Government Laws justice done to maintain the police and good Order in Pondicherry

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on the. Instant containing the consent of this Government to your immediate Separation from this City against the incursions of Saadut Bandutte, as you said that if such consent were given you would come to its Neighbourhood for the Benefit of your health. In this instance I certainly was more gratified by actually meeting your wishes in a business which you would not have otherwise undertaken, than I could be, by the more acquiescence in the transportation of Warlike Stores to Pondicherry of which you gave me notice after it had taken place, this Government will indeed ever be ready to grant them to such Allies as consent to your request, and to enter into every arrangement for the safety and convenience of your troops, and People in relation to the territories of which the Possession is intended to be restored to you on the arrival of certain Events except where such arrangements must at once be entrusted into such Possession — The Establishment of any Further Officers in those territories by your authority or appointment must be considered as a Act in that light but

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but if such Public Officer is still thought
necessary, I shall send a proper person
from this Government specially authorised
to maintain the Police and good order, in
Pondicherry and to see Justice done to
each of your People as the state of their
health have induced you to transport agreably
to the covenant given for that purpose by
our Commissioners —

I am &c
(Signed) Macartney

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Read the following Letter from
the Surgeon Major in Camp with his
remarks on the late Regulations regarding
the Surgions —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Surgeon Major in Camp with observations on the regulations of the 20th June for establishing the expence attending the Sick and wounded in the field —

Upon a supposition that the
Regulations which passed the Committee
on the 20th June are to be carried into
immediate Execution, relative to a reform
in the Expence attending the sick and
wounded of the Army, I return it a
Duty

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Duty I owe myself and Family, as well
as to my Professional Character, thus to Ju-
stify some remarks upon a late
Transaction with some remarks upon a few
Paragraphs, in humble Expectation that
I shall be able to arrest your Judgments
in my favor, at the same time I beg
Permission to lay Extract from General
Orders, which at once ascertains the
nature of the appointment of Surgeon
Major, after which I shall forbear to
trespass any more with Letter, but rely
altogether upon your Justice and candor
in assigning some allowance to my Employ
by any other name than Batta - for
Batta is a supposed equivalent for an Officers
Expences in the Field whilst he is acquiring
Honor and protection, that is the End
promotion terminates in a certain Independence,
whereas I am at present, and having
spent the Prime of my Life in the pursuit
of Medical and Surgical Knowledge, and
having spent Twenty of my best Years in
the Service, I am induced to hope you will
be pleased to Reflect upon my faithful
Services, and consider me accordingly -
I have the Honor to subscribe
myself

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Myself with the most profound Respect

S. &c.

Signed Thos Davis

Surgeon Major

Madras
26th August 1783

Sir

I request to know your opinion concerning my quitting my tent on the afternoon of the 2d July when sick under your care

I have the honor to be &c

Signed Henry Malcolm

Adjt General

Fort St George
21st August 1783

Lieut. Thos Davis Esqr
Surgeon Major of the Army

To Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm
Adjutant General.

Sir

In reply to your Letter of this day I must without the least hesitation declare that I thought you Delirious, because I never could have supposed any man in your Situation oppressed with a Bilious Fever such as yours was on the 2d July, would on any account whatever have quitted your Bed

I have the Honor to be &c

Thos Davis

Surgeon Major

Madras
21st August 1783

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The following Remarks upon a part of the late Regulations are most humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee by their most Devoted Humble Servant Thomas Davis Surgeon Major —

Paragraph 5th

And that he may judge with certainty of the necessity and propriety of Indenting all Surgeons Mates &c who may be duly authorized to Indent for Medical Stores are to keep an account of all their expenditures and that at the time of indenting to the Surgeon Superintending the Medical Stores for fresh supplies, they are to send to him an exact return thereof, as also a return of Medicines belonging to the Corps under their care from the date of their last Indent otherwise their application will not be attended to and further, they are directed to return the old Instrument immediately to the Store upon

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upon receiving the enclosed

Paragraph 16—

"In consequence of the foregoing Regulations, the Surgeons in Camp and Cantonments are in future to make no contingent charges, whatsoever nor present any Bills but those for their monthly Pay and allowances, and as it is supposed that they have hitherto derived some emolument from the supplying of the sick under their charge with Country medicines & the Select Committee are pleased to establish the following allowances in lieu of such emoluments Viz.t.

To the Surgeon Major with the main Army when in the Field Colonels Full Batta and Captains Subsistance,

The other Surgeons with the Army Lieutenant Colonels Full Batta and Captains Pay, assistant Surgeons with the Army Lieuts Pay and Captains Batta,

The Surgeons Majors to be allowed the following Servants when on the Field attending the Army

One Dresser to prepare Medicines	8
Two Sepoys Do Pd 4 ea	8
Two Bullocks @ 3 each	6
Four Do to carry Beds & Utensils	8
Pago	30—

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Paragraph 18

That there may be observed a strict Economy in the use and Employment of the abovenamed Articles and to prevent Profusion Waste and Superfluous expence the Deputy Purveyor Surgeon of Medical Stores is to examine attentively the different Indents and if they shall appear to him improper unreasonable or unnecessary he is to retrench and abridge them as his Judgement may direct and further all Surgeons Assistants who may be authorised to Indent are ordered and directed indispensibly to send to him an exact and perfect Account of what remains unexpended of what they may have received of their last supplies and a clear and distinct return of what remains unexpended together with a return of the number

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Number of Sick that may have been under their care from the date of their last Indent until the time of indenting the of which are to be signed by themselves and certified by the Surgeon Major or Senior Surgeon then in Camp

Paragraph 19th

The Surgeon Superintending the medical Stores is to apply to the Commissary General for Coolies to carry the different Packages to Camp &c. that may be indented for each Package is to be marked with the Surgeons named for whom they may be intended and directed to the Commissary there, who may give notice to the several Surgeons of their arrival that they may take charge thereof, he only having instructions to provide conveyances for the same, under whose Guard they will constitute the grand Magazine from whence the Surgeon and Surgeons Assistants are to take their necessary supplies

Paragraph 20th

When a Surgeon or Surgeons

or Surgeons shall be sent on
Detachments he or they are
to take with him or them
such Articles as they may
deem convenient for that
expedition or Service from
their own Magazine and
should the carriage of such
Provisions &c require more
Bullocks than the sole Assistant
or member he or they are to apply
to mention by order he or
they in that case are to
apply to the Commissary
giving him timely notice for
the number that may be
necessary for such Service and
on his or their return the
Bullocks are to be placed
under the Guard of the Company

General Stuarts
Minute on the above
Observation of Dalton
Davis

Since absent on Service when
these new Regulations were made concerning
the Surgions allowances, and the mode of
carrying on that Service in the field. I am
of opinion it will not answer in practice. and
that even in this new footing, the notes and
Observations of Surgeon Major Davis should
be attended to, and most undoubtedly a particular
consideration as to his Emoluments and
allowances, which on the present plan is
not a proportion with his duties in the Service

Signed James Stuart

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Agreed

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Agreed that Mr Davis be allowed Majors Pay and Lieutenant Colonels Batta

Dalton Davis to be allowed Major Pay and Lt. Colonels Batta —

Lieutenant Kenny to be adjutant of the 12th Carnatic Battalion vice Lieut.t Orton removed to the 7th —

Lieut.t Kenny appointed adjutant to the 12th Carnatic Battalion —

The General recommends that Ensign George Laing be permitted to proceed to England on his resigning the Service, and that he be recommended to return with his Rank

Agreed —

Agreed Ensign George Laing be permitted to resign the Service and recommended to return with his Rank —

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter from General Lones

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have had come in two Hircarrys four Havildars, 3 Naigues, 2 Drummers and 59 Sepoys, twenty Nine of whom are wounded, who mostly tell the same story as Mr Smith, but also agree that Captain Montgomery is taken Prisoner. I am informed that great Humanity has been shewn to the unfortunate

From General Lones number of People coming in that Capt Montgomery is Prisoner, great Humanity shewn to that Battalion sent a Letter of Thanks to their Lieb —

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our fortunate Battalion, and I have wrote to Mr Sail and thanked him for it, promising him not to be his debtor on that head, should the War be prosecuted and an Opportunity offer — I have sent a Letter for Jemmah to Captain Montgomery and enclosed it to Mr Sail, who in hopes he will permit an answer.

at Camp near Cavendo
Septr the 1st 1783

I have the Honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
&c &c
(Signed) Tho.s Jones
Major General

Received the following Letter from

Sir Edward Hughes —

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
President and Governor &c &c &c Council Committee of
Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Admiral has appointed Ships to convey the Reinforcement to Bengal Settlement receive on board Guns and Shot as the Ships Expected are in the roads bound to Bombay —

I have the Honor to receive yesterday your Letter dated the 6th of this month advising me of your having come to the resolution of sending a Body of 700 Europeans to the Malabar Coast, and soliciting my assistance to convey them thither, to be landed at such place as the

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as the Service may require at the time of their Departure from hence, and also enclosing a list of Military Stores belonging to Bombay which together with such Military Cloathing you are pleased to request may be sent by the same opportunity—

In consequence of your Application

Gibraltar
Monmouth
Defence
Burford &
Hound Sloop

I beg leave to inform you His Majestys Ships as p Margin are now under Orders to proceed to the Malabar Coast and Bombay, on or before the 15.th of this Month and that I will order the 700 European to be received on board and accomodated with their Arms, Accoutrements and Baggage as well as the Military Cloathing, to be landed where you may desire, but as there are two of the Company's Ships now in this Road, bound to Bombay, I must decline delivering the Guns and Shot on board His Majestys Ships—

As the period for the Departure of His Majestys Ships to the Malabar Coast on which I mean the 700 Europeans and Military Cloathing shall be embarked, is short, I request you will order regular Returns of the Officers and men and Military Cloathing to be embarked to be sent me immediately that they may be distributed to the several Ships I have the honor to be &

/Signed/ Edw.d Hughes

Signed

Superb in Madras Road
the 4.th Jan.y 1783

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Kings Officers going home on Service to be allowed the usual Voyage Money

Agreed that His Majestys Officers ordered home on Service be granted the usual allowance for Voyage Money

Read the following Letter from the Adjutant General

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Adjutant General stating his services in the field and requesting to be appointed Lieutenant Colonel in consequence

Having in a former occasion addressed you in a joint Letter with the Deputy General on the Subject of Rank applicable to the Post I have the honor to hold as Adjutant General of the Army under this Presidency I am now induced to seperate myself from that Officer in the representation which I take the liberty of laying before your Honble Board at this time, because it appears to me that the Post of Deputy Adjutant General cannot be considered as permanent in the Service, the Court of Directors having declared to establish it in answer to the first appointment to that Office Major Macmillan

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Maclellan by the Procedency in the Year
1778 when they expressed their opinion that it
was a Post unnecessary only as a temporary
appointment in the Field, and for this
reason I presume it will also appear to
the Right Honble President and your
Honble Committee that the Claim of Rank
on which I have the Honor to submit to
your consideration stands on more solid
Grounds —

I understand that formerly in His
Majestys Service the Rank of Lieutenant
Colonel fell of course to every Officer of junior
Rank appointed on the staff as Aguntant
General in all cases where that Post was
part of a permanent Establishment as in
Scotland Ireland, and America, and that it
has even often been given to Officers named
to act in that Station for a particular
Expedition or Service. but that of late years
His Majesty has been pleased to make the
following difference when Officers are
preferred to the post of Aguntant General
shall not be considered as a Promotion
falling of course and of right (as before)
to Officers so preferred, but depending on
Hes Majestys further pleasure, and that

"he

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he often grants it (generally I am told) and
that it is in no respect looked upon
in the Army as a Supernumerary —

Having been appointed Aid de Camp
General on the Coast in February 1780, I beg
leave to observe that I have come the Duty of
the Station to the Army, serving under the
Presidency, and more particularly with the
main Body of it employed in the field
ever since the commencement of the
present War —

It perhaps may appear, somewhat
that an Officer acting in so conspicuous
and important a Situation during the a
Period of three Years field Service has not
appeared on the Records of your Honble
Board recommended in any shape whatever
by the Officers under whom he has served
to present for them, with Justice
to myself might invoke me in the description
of a Subject on which any Person can have D
be to be regarded, or exercised with sufficient
delicacy, and in which, at the same time,
I am liable to the imputation arrogance
and presumption although perhaps absolutely
employed in relating Facts —

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I am convinced that in general an Officer will be viewed in this point of view who is compelled to represent matters for himself which with more propriety come within the Province of his Superiors. I shall therefore confine myself to a recital of the favorable Sentiments which it is universally known to the Army and to this Settlement, the late Commander in Chief Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, held of me, in my Station, as an Officer as an Officer capable to assist him in the more important Duties of his, and of which it will not I believe be denied, that he had the experience during a long and effected War, and with the permission of Major General Stuart the present Commander in Chief. I here beg leave to add that he has often expressed a very favorable Opinion of my Professional abilities as Assistant General of the Army.

I am confidently sensible of the Candid deficiency of self recommendation with whatever truth it may be urged, and it is not therefore without some compunction that I am in another instance led to the necessity

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necessity of speaking for myself, because as in
the first case, the representation that I am in
another instance to the necessity of speaking
for myself, because as in the first case, the
representation would appear not only with
more Justice and Propriety, but with more
Effect from another Quarter, that it did
not come before your Honble Committee
from that Quarter did not proceed I believe,
from any intentional Injury to me, but
rather arose from the necessary attention
to matters of greater Importance —

I am induced to be of this opinion
because Mr Sartier expressed himself to me in
Camp as highly satisfied with my Conduct
and Imagined, at the time, that he meant
to have sent it forth in his Report to your
Honble Committee of the Proceedings at Cuddalore

As this has not appeared I pray to
whatever cause may now be necessary to
enquire, I trust I shall not be accused
of presumption to your orders which perhaps,
rather justly known, may be thought worthy
of notice —

I will appear, without further
Preamble, that in this Instance I allude to
a Transaction at Cuddalore at the time the

in laying before you an exertion on my part in obedience

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time the Deputation from this Presidency to the French Government was declared in Our Camp before that place I shall endeavor to relate it as briefly as the Subject will admit —

Soon after Mr Sadlier arrived in Camp on the 2d of July. to announce the Power vested in himself and Mr Staunton and the Cessation of Hostilities ensued by Monsieur Bussy in consequence of the Peace concluded in Europe between the British & French Nation. he desired to speak to one in private (some Gentlemen being in my tent at the time he came in) and delivered to me the General Orders of the 27th June by which Major General Stuart was ordered to proceed to the Presidency and Major General Bruce to assume the Command of the Carnatic Army in the field, accompanied by a specific Order from Government under the Hand of your Secretary signifying your Commands to me to publish to the Army the General Orders of the 27th June.

In this place allow me to observe that although the General Orders from your Honble Committee are constantly transmitted

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under cover to the Adjutant General to be
presented to the Commander in Chief before
they are passed in Execution to the Army,
I never before this Period received from Government
a Specific Order relative to their being forthcoming
to the Army. I therefore formed a Judgment
on the novelty of the case, in which I
afterwards was amply well founded, and
always materially much elated to this mark
of Confidence placed in me by your Hon.ble
Board —

My situation at the time did not
admit of any carrying your orders into
immediate Execution, having been confined
to my Tent for several Days before with
Sickness, and so very weak as hardly to be
able to rise from my Camp Cott to receive
the Sabbies in the manner he was entitled
to from his Rank and Station. I therefore
sent for the Deputy Adjutant General
and delivered to him the General Orders of
the 27th Inst; together with your Specific
Order to convey through your Secretary
acquainting him at the same time that
as I was supported with it free to him to carry
your orders into Effect. He accordingly went to
the Major General Stuart to shew him the
General

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General Orders agreeable to the Custom of the
Service of the Service and was informed by
him in answer that no General Orders
could be published to the Army without his
Directions or words to this purpose. This
being objected to Mr Sadlier (who was anxious
that the orders should be published before he
left Camp that night which he said he
was under the necessity of doing. he proposed
the Deputy Adjutant General to give him
a positive answer. whether your orders of
the 27.th June as specifically commanded.
were or were not to be published to the
Army. the Deputy Adjutant General
waited on Major General Stuart a second
and a third time, but still returned with
answer unsatisfactory to Mr Sadlier and
without carrying your orders into Execution
Mr Sadlier then addressed himself to me
in a very earnest manner setting forth
at the same time that the Board
Committee had foreseen the Difficulty
which occured from Major General
Stuart concerning the Publication of the
Orders

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Orders to the Army that on this account
a specific Command had been signified to me,
as the Adjutant General to the Army and
the staff Officer of Government, in whom he
did me the Honor to say your Honble Committee
placed confidence for carrying your orders into
Effect, that therefore, matters being situated
as I have already stated, an Election on any
part was not only necessary, but would be
very becoming, and from the confidence
placed in me was expected by Government
and that if it could be done, without
endangering any health he wished me to
report myself for Duty on this occasion,
and to await on Major General Stuart
in order that the Resolution of Government
might be made public to the Army before
he left Camp that he might thereby be
enabled on his return to the Boundary
to report that they had been enforced —

fully sensible that obedience
to the Orders of Government was my Duty
at all times, and that in the case before us,
I was specially bound to that Obedience by
the 21st Article of the Instructions from the
Honble Company in March 1778 I
determined

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determined at every risk to my health to attempt it, and for this purpose waited on General Stuart, although scarcely able to walk the short space between his Tent and mine. On presenting the Commander in Chief with the General Orders, and the specific Commands on the Subject signifying at the same time, my Resolution to carry them into Effect as far as in my power - I received for answer as nearly as I can now recollect "you are very right Sir, but you do not publish them by my Orders". I replied that I had those of Government in my Pocket, I then returned to my Tent sent for the Deputy Adjutant General and directed him to publish to the Army as usual (about six in the Evening) the General Orders of the 27th of June, and to report such as before.

That I may not appear to give an exaggerated Account of my own Situation on the 2d July as represented above, I beg leave to enclose a Copy of my Letter to the Surgeon Major of the Army, who attended me in Camp during my Illness with his answer. Mr Sadlier and General Stuart can do me the Justice to vouch for the truth. Mr Sadlier, in particular appeared so thoroughly satisfied with my Conduct on this occasion and

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and having declared his Opinion, both in Corp
and afterwards that without the exertion stated
on my Part, your Orders would not have
been published to the Army. will Soon convince
certify that approbation and declaration on the
Records of your Honble Committee, and will
now be ready to do me that Justice, by an
Official Document, which I am led to believe
was omitted at the time from his being
engaged in Buisings of a more important
Nature —

On this Occasion I beg leave to request
the Indulgence of your Lordship and the Honble
Committee in laying before you some circumstances
concerning myself, which I presume will be
allowed to have connection with the purport
of the present address —

It the time I was named to the
post of Adjutant General I might have
obtained the advantageous command of the
Lanyore Battalion as I believe from cir-
cumstances altogether connected with professional Ability
or attention, and of which Your Honble Committee
cannot fail to have a just Idea, I was
induced therefore to submit to your consideration
whether a Principle of this tendency, in the
Military

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Military Line is or is not commendable in an Officer who thus prefers the Post of Honor, to that of pecuniary advantage, not so very honorable connected —

The present War has most thoroughly convinced me that I could not have been placed in a situation less likely to promote Views of private Interest or Emoluments, on the contrary that I have suffered very considerably in my Circumstances

The difficulties and Lopes unavoidably experienced in general are I presume well known, and I can hardly think it will be denied that unremitting attention to Duty and the nature of my Office made it totally impossible for me to attend like others to matters of a private consideration. I felt the consequences so certainly serious on this head that I had resolved to apply to Sir Eyre Coote when he had the disposal of a great part of the Treasury for the Army disbursements to place me in point of pecuniary Monthly allowances on the same footing with the Adjutant General of the Bengal Establishment from this time the first Detachment from that Presidency joined the Carnatic Army, and I had reason to believe from the Opinion he constantly expressed of my Zeal and indefatigable attention, that in every instance depending on him he would

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would have readily met the Sea, the more
as as the opening was fair and reasonable in favor
of an Officer executing the duties of Aquatant
General to His Majestys troops as well as to
those of the Honble Company, serving under
the orders of this Presidency during a tedious
and uncomfortable War, where the arrangement
and connection of the whole of the Army thus
formed of Troops of different Establishments
and with various prejudices incident to the
Climate Elements and the nature of those Troops, were
happily conducted, under the Orders of the
Commander in Chief without dispute or
dissension

As I observed before Sir
complicatly sensible that Self accommodation
would in general be deemed base and unexpected
notwithstanding this. I trust with confidence
to the equity of the Right Honble President
and the Honble Committee that you will see
with a liberal and indulgent Eye the case of
an Officer whose Conduct during a very
important Period has not been represented,
and that instead of annexing the Idea of
Presumption or Arrogance to the step which
I have been obliged to adopt in justice to
myself, you will rather be pleased to leave the

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the merits of your Servants

If therefore my Lord and Gentlemen
my Conduct and professional Ability as
Adjutant General of the Army shall have your
favorable opinion and shall be acknowledged
worthy of notice since I have had the Honor
of serving in that line of Duty to His Majesty's
and the Honble Company's Troops during the
War of almost unremitting Field Service for a
Period of three Years, may I presume to
intimate that the Rank often given to Officers
holding the Post of Adjutant General is
my ambition and the Purport of this address.
and I hope it will appear to your Honble
Committee that if you shall be pleased to
grant it in the present instance, the confir-
mation of the Appointment by the Honble
Company, if so favorably and favorably
recommended, can hardly be doubted, especially
when it is considered that, although the
Rank of Lieutenant Colonel to the Adjutant
General, is by no means a matter of
course yet that it is frequently granted,
is therefore founded on Military practice
and precedent, and is never accounted a
Superfluous in the Army

I have the Honor to be most respectfully
&c &c
Henry Malcolm
D.A.G. to the Army

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To the Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney &c.

President &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

In addition to the address I had the Honor to present the day before yesterday I permit one now to lay before you the following recent instances of a practice in the Army while I hope will have a favorable consideration from your Honble Committee, and at the same time clearly point out that the request I have had the Honor of submitting to your decision is not altogether vaguely or unfoundedly

From the Adjutant General on the same subject and stating several Instances of the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel being given by His Majesty's Officers acting in the line of Adjutant General

which

Captain Barry of the 52d Regiment are now in India, has the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army which he obtained having been nominated to a Deputy Staff appointment

Captain Murray of the 73d Regiment named to act as Deputy Adjutant General to an expedition under General Matthews at the same time promoted by His Majesty to the Rank of Major in the Army

Lieutenant St George of the 1st Regiment

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Regiment of Guards appointed by Sir Henry Clinton Aqutant General to the Army in America with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel & was immediately confirmed by his Majesty with that rank in the Army &

The Honble Major Ramsay appointed Deputy Aqutant General to the Troops in Scotland obtained at the same time from His Majesty the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army"

May I presume to found the following Opinions on the above recent examples among many that might be quoted — 1st that the part of Aqutant Gineral is of dignity and importance in every Army regularly appointed and established, nor need I add that the Honble Company's on the Coast comes within this discription, and 2dly that rank has ever been and is now considered as justly and properly applicable to the Officers employed in that Honorable post —

Although particular instances may be quoted to show that the rank of Lieutenant Colonel is not inherently attached to the Office, I cannot allow myself to believe that such instances will be readily adduced by your Honble Board in

Forgiveness

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Sir reference to the avowed general practice
of the Army, and in what it may justly
be inferd is concluded not only the leading
instruments of your Military Servants to
acquit themselves with honor to themselves,
but also with Honor, exertion and advantage
to the public —

I am very sensible that the orders
of the Honble Company do not affix this
rank to the post of Adjutant General, but
I at the same time rely on the indulgent
and favorable construction of the Right
Honble President and your Honble Committee
of this Service
when I trust that the custom
has afforded instances in the appointment
of Colonel Nixons Major Lyon[illegible] and
others wherein your Honble Committee
have been pleased to grant a rank not perhaps
exactly according to the letter of the law,
but in which without a doubt your Lord-
=ships and decision sufficiently warranted
the measure on the most fair and solid grounds

I have now only one more
to entreat the favorable attention of your
Honble Committee to the Arrangements which
I have taken the liberty to advance, in the
connexion

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conviction that my views and reasoning on the subject will appear strictly professional and without the bias of pecuniary advantage—

Allow me further to say, that my first ambition is to have your approbation in every part of my conduct as an Officer entrusted with the execution of very important duties in your Army and that if on that ground, supported by the practice of Service, I shall be honored with the favorable consideration of Government to my present request, it must be a cause more powerful if possible than before, for exertion on my part in every situation—

I have the honor to be &c

(Signd) Henry Malcolm

Asstant Genl of the Army

Fort St. George
30th August 1783

Circulation 2d Sept. 1783—

I have read for the first time the letters of Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Asstant Genl in circulation dated Augst 28th and 30th—

General Stuart Minute on the two foregoing Letters and proposing for the Quarter Master General to hold extra Rank—

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In so far as any part of these Letters apply to me it will be found on Record that any good opinion of that Officer in his Station, appears more than once and in what regards the part he took in putting the General Orders of Government directed to him, and as I believe delivered to him seperately on the 24th of July: all that I recollect applicable to Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm in his coming to me when at table and in the presence of a great number of Officers, saying he had orders from Government to publish, and his Commission was at stake if he did not, or words to that Effect and I told him to do his duty —

How the Adjutant General felt or whether he was elated as I now or at the particular mark of Confidence the Government had in him on that occasion was not in my contemplation at the time, neither is it now

I know that in such matters however irregular or improper the orders of the Company's Government might be, it is nevertheless the duty of every Officer in this Military Service whether it is in his power

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power to do so first to obey and then to repre-
sent or remonstrate. I followed this line
myself and therefore could not make a point
of any other Officer following any other line

Had it ever been in my most
distant views not to comply with the Orders
of the Select Committee in what regarded
the Company's Military Service, the openly
giving out of those or any other orders by the
Adjutant General as such, would have availed
very little towards carrying them into Effect,
And now as to the Object of the Adjutant
General's letter I must first presume that in
giving my opinion concerning the rank
requested, It can have no reference to the
Honble Company's Orders because they
positively forbid the giving of any Field Officer
Rank without their Permission, and I must
add that any reasons as well as Military
Practice hold equally good for conferring extra
Rank to the Quarter Master General of this
or of any Army. The original real reason
was to avoid difficulties that were found to
occur in Carrying on the Subordinate Service,
where the Quarter master General as well

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as the Adjutant General are officially
called upon, to give orders to officers of certain
Ranks, and on the present occasion there is
no Officer in the Army who deserves better of
Government than the present Quarter Master
General, Lieutenant Colonel Davies Sothall
therefore be of opinion not to seperate his claim
from that of the Adjutant General —

My sentiments at large upon this
very subject, and the obscurity of what is called
nominal Rank, will be found on Record nearly
seven Years ago, and I remember a particular
expression of mine that Military Rank
once conferred could take the Clerical indelible. It
is therefore that in conformity to my former
opinions and to the practice of all other Services
I think that the Brevet Rank of Lieutenant
Colonel, should be annexed to the Office of
Adjutant and Quarter Master General of the
Companys Forces on this coast without Diminution
of allowances and without prejudice to the
Officers of Senior standing to them in the Army
before this Brevet Rank was conferred, so that
when they cease the Exercise of those Offices
they still retain the Brevet Rank according
to the Practice of His Majestys Service; and

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if in the Opinion of Government the power
is not with them to do it immediately of
themselves, I beg leave to advise its being
recommended to the Honble Court of Directors
in the present general letter now under Dispatch

(Signd) James Stuart

Mr Sadlier takes the present
occasion to inform the Committee that
Colonel Malcolms representation so far as
relates to Mr Sadliers conduct in Camp
is very just, and Mr Sadlier in order to
carry into effect the orders of the Committee,
owes under the necessity of having recourse
to Colonel Malcolm / as he discribes himself /
as he confined to his bed to publish the orders
addressed to him by Government and prevailed
on him to report himself well for the
special purpose of their Publication

Mr Sadlier confirms the account of the Adjutant Generals Conduct in Camp

The Committee are highly sensible
of Lieutenant Colonel Malcolms merit
and experience as an Officer, and approve
in every respect to his Professional conduct
and abilities in the distinguished post of
Adjutant General of the Army - Agreed
therefore in consequence of his acknowledged
abilities

Agreed that the Adjutants Generals request be referred to the Court of Directors and that for his Services he be recommended to be appointed a Lieut Colo in the Army

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Abilities and Zeal in the Service, and in
particular for his approved Conduct and
exertion in support of the orders of Government
as mentioned by Mr Sadlier in confirmation of
that of the Adjutant Generals letters relating
to the Transaction at Cuddalore that he be
recommended in the strongest terms to the
Court of Directors to have the Rank by Brevet
of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, as Adjutant
General in the same manner as usual in
the Kings Service

Agreed also on that part of the
Generals Minute relative to the Quarter Master
General as his post has not been established
by the Company, as a permanent Appointment it
be submitted to the Consideration to the Court
of Directors, whether or not it is to be
considered as a permanent establish post in
the Service, and on the same footing as that
of the Adjutant General and with the
same rank

Agreed that the part of the Generals Minute relative to the Quarter Master General be submitted to the Court of Directors of it to be considered as an establish Post and on the same footing as the Adjutant General

Agreed that all Officers leaving
the Fort from any cause whatsoever are to
send their Bills previous to their departure
to the Commissary or Camp who will if
proper countersign them, any Officer omitting
to comply with this order will not be
entitled

Send All Officers leaving the field to send their bills to the Commissary in Camp previous to their departure

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entitled to receive Batta for the time his bills ought to have been signed in Camp. Officers on leave on Command, or sick in Garrison are to expect under their signatures to their Bills the place where, and in future Commanding Officers are desired never to countersign any Batta bills for Officers that are not actually in Camp —

Officers not sending their Bills when pay is joined are not at the next payment to receive more than one Months Pay —

If Officers do not send their pay and Batta Bills when a Months pay is ordered to be joined they are not to expect at the next payment any more than one Months allowances. Agreed that it be published in General Orders —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Reinbold —

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Reinbold requesting to be allowed Batta

The general tenor of your goodness which I have so liberally experienced animates me to send you this address and I flatter myself you will upon mature consideration allow my request to be reasonable —

His Majestys 15th and 16th Regiments of Hanoverians which I have the honor to

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to Command, are distinct to remain some
years in India, and from the natural consequences
attending a Commander Sam negotiates to
Fish very often a Table for part of the
Officers belonging to the above Regiments
which defrives one of saveng, any part of
my present allowances

My fortune at home is very
small and my families numerous and I
find that in Lieu of saving any small sum
to add to it, I am obliged to dis trop myself to
avoid encroaching on it and on these grounds
I plainly see that when I return to Germany
to my Wife and family I shall find that
cattle I left reduced and myself in my more
advanced years left without Sure subsistence

General Adams at Home,
and Colonel Kenney at Cuttack, I
humbly therefore request your Lordship
will grant me the same indulgence,
those Gentlemen do not serve in the
field, nor have they been put to the
expence of preparing for it, and remaining
[on]ly a few weeks, from these considerations

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I flatter myself you will admit my Claim
to be just and by your kind compliance
to relieve one of my present Sorrows, that I
may with as real Pleasure serve the Honble
Company and have the Honor to remain with
the most respect Etcm

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servant

Fort St George
the 8th Sept. 1783

(Signd) Reinbold
Colonel

The Committee cannot grant his
request. He must take his chance of the Service
for such situation as he is removed to

Mr. Reinbold cannot comply with Colonel Reinbolds request

Read Letter from Captain Fraser
requesting to be employed (as entered in
Miscellany Book)

From Captain Fraser requesting to be employd

Captain Burr to proceed and do
Duty in the Ganjam District

Captain Burr to proceed and do duty at Ganjam

Read Letter from Captain Keating
requesting permission for himself and
Lieutenant Sunst to proceed to Bengal
Agreed to

From Captain Keating requesting leave for himself and Lieut Sunst to proceed to Bengal Agreed

The President proposes that
letters be sent to the Rajah of Tanjore
and

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and Tondiman as entered in the Country Correspondence as the best means of accommodating matters between them —

Mr Sadlier depends to that part of the Letter to the Rajah that respects him of the Revenue —

Mr Sadlier depents to that part that may deprive the Rajah of any just claim of the Revenues of Wandiwash whilst in the possession of Tondiman —

Mr Davidson proposes that as Tondiman restoring the districts in his possession that a Present be given him as a recompence for his Services —

Mr Davidson moves that on Tondiman restoring Ardingy and Killamelly a Present be ordered to be given him by the President for his Bravery in annoying the Enemy during the War, and in token of his attachment to the Company —

Ordered accordingly —

From Col. Dunbolt with Hospital Charges at Rio Janeiro — Agreed that his Letter and accounts be referred to the Court of Directors

Read Letter from Colonel Dunbolt as entered in Miscellany Book charges of 15th and 16th Hanoverian Regiments at Rio de Janeiro and St Salvadore and that the Ships they contained by the blowing up the Duke of Atholl — Ordered that it be referred home to the Court of Directors —

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At a Select Committee on Revenue Matters present

The Right Honorable George Lord Macartney K. B.
Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Alexander Davidson Esqr.
Morgan Williams Esqr. —

Read the following Letter from
Bengal received this Morning. —

From Bengal — re-ibrating their orders respecting the Restoration of the assigned Countries to his Highness the Nabob. —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.
President &c.a Select Committee.
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My Lord and Gentlemen.

On the 7th of July last we received your Letter of the 25th of May with your Presidents minute of the 16th September 1782 and the other Papers which accompanied that Dispatch. —

Much of our Time has since been taken up in the Perusal and Consideration of these voluminous Papers. you are at Liberty to give your Time to Letters of what Length you please; and to fill them with such Subjects, and such Languages, as you think proper; but notwithstanding your asserted Claim to as voluminous a Reply, We shall assume the Right of judging for ourselves in Points, which regard our own public Trusts, and in Persuance thereof, we repeat the Order we have already

written

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11.th written to you, in our Letter of the 13.th of January
last and hereby require "that you Render back to
"the Nabob Walaujah the Assignment granted by him
"to Lord Macartney, on the 2.d December 1781 together with
the full Charge and Administration of the Sovereignty
of the Carnatic in as full and complete a manner as
he Did, or could exercise the same before the Conclusion
"of his agreement with this Government of the 2.d of April
"1781, or as he can exercise the same now. That you do
"command and Compell your Amilies whom you have
"appointed to collect the Revenues in the Nabob's Country
"to deliver over their respective Charges of the Revenue
"to such Amilies as shall be appointed by the Nabob
"or to retain their Trusts under his sole Authority if
"he shall chuse to confirm them therein, and that you
"do withdraw every Power and Authority which you
"have delegated in the Carnatic in Virtue of the said Assignment"

We again address ourselves to your
Committee, for the Execution of these Orders, because you
have reserved to yourselves the entire Management of the
Revenues & Powers delegated by the assignment, independant
of the Council at Large, which Body never the less - we think
in strict Conformity to the constitution of your Government,
which is expressly defined by the Hon.ble the Court of
Directors, in their Orders to your Presidency dated 11.th January
1781, ought to have been exclusively vested with that
Department; for in the 16.th Paragraph of that Letter the
Company "It is our Order that all Business relative to
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11 "the Management of the Revenues, and to letting of the
"Lands and Terms of Fort St. George, and its subordinate
"Settlements and likewise all other Business of what
"Nature so ever it may be, that has usually been
"transacted in Council, shall be continued & so transacted
"by the Council at large, in their Public and Revenue -
"Departments, and not by the Select Committee."
By this Quotation, we do not mean to charge you with
a Deviation from the Company's Orders; you are probably
justified in what you have done by Reasons which we are
unacquainted with; This is a consideration not at present
before us, but in Justification of our Conduct, and to avoid
Irregularity, we think it necessary in Pursuance of the Comp.ys
System, to address ourselves on this Subject more particularly
to the Right Honble the President and Council at large, to
whom we have therefore written to carry these orders into effect
& further to call upon the Nabob for the due performance of the
Agreement which we concluded - with his Minister Sydo
Aseem Cawn on the 13th. January last by which he is bound during
the War to advance to the Company for the charges of it.
5/6th. of the Collections of the Carnatic to pay in ready Money
grain & cattle one third more than was received in any given
time under the Authority of the present manggement & to
give soucar Security for the Money and from the day on which
the Enemy should evacuate the Carnatic to pay the Company
by installments 12 Lacks of Pag.s 4 ann. 7 towards the
Liquidation of their own debt & 5 towards those of his private
Credition - The Nabob himself having signified to us
thro' the regular channel of the Governor General his
formall

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11th formall ratification of this agreement and his determination to abide by the Stipulations on his part.

We are with esteem

My Lord & Gentlemen

your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort William
15th August 1783
&c.

/signed { Warren Hastings / Edw.d Wheler } { signed { John Macpherson / John Stables

to lie for Consideration

Ordered to lie for consideration —

Agreably to the Minutes of the 2d Instant the undermentioned Renters now attend the Committee & the Torana Chits & precaut their respective Muchulkas or penally bonds or Cedes for the different Farms, signed by the President according to the order of the Committee are delivered to them with the usual Ceremony.

The following Renters attend the Committee agreeably to Order of the 2d Instant & the Torana Chits are delivered to them with the usual Ceremony.

Leases

Muchulka of Vencata Ram Yauve Renter of Ongole delivered in by his Pishcar Balla Vencat Yow & the Torana Chit for his farm for 3 years & Khelaut given him —

To Vencat Ram Yauve by his Pishcar Balla Vencata Yow for Ongole for 3 years —

Muchulka of Mahomed Hussain Cawn Renter of Ishwar and Pulicat delivered in by Anandrow his Vakeel and the Torana Chit for his farm for 3 years and Khelaut given him —

To Mahomed Hussain Cawn by his Vakeel Anandrow for the Farms of Ishwar & Pulicat for 3 years

Muchulka of Vencata Yow Renter of Arcot & Districts delivered in by himself & the Torana Chit for his Farm for 3 years & Khelaut given him.

To Vencata Yow delivered in by himself for the Arcot Districts for 3 years

Muchulka of Hurry Rama Yow Renter of Trinamalay &c. Districts delivered in by himself & the Torana Chit for his farm for 3 years and Khelaut given him —

Hurry Rama Yow for Trinamalle Districts for 3 years —

Muchulka of Narsing Yow Renter of Vellore and Districts delivered in by himself and the Torana Chit for his Farm for 3 years and Khelaut given him —

Narsing Yow for Vellore Districts for 3 years

Muchulka of Srinivasa Achary Renter of Tripetty delivered by his Vakeel Vencata Ackary & the Torana Chit for his Farm for 3 years & Khelaut given him —

Shrinivasa Yow for Tripetty for 3 years —

Muchulka of Nursing Row Renter of Tripanum and Palamcota delivered by his Vakeel Irrandarow & the Torana Chit for his Farm for 3 years and Khelaut delivered to him —

Nursing Yow for Tripanum and Palamcota for 3 years —

Dis.

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Dispatched the following Letter.

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

Fort St. George
September 10th 1783.

Gentlemen

We have the honor to transmit to you a Minute of our President adopted by us, & request your particular attention to the Observations it contains relative to a Peace with Tippoo, and which as we humbly conceive, add force to our former Solicitations to your Board for authorities and Instructions on that Subject. —

The continued Demands for Money upon us particularly for the Payments of the Kings' Troops, and the insufficiency as yet of our own Resources for this object of Expence, with which this Presidency was not at any former Period burdened, do not permit us til relieved, to be silent on this Subject in our Dispatches to your Presidency, from whence our Common Superiors expect and have discrid that from their Rescources in your hands every necessary assistance may be given for the Benefit of their Concerns here. — We therefore repeat our request for speedy Remittances proportionable to our wants. —

We have the honor to

&c.a —

to Bengal - inclosing
a minute of the President
on the Subject of Peace
with Tippoo - and
requesting instructions
thereon - representing
the continued demands
for money & the
insufficiency of our
resources. —

desired

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10th General Stuart requests that the
following minute on the above Letter may be entered—

General Stuart's letter
& minute on the above
letter to Bengal—

Official

Sir—

You will please to enter the Minute
here with Transmitted, on the proceedings of yesterday,
in the same manner as done by the Minute of the
right honble President of that Date—

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(signed)— Jnno. Stuart

Fort St. George
September 10th
1783—

Official

In regard to this draft of a Letter to the
Governor General and Council Bengal, I must in putting
my Note to first part of it, refer to my Minute of
yesterday's Date—

the
Jaw
requesting
means of paying
nearly seven

As to your Letter part I shall only write
to you my views to reject the Right Honorable President &c.
Rejected by the Government of Bengal to Afford the
means of people the Military Establishment, a
Surely Secure Months Arrears Due to the Every
here

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10 here — otherwise the Consequences must be Serviers indeed

/signed/ Jams. Stuart

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Fort St. George

Received Letter from Lieutenant

From Lieut.t Home for leave to go with Colonel Gordon as his Staff to the Malabar Coast —

/Home/ as entered in M.B.N.º/ requesting to be permitted to go to the Malabar Coast with Colonel Gordon & to be continued on his Staff

Received letter from Permacoil —

To John Huddleston Esq.r 2.d September A.M. 83
Military Secretary

From Permacoil with Intelligence

Sir

Do me the favor to make the 1.st Right Hon.ble the President and Select Committee, acquainted with the following Intelligence, Ricceived from 2 of my own People, Viz.t

That some time ago Chinnia Sapundittu Amildar of Manaloorpet, Sent all the Provisions from that Place to Side Sibe's Camp, Since which the has had Paddy Sent him from Tiagar: this was sold to the Inhabitants and the Money Sent to Camp; The 4 Guns that they had Mounted on the Hill of Tiagar were take down, 2 of them were Sent to Fort Not from Distant (I suppose Rajahmaguer)

the

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10th the others they got up again a few days Afterwards & remounted them. The Powder is Sent to the Mysore Country, The Shot with the remainder of the Provisions and Stores to Camp. —

At 5 Miles on the other side of Trinomala Hands a Fort on a Hill, it was (there) reported that in 2 or 3 Days, all the Guns Stores &c.&c.a were to be taken down; The Grain has been Sold to raise Cash at this place —

a Small Quantity of Provisions only is now left at Trinomalar; (for the Poms Stationed there) the rest with the Stores is all Sent to Camp, Thinnivasarow on Is collecting Money from the Inhabitants for the Privilidges of tilling the Grounds. —

All the Guns, Stores and Provisions are with drawn from the Fort of Carnatic Ghur, and are at Provisions kept in Polloor, The Country People are Prepard to Carry the ammunition over the Pass. —

Sinnapatchdurgum, a Fort Situated the way between Trinamalir and Ginjee, on a Hill is Distroyed and the garris.n Marched to Pavaloor

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The 2 gates of the Lower fort of

Gingee are Burnt down, 300 Horse are stationd at

Gengavarum if way between Gingee & Chattiput,

and 100 at Allagram at 1 Miles want of this Place

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most Obedient Servant

Nathl. Wms. Kelly

Permacoil —

Sent the following Letters —

To the Committee of stores directing

To Committee of Stores to survey some Arms brought by Mr. Farrer

them to order a Survey of some Chests of Arms —

brought by Mr. Henry Farrer — as entered in

MB. N.) —

To Ditto — with an Indent of

To Ditto with indent of stores for the Southward. —

Stores wanted for the Southward (as entered in MB. N.)

To Captain Keating (as entered in M.

To Captain Keating with leave to go to Bengal with Mr. Sundt —

B. N.) granting him permission to proceed with

Mr. Sundt to Bengal. —

Received the following Letters

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Tanjore September 5th 1783.

The Right Honorable Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Select Committee

Fort St. George

from Mr. Rippesley, with Lres from Col. Elphinston & Lt. Capper, both of whom he has supplied with Provisions &c. the Rajah has favorded the Service by lending his Elephants some parties of Horse about the Country — the Inhabitants were alarmed. —

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the Honor forward Copy of a Letter from Lt. Colonel Elphinston, together with Copy of another Letter from Lt. Capper Commanding at Chilumbrum, & I flatter Myself that your Lordship & the Honorable Board will hold me justified in Acquiesing in Lt. Cappers request — The Rice provided near Chilumbrum, for Lt. Colonel Elphinston's Detachment, amounted to 24.000 P. Fears. —

I have likewise the Honor to inform your Lordship &c. that upon application to his Excellency the Rajah, Orders were immediately dispatched to the Amuldars of the Districts intervening between this and Nagapatam, to Provide Sheep, and to Construct Rafts on the Rivers for the accommodation of the small Detachment lately arrived at Nagapatam. Doolies and Carriage Bullocks were also sent down on the same Service. In justice to his Excellency it is also incumbent on me to observe to your Lordship &c. that the Public Service has been very frequently and Essentially benefitted by the Aid of the Rajahs Elephants — and which have lately transported the Sepoy Clothing landed at Nagapatam from thence to Trichinopoly —

over

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11th

Several Parties of Horse have lately been and at this time are hovering on the Northern back of the Coleroon, and seem to wait a favorable opportunity of Crossing A Short time previous to the Swelling of the River, the District of Combaconam Suffered very greatly from an Incursion of the Enemy, and the Inhabitants treated with great cruelty. I have ventured to Submit to Colonel Fullarton the Consideration of Stationing a Battalion (if it can be spared) in the Neighbourhood of Combaconam as a very necessary Cover for the Ensuing Crop. which from the reparation of the Ancient promises to be very plentifull. The Inhabitants are at Present in General alarmed, and upon the least appearance of the Enemy, the Country would Probably be abandoned, unless Some Military force be stationed in the field. —

Colonel Stuart in a Letter dated from Dindigul 2 Instant. Says. — "From Every "Information I have been able to get. I do not find "the Enemy in force on this Side of Erode, I have "truely people out that way to make discovery as to "the force on this Side the Passes, the Strength of that "place, deposits of grain &c.a which by Comparing with Colonel Fullartons information we shall be enabled to judge with certainty." —

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11th

No late Letters have been received from Colonel Fullarton. —

With the Greatest respect I have the honor to be, My Lord and Gentlemen

your most faithfull & most Obt. Servt.

[signed] Hove. Hippisley. —

To Cove. Hippisly

Acting Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I have been favord with your Letters of the 25th & 31st August, and 1st of September and am much Obliged to you for the Trouble you have had on account of the Detachment under my Command, and beg to return My thanks for the Assistance which we have received from you. — The Detachment Encamped at this Place yesterday and we are now busy in passing the Rivers to Trichinopully. —

I have the Honor to be

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

[signed] John Elphinston

Lt Coll.

Camp at Polchandacoil 3 Sep.r 1783

Received 5th Sep.r 1783 true Copy H. H. [signed]

J.

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11th Coxe Hippesley Esqr.

Acting Resident at Tanjore

Sir

Your People are just arrived, for the Stores which I will dispatch immediately I am afraid it will be a tedious job, as the whole Must be Conveyd to the Coleroon by Coolies — As you have rice and Sheep &c.a intended for Colonel Elphinstons Detachment. now laying on the other Side the Coleroon. you would be rendering an Essential Service, by Sparing part of them; for the use of this Garrison, As we have not a Sufficient Quantity of rice, to last out the Monsoon — and this with Great difficulty; I can procure Sheep, for the use of the Europeans. —

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most Obedient Servant

/signed/ Francis Capper

without deli
Received at Tanjore
5th. September 1783

true copy J.C.H.

Thomas Kingscote Esqr.

Secretary

From the Surgeon Major in Camp — respecting his Field advances. —

Sir

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11th Sirs

You are pleased to inform me that in consequence of my Letter to the Right Honble President and Select Committee praying that my allowances in the new regulations might be encreased in proportion to the Surgeons, they have been pleased to accede thereto, and that I am to receive Majors Pay and Lieutenant-Colonels Batta — This instead of augmenting my allowances, is taking away from it, in as much that I am now reduced to within Seventeen Pagodas pr. Month of the youngest Surgeon in the Service — for every Surgeon by the new Regulations is to receive Captains Pay, and Lieut.s Colonels Batta — and from your Information, setting forth that I am to receive Majors Pay and Lieut.t Colonels Batta, there is no difference whatever, but between the Pay of Captain, And Major — and whilst my pay is thus brought to what I have all along had (viz.t Majors) My Batta is reduced from Colonels, and Lieut.t Colonels, the same as the Surgeons — This I am induced to believe is altogether a mistake — My prayer was for an encrease of allowance in proportion to the Surgeons — that Encrease was from. —

Surgeons Pay	21.
and Captain Batta	49.
Total	70. —

To

11th To Captains pay and Lieutenant Colonels Batta — 195.

an Encrease of 125 Pags. —

whereas by the Regulations my Pay is was reduced from Majors to Captains — tho my Batta was encreased from Majors to Colonels upon the whole, an Encrease of allowance by only 42 Pagodas, which is quite out of proportion. — If the Right Honble President and Select Committee shall be pleased to allow me Colonels Pay and Batta, it would not be more than in proportion to the Encreased allowance of the Surgeon, or Surgeons Assistants — nor would it be more than equal to the Responsibility and fatigue of my Station. —

I am to beg Sir you will be pleased to lay my Representation before the Right Honble President and Select Committee, in hopes that they will do me the favor to rectify what I conceive to have been altogether a mistake. —

I have the Honor to be

Madras — 11th Septem.r 1783 } Sirs

Your most humble Servant

/signed/ Thomas Davis

Surgeon Major

what

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11th

1 What the New Regulations allow me as Surgeon Major is Captns Pay and Colonels Batta or 22A Pag.

2 what is intended for me by the last resolution of the Commitee is majors Pay and Lt. Colonels Batta or 212 P.

3 what I solicit, is Colonels Pay & Batta ——— or ——— 275 Pag.

N.B.

Every Surgeon by the new Regulations had an Encrese of Pay and Batta ——— 125 Pags

That which I solicit is an Encrease of ——— 93 Pags only

(signed) Thomas Davis Surgt Mayor

I am of Openion that Mr Davis's proportion of allowances, of the best regulations take place should be N.3 - or 275 Pags. I.S. (signed)

John Hudleston Esqr. Militl. Secretary.

11th September 1783 - 11th D. M. -

Sir

Do me the favor to Inform the Right Honorable the President and Select Commee

From Lt Davis has received a letter from Siad Saib for the Governor requests his people may not be molested — that two Vakuls are arrived in the Neighbourhood of Permacoil on their way to Madras —

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11th Committee, That 2 Hircarrahs are just arrived with a Letter from Side Saibs for the Right Honorable the President; and a Passport from Side Saibs to all his people to Pass unmolested the Bearers &c.a — The Hircarrahs tells me (for I only admitt one up the Hill and he Blindfolded,) that 2 Vackeels, now in Camp, ready to Sett off for Madras as soon as Hircarrahs which are hourly expected from thence Arrive. Side Saibs requests of the. That I may not tholest his people When Passing in this Neighbourhood, and answers his (throughthese men) He will not suffer His People to Offend. The 2 Vackeels Com.r are Chinnavass Row & Appaje Row — I said 2 of my own Hircarrahs to Conduct thereby the Nearest rout —

I have the honor to remain

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed Nat Davis Lt. Commanding

Permicoil

P.S. 200 Horse & as many foot are to accompany the Vakeels. & the Man tells he that. Said Sack was to march thismorning to Paddipolore: not far Distant from Vellapuram — N.D.

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11th

Sept. 11 — 1783.

Mr. Kingscott

Please to send this paper is presentation

From Gen Stuart &c informing of Col. Gordons request to have Lieut.t Horne with him on the Malabar Coast,

For the Right Honble President and Select Committee to

decide upon it as soon as may be The Sire pressing much —

/signed/ Jam.s Mauri.t

Colonel Gordon requests the permission of The Right Honble President and Select Committee, for Lieu.t John Nome of this Establishment to be of his Staff with the Present Detachment to the other Coast Lieutenant Nome is at present on the Staff here as Quarter Master to a Bringell — He has already Served on the other Coast & desires much to accompany Colonel Gordon. —

Horne

Nome

Brigade

A Surgeon from this Establishment will be wanted for the Detachment w.h Order is Consequence to be Given by the Committee. —

/signed/ Jam.s Stuart

12th

To the adjutant General — to send the returns of the 73d Regt for the year 1782

Dispatched the following Letters

To the Adjutant General (as entered in

M13 No) desiring him to examine the Returns & report the Number of Men in the 73d Regt monthly during the last year. —

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12th To Mr Fox Hippesly —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant enclosing Copy of a Letter from Colonel Elphinston and Lieutenant Capper, and to express to you their entire satisfaction in the exertions you have made in furnishing Colonel Elphinston's Detachment with supplies; and of acquiessing in Lieutenant Capper request for Rice and Sheep for the Garrison of Chillumbram —

To Mr Hippesly at Tanjore expressing much satisfaction at the exertions he has made to supply Col. Elphinston and Lieutenant Capper

Fort St. George —
12th September 1783

I am Sir
your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Received the following Letter from Masulipatam —

From Masulipatam respecting the depredations committed by the Subjects of the Soubah, & the measures taken by them in consequence

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Agreeable to your Orders of the 26th Ult. thro' your Deputy Secretary we have released the Dutch Prisoners of War who were taken at Negapatam & kept in this Garrison & we beg to be informed whether the Dutch Gentlemen residing at Paggemaick [illegible]

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12 on this Table and the french Gentlemen at Yanaon as well as
two Prisoners here are to be considered at Liberty and their allowance
stopped. We likewise understand that Mr. Duff has received no orders
relative to the Dutch Prisoners at Pallicole, and as they have been
under his Directions and their Subsistance settled and paid by
him since he took possession of that Factory we request a letter
may be wrote to him from your Secretary if you mean they should
likewise be released. We have the herewith to enclose translate of a letter
from the Nizam to our Chief respecting a Vessel which was built by
the late Sayd Begh Cawn, and is at present lying in Mazulipatam
river in Charge of a Servant of the Nizam Jungi, and we beg to be
honored with your Commands in what manner we are to act on
this occasion. If any application should have been made to you
Lord ship &c. on this subject from the Soubah We be you will be
pleased to remark the attention paid to all our applications
Naibs bordering on our districts whenever they are desired to
seize the persons of any of our Rebellious subjects who take shelter
in his Dominions and from thence commit devastations in our
territories and that no satisfaction can be obtained from his
Naibs for any disturbances and Robberies committed by his people in
the frontiers of the Circars.

We have the honor to be very respectfully &c

Mazulipatam
6. Augt 1783

Signed
James Daniell
James Hodges
John Hale Boileau
Thomas Barnard
Alexander Broughe

Letter from the Soubah
1641
I have forgiven Cokeltsham Sing all his Cutcherry faults
and again received him into favour as he is my family servant. I
have not sequestered his Effects in order to preserve his credit Cokeltsham
Sing has not made good the arrears due from him, nor the Balance that
arose in his father's time. He entertained a large Corps of troops, and partly for
their Wages & partly in extravagant Expences, he squandered a great deal of the
circar money in consequence of this. I have given orders to secure all his
ready Cash and moveable property at Zegal Begh Cawn's Vessel in Mazulipatam
I be that you will on the receipt of this deliver it over to my People. By your
shewing an equal readiness in executing the Commands and the Circar
Business without distinction you will obtain an increase of favor.

a true Copy Wm Scott Secy

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13th

Received a letter from the Storekeeper

From Ponamallie with Returns — of Ponamallie as entered in MB N.° 1 with Returns —.

Dispatched the following Letters

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bar.t

Commanding the

Army

To general Burgoyne to be carefull to prevent any damage being done to the Trees & Houses of the inha=bitants & to afford them every Protection

Sir

Various Complaints having been received from the Inhabitants, of the damages done to the Trees and Gardens in the environs of Madras by the Troops under your Command — I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, to desire that you will use your best endeavors to prevent any Similar Complaints in future, and that you will afford every protection in your power to the Inhabitants for the preservation of their property. —

I have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
13th Sept.r 1763

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) John Sudleston Jun.r

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as well as to remit the Balance to the Paymaster General — It must have been therefore considered that the Subsistence to become due to the effective Officers and Men in India was to be issued by the Presidency thro' the hands of Mr. Burke, to the Orders of the Commanding Officers of the respective Regiments, agreeably to the accounts of Musters directed to be settled with such Commanding Officer by such Deputy Paymaster General, and which Settlement is to fix at the same time the Subsistence to be advanced to the Officers and Men in India and the Balance to be remitted home — The accounts will be thus more simple and regular than if the subsistence and the Arrears were to be paid thro' different Paymasters —

The Treasury Warrant likewise shews that Mr. Burke is paid for doing the whole, and he has, it seems given considerable Security for the faithful discharge of his Trust. — There is therefore no necessity for incurring additional expence on this account, and the President on all these considerations is of Opinion that the Subsistence should be issued to Mr. Burke upon his Indent founded on Musters of the Company's Commissioners and which subsistence is to be paid by him to the Orders of the Commanding Officers of the respective Regiments. —

Commissaries

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Concerning

The Committee concerning in Opinion with the President it is accordingly agreed that the subsistence for his Majesty's Troops be in future issued to Mr. Burke upon his Indent founded on an actual Muster of the Company's Commissaries and be paid by him to the Orders of the Commanding Officers of the respective Regements. —

The Committee concerning with your President Agreed that the Subsistence for his Majestys Troops be in future issued to Mr. Burke. —

General Stuart desires the Presidents Minute with the papers therein mentioned may be sent to him which is agreed to general Stuart acquaints the Committee that the Detachment of his Majestys Troops going to the Malabar Coast will Imbark the 15.th Instant.

The Presidents Minute & Papers therein mentioned sent to General Stuart agreeably to his request

General Stuart acquaints that his Majestys Troops going to the other Coast will embark the 15.th Instant. —

General Stuart lays before the Committee the following Letter from Colonel Gordon. —

Sir,

As I am just now informed that nothing has been yet decided in what manner His Majesty's Officers going to the other Coast are to live on ship board, or what allowance is to be made them by Government here for this purpose, I have to request you will please give me the necessary information on this Subject, that I may Communicate it to the Gentlemen concerned

From Col.e Gordan requesting to be informed what allowances are to be made to the Officers going to the other Coast for their Maintenance on ship Board. —

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concerned as soon as possible

I have the honor to remain

Sir,

Your most Obedient and

Most humble Servant

signed A. Gordon.

Colonel

Fort St. George
13th Sept. 1783

General Stuart desired to acquaint Colonel Gordon that the established allowance of for Officers going on Service by Sea, is 6 Shillings to pr Day

The established allowance for Officers on ship board going on service from our place to another is 5 shillings day, — of which the General is desired to acquaint Colonel Gordon in answer to his letter —

Read the following Letter from vice — admiral Sir Edward Hughes. —

Superb in Madras Road the 13th Sept.
1783

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Admr. Hughes has issued orders for receiving the Troops on board — desires to know where they are to be landed —

The Orders for receiving the Land Forces on board His Majesty's Ships named in the Margin being issued, the embarkation to take place on the 15th, and the ships to proceed to Sea on the 17th instant, under the Orders of Commodore Sir Richard Bickerton Baronet, I request you will

be

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be pleased to inform me at what place you would have the Troops landed, that I may direct the Commodore accordingly —

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
(signed) Edw.d Hughes.

The Right Honorable George Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor &c.a &c.a Select Committee of
Madras. —

Agreed that the following answer be written
to the Admiral. —

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
Commander in chief of his Majestys Ships in India
&c.a

Sir

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of this date. —

Our Intention in sending the
reinforcement to the Malabar Coast is to enable
the Presidency of Bombay if the war should continue
to prosecute it with vigor on that Side, and the
immediate

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immediate object is the relief of Mangalore we wish therefore that the ships should proceed direct to Mangalore and that the Troops should be landed there or if that Fortress should be on the hands of the Enemy we request the Troops may be conveyed to such other place on the Malabar Coast as may be judged by the Commander of the Sea & Land forces most convenient for facilitating their Junction with General Macleod who we expect will have arrived from Bombay and assumed the Command of the Army. —

Should the Enemy have retaken all our late possessions on the Malabar Coast we request that on that case the Troops may be conveyed to Bombay.

We have the honor to be

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P. S. We request you will pleased to direct the Commander of the Squadron to cooperate with the Commander of the Land forces on the other Coast on all such occasions as the public Service may require.

Agreed that Copies of the despatches received from England by his Majestys ship Crocodile

be

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Copies of the Dispatches by his Majesty's Ships Crocodile to be sent to Bombay together with a Letter communicating the present State of the Negociation with Tippoo informing them of Mr.t Burkes appointment.—

be sent to the Select Committee of Bombay by the ships now under Orders for the Malabar Coast and that a Letter be written to them communicating the present State of our Negotiation with Tippoo Saib — also that they be founded of the appointment of Mr.t William Burke. —

Read the following Letters from General Jones. —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney President and Select Committee

Fort St.t George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Major Gen.l Jones intends marching to protect the Grain — enclosing Letter from Mr.t Gardner and a Paper of Intelligence concerning the Motions of the Enemy — if they enter the Camboon Country intends following them. —

After consulting with Majr Leysaght, whether it would not be better to retire to Camburn, and take post then in Order to protect the grain, three fourths of which I am informed by Mr.r Gardiner his out of the Fort and cannot be got in the Inhabitants having left the Pettah. a Copy of his letter I have the honor to enclose to you. I am come to the Resolution to leave this to Morrow; having sent off all my heavy Stores, as well as the Sicks and wounded men, and make a forced march to

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so as to get them the next mors early —

One of my Hircarrahs returned yesterday with the inclosed intelligence, which is another inducement to be upon my guard, not that I am the least afraid of being attacked but should they enter the Combam country by one of the other passes I must follow them to Combam and in all probability arrive too late to save the Paddy — I hope your Lordship and the Gentlemen will approve of what I have done, particularly when they recollect, that it will be a means of facilitating the junction with the reinforcement to be sent, should it be Ordered by Engole, & when I tell them, that the Rains have made it extremely difficult to get provisions from Combam, & that there is a River, which is expected down, that would entirely cut off our communication

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
with Respect
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
Signed Thom.s Jones
Major General

Passat Sumerall
5.th September 1783

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Dear Sir,

I this moment was honored with your favor I have been endeavouring the whole day to get some Grain into the Fort that Day's at, but to no purpose, there being hardly any people in the Village to do that, or any other business, There is now out on the Ground in Stacks about 600 Pootics, which will be entirely distroyed, should the Enemy make a descent thro' the other passes upon us. —

Ponpah Naidoo is not here. I have already discribed to you the miserable condition that Gentleman has left us in with respect to Force — were it convenient in other respects (of which I am no judge) for Your Army to come here, it would be of the highest use to this place, & the property here without which it will I imagine be very difficult to get you supplied with provisions, for there is only 250 Pooty of Paddy in the Fort — the Rest is on the Ground, and in Godowns in the Village — Should even two or three companies of Sepoys come here, they will serve to defend the Fort — but not the Grain out of it and therefore if

there

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of people to beat the paddy into Rice will prevent my being able to send you any — whereas if the Army should come here — I am assured the Inhabitants will all return — I hope you will pardon my suggesting what occurs to me on this occasion in my own line —

I have the Honor to be
Dear Sir
your most Obedient
humble Servant
Robert Gardiner

Cumbum
2 Sept.r 10 P.M.

Copy Thom.s Jones Major General

Intelligence received from Gounnsondah
September the 1.st 1783. —

The 27.th Ultimo, three thousand horse,
One Rosallah, five hundred regular horse, and
two Guns arrived at Gounnsondah and on the
29.th Ultimo the day the Hircarrah left it — One
thousand horse — five thousand regular horse, in
green Jackets faced with Yellow — five hundred
Bullocks, one Rosallah and three Guns marched
from thence for Cuddapah.
Signed Tho.s Jones
Major General —

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General Stuart — Sam sincerely sorry for what has happened to the second Battalion of General Jones's Force my Idea of this devotion from the Beginning was that it had better been done by the Friendly polegars — the Country of the Enemy would have been more ruined, and neither reproved nor ruk to over desired it. —

Gen.l Stuart very sorry for what has happened to the 2.d Batt.n was of Opinion from the Beginning that this desertion on the Enemys Country should have been made by the Polygars.

Mr Davidson observes on the above that only 8 Companies of General Jones's Force have been defeated. —

Mr. Davidson observes that only 8 Companies of Gen.l Jones's Force have been defeated.

Mr Davidson moves for the opinion of the Committee whether General Jones shall or shall not be reinforced, and is of Opinion that a Battalion of Sipoys with their Guns and 25 European Artillery men be sent to Nellore to protect that District and to be on readiness to reinforce General Jones, and the Battalion therefore to be under his Orders. —

Moves whether Gen.l Jones shall or shall not be reinforced — Mr Davidson is of Opinion that a Battalion of Sipoys with their Guns & 25 Artillery men be sent to protect the Nellore District & be in readiness to reinforce Col.o Jones & to be under his orders —

Mr. Williams is of Opinion that General Jones's detachment should be reinforced in compliance with his requisition and in Consequence of His expectation of its being complied with as the hart of the Select Committee which is the more necessary as his force is small and the

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Mr Williams of Opinion that General Jones should be reinforced & that he be directed to keep his Army together

the more liable to be attacked by the Troops under Meer Saibs Son — Mr. Williams thinks General Jones should be directed to keep his Army together lest by sending a Detachment to a distant place may bring on it the like Misfortune which Captain Montgomery's had lately experienced —

Gen.l Stuart against depachg. from the army when it is necessary to shew it in its greatest strength to the Cabals from the Enemy — entirely against sending European Artillery Men & Guns — if necessary Brichmyres Corps & Capt.n Rawlinson's Cavalry should go —

General Stuart — I am against fading this very strange Expedition in this Manner, by breaking up the Army near the Presidency. at this precise time when two of the principal people from the Enemy are coming here to spy out all they can — and when it may be necessary to shew the Army here in the strongest way — I am entirely against sending European Artillery Men or Guns — if it is a measure to send an additional force, let Brichmyers Corps and Captain Rawlinsons Cavalry go. —

Mr. Sadlier against the Motion —

Mr. Sadlier against the Motion as he thinks the main Army should not be demonished. —

The President — the sums that sending a Battalion to Nellour to protect that Country in case

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The President approves sending Brickmans Corps and Rollestons Irregulars if they will be equally useful with the Force proposed by Mr. Davidson

case of attack and to be ready if necessary to reinforce General Jones is a strange Expedition in General Stuarts Opinion. if Brickmans Corps and Rollestons Irregulars in his Opinion would be as useful as the force prepared by Mr. Davidson I approve of sending Brickmans and Rollestons Corps of Irregulars, especially as part of Captain Rollestons Corps is already sent.—

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agreed that Brickmans Corps & Rollestons Irregulares be sent to Nellour to protect that District or to join Genl. Jones if necessary—

Agreed that a reinforcement consisting of Brickmans Corps and Rollestons Irregulars be sent to Nellour to assist in repelling any attacks that may be made on that province or to join General Jones if he shall judge it necessary. Agreed—

Genl. Stuart desires to know if a Letter of great Importance has lately arrived from Bengal

General Stuart desires to know if a Letter of great Importance has lately arrived from Bengal.

The President — from Indulgence to General Stuart, and not as a Matter of right, informs him that a Letter from Bengal dated the 15 August was received the day before yesterday, and immediately read in Committee, but not at one of those Committees to which General Stuart is admitted by the Company's Orders of the 2d. febreary 1781 — the General by a

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Resolution of the Committee passed some time since has access to the records whenever he chuses and of course may procure the Letter in question or any other that may be received. —

Agreed that the following Cadets lately arrived from England be appointed Ensigns their rank, to be settled hereafter.

The Cadets lately arrived from England appointed Ensigns —

Return of Cadets for the Madras Establishment arrived from England since the 19th Ultimo and not included in the List before made out. —

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John Sharpe ..... Lieutenant in the 60th (or Royal American) Regiment Date of Commission 26th. December 1778. —

John Floyer ..... Lieutenant in the Royal Northern Regiment of Lincoln Militia, Date of Commission 29th. March 1782 —

John Allison
Edward Blount
George Clement
Edmond Foy —
George Everett
John Shee
Robert Barclay
Wm Gordon Haven
Isaac Hetherington
Archibald Hope
William Lawton
John Brookbank
Anthony Adams
George Rippen
Colin Mackenzie
12. Peter Creswell —

/signed/ Henry Mealeolen —
Adt Genl of the Army

agreed —

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Mr. Home permitted to proceed with the Troops to the Malabar Coast. & Mr. Walker assistt. Surgeon ordered to attend them. —

Agreed that Lieutenant Home be permitted to proceed with the Troops to the Malabar Coast and that Mr Walker assistant Surgeon be ordered to attend them. —

Major General Burgoyne desired to prevent the Sepoys & others from damaging the Inhabitants of the Villages in the Environs —

Various Complaints having been received from the Inhabitants of the Villages in the Environs of damage done to their Gardens by Sepoys and other belonging to the Army agreed that General Sir John Burgoyne be desired to use his utmost endeavors to prevent such Irregularities in future. —

Read the following Letter from the Officer commanding at Chillambrum —

My Lord

From the Comd. Officer of Chillumbram — Enclosing a Return of Rice the quantity in Store not being sufficient to Cast out the Monsoon has applied to Mr Hippesly for a Supply out of the Rice intended for Colo Elphinstones Troops very much distressed for money the Work not Finished Quarrel between the Aumildar & Pagoreers desiring his Lordships Opinion concerning them —

Enclosed I have the honor to send your Lordship a Return of the Rice in Store in this Garrison — As your Lordship will perceive by the consumption of last Month that there is not a Sufficient quantity to Cast out the Monsoon I made application to Mr. Hippesly Acting Resident of Tanjore for a supply of the Grain which was laying on the banks of the Coleroon, intended for Colonel Elphinston's detachment but which had not been

last

for

opposed

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appropriated to that use as the Colonel had taken a different route Mr. Hippesly, in consequence of my application has Obligingly promised to let me have part — but what quantity I am not yet informed.

I beg leave to represent to your Lordship the situation of the Sepoys in this Garrison, they are between seven and eight Months in arrears. and many of them are now reduced to that necessity as to have only their measure of Rice to subsist themselves and families. yet I must do them the justice to observe that I have not heard the most trifling complaint. I hope by the end of this month to have compleatly finished the works — The Parapet is built up .. a bomb proof Magazine nearly completed and the people are now employ'd in making a Draw Bridg, which is the only part that remains to lie down — The Carriages of the Guns in this Garrison are almost to totally — unserviceable if your Lordship will give me leave I will make new ones and have no doubt of being able to finish them during the Monsoons —

There have been repeated disputes between the Amuldar and Sagneurs. Both parties have been with me & I have promised them to

acquaint

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acquaint you with the particulars. —

During the time the Fort remained in possession of the enemy, the Velladar had issued out a quantity of Paddy to the Pagoda — this the Amuldar now wants them to pay for and which they refuse alledging that it was given them in a present — as there are a great number of these people in this distant — district — I request the favor to be informed whether your Lordship would choose to have this Money collected or not. —

I have the honor to remain

your Lordships

(Chilcumbrum
Sept. 9th 1783)

very Obedient humble Servant

Frigt Thos Capper Lt
Commanding
Chilcumbrum

A Return of the Rice expended in the Garrison of Chilcumbrum to the end of August —

	Marcals	Seers
Original Stock	6,000.	
Expended	1918.	2.
Remaining	4082.	—

Tho.s Capper Lt
Commanding
Chilcumbrum

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No further repairs to be made to Chillumbrum & no more Gun Carriages to be made —

Agreed that Lieutenat Capper be informed that we do not approve of making any further repairs to the Fort of Chellumbrum, nor of his making up any Gun Carriages —

Presidents Plan for containing the Army

The President prepares for the consideration of the Commander in chief the following arrangement for containing the Army

Proposed to the Generals consideration, for Quartary the Troops during the Monsoon —

52 Regt 66on . . . Poonamalee

Mount 36 Regt 6 for camp 73 Do . . . St. Thome

23 Dragoons — . . . Marmalen

Artillery Stores and Lascars — . . . Mount.

Bengal Detachment . . . Trivatore

3 Sepoy Batalions — . . . Pulicat

Black Cavelry . . . . . Trivatore

goes as the Lucz — 2: if to the North or South.
23 Dragons or Artillery might go the Luz and Black Cavelry to Bamelay —

Presidt informs the Commee that Mr Hingscotte being appointed Agent for Sepoy Cloathing desires to resign the Office of Dy Mty Secretary the President proposed that he be permitted &c that Mr Wasey may succeed him —

The President informs the Committe that Mr. Hingscotte being appointed to the Army for the Sepoy Cloathing is desirous of resigning his Office of Deputy Military Secretary & the President purposes that he be permitted to resign & that Mr. William George Wasey be appointed Deputy Military Secretary in his room — Agreed accordingly that —

Mr.

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Mr. Thomas Ringscotte be permitted to resign. and that Mr. William George Wasey be appointed deputy Military Secretary in his Room with the same emoluments —

The Committee cannot upon Mr. Ringscotte resignation of the Post of Deputy Military Secretary avoid expressing their entire Satisfaction at his Conduct during the time he has held that Confidential Office & they think it a Justice due to Mr. Ringscotte that these sentiments should be Stated upon record as an incitement to others by imitating his assiduity and attention to deserve so honorable a testimony as that now conferd upon him.

The President lays before the Committee the following List of Staff now with the Army with the amount Dearn monthly & submits the same to the Consideration of the Committee. —

President lays before the Committee a list of the Staff with the Army for their Consideration —

drawn

2 Majors of Brigade, for the Kings Troops (a)	P. 91. 25. 16 each	P. Mo.	F.C. 182. 8. 32.
5. Do. — Do. — for the Company's D	Do	173. " "	
5. Quarter Masters to the Brigades	D.	173 " "	
1. Engineer Acting under the Quarter Master General		91. 25. 16.	
1. Aid de camp each to the Officer Commanding the Right & Left Wing of the Army		91. 25. 16.	
	P. Month	Pay.	1324. 16. 64.
1. Baggage Master D. Pay.		91. 25. 16 P. Month	

Ordered to lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table till the next Meeting —

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14th Received the following Minutes from Major General James Stuart on Subjects which were taken into Consideration in Committee of yesterday —

The Committee September 13th 1783

General Stuarts minute on the appointment of Staff Officers in the Army —

On seeing the paper which the Right Honble President lays before the Committee marked Staff pay I am ready to say that whoever may have been the cause of making Staff Appointments in the Company's Army without previous Authority from the Company's Government are solely to blame and not the Officers so appointed I wrote to that effect to the Committee when on Service — I do not at present recollect an Instance of my having done so, and I must suppose that the late Commander in Chief did nothing of the sort intentionally to assume improper powers, I therefore trust & hope that this Committee will not stop the allowances of the Staff Officers who may have been so appointed

while

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14th while they have served, or are serving —

In regard to the paper Above mentioned

I am clearly of opinion the expence therein stated may

now admit of a Reduction and that for the Infantry &

Artillery now on the Field near the Mount including

his Majestys Troops five Majors of Brigade & four

Quarter Masters may suffice Also that there is no need

now for an Engineer to act with the Quarter Master

General Moreover that so large a proportion of the

Main Body being detached, there need be no seperate

Command of Troops, and therefore on that account no

Aids de Camp, at this time whose or Colonel is

Employed on Service it is the practice to allow him one

Aid de Camp. The Baggage Master is certainly a most

useful Office.

(Signed) J. S.

In Committee 13th Sept. 1783

General Stuarts Minute

I am clearly now of opinion the same as I

had formed from the first information of the necessary

Maj.s of Brigade . 5
Qu.r Masters — 4

Suffice

General Quarter master
on the Establishment
to the Deputy Quarter
Master Gen.l of the H.d Quarters for
their opinion thereon.

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Ult. betwixt the State of the East India Company, That the whole amount of such agreement was to be paid either into the hands of His Majestys Commander in Chief as first ordered, or as at present, to the Deputy paymaster General of His Majestys forces, Mr. Wm. Burke for him to Dispose of it in the manner clearly directed by his Warrant. — In my Station as Commanding His Majestys troops I informed Mr. Burke of such my Opinion some time ago —

I have long since seen all the papers now presented by the Right Honble President to the Committee or I have known the contents of them, and believing as I do, from Conversations in Committee, that we are not all of us of the same Opinion, as to what is meant by the full amount of the agreement betwixt the State of the Company the ballance of which is then to be paid to Mr. Burke or to the Deputy Paymaster General for the time being, I therefore think it my duty, here, to mention the construction that I

Accom-

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11th Accounts to run Namely, "That it is not the ballance

between the Musters of effectives in India, and

the Sums actually paid to the Commanding Officers

of His Majesty's Corps but what arises from the diffe-

rence of such payments & the full amount of the

Establishment Originally Embarked upon the

Company's Requisitions in England at the rate

of two Lacks of Rupees (each £ 25,000) for every thousand

yearly."

My reasons for this construction is that the

contrary Supposition would in effect leave no Suf-

ficient fund to Answer the legal demands upon the

pay Office or the Regimental Agents in England

acting for the Corps Serving in India or to provide

the funds for Remitting and to pay in this Country

the Extra expence of His Majesty's 23d Light

Dragoons as Ordered.

The intention of the Musters is clearly

to give every Satisfactory information to the Company's

representa-

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11th Representatives on India Relating to the Real Effective Strength of His Majestys Troops sent for the General defence of their possessions according to which the Company's Gratuity and usual Extra allowances are to be paid; & also to establish a Check on the Returns made to His Majestys Commander in Chief transmitted by them to the War Office & lodged in Duplicate Officially for Record here—

Agreeing therefore as I do in general, with The Right Honble Presidents observations Minuted this day, I have only now to take notice of the Concluding part, with deference thinking That the money to be issued from the treasury sure to Mr Burke should not as to the Specific Sums, depend in the first Instance upon previous muster of Effectives, or the issuing thereof deferred, for the want of such Musters but be directly paid upon Mr Burkes Indent (the Term hereunto) He being held accountable to the proper Authority from home for the distribution thereof & particularly

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We particularly Answerable that the Redundancy on
his hands on an account Stated to be paid over to the
Commander in Chief of His Majestys Squadron
on India, as directed by the instructions now before
the Committee. —

(Signed) Sam.l Stuart

From Mr. Cockrane
with intelligence —

Received two letters from Mr. Cockrane &
dated the 8th & 9th September as under viz. Mr. B N
enclosing intelligence which is lodged in the Office —

Received the following Letter from the
Committee of Stores with their Proceedings of the 13th
Instant —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

From Committee of Stores
with their Proceedings of
the 13 Septr.

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith we have the honor to lay before
Your Lordship &c our Proceedings of this days date
We have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.

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(Signed) { John Kennedy
{ Bo Scott Jervis

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14th At a Committee of Stores — Present

Lieut. Col.t Patrick Ross — Indisposed

Lieut. Col.t John Kennedy

Pryan Scattnel Esqr.

Read Letter from Mr. Deputy Secretary Kingsale, accompanying one from Captain Farrer, commanding the Honble Company's Ship, True Briton Voy.t.

"I take the liberty of requesting the favor that you will give an order for a Survey to be made upon 6 Chests of Arms which were on board the True Briton, and are damaged"

"I cannot conceive that the accident could happen otherwise than being improperly packed, as the Chests have not the smallest appearance of having been wet, nor are they in any other respect faulty"

"In compliance with the orders

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16th Inders of the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee,
The Committee with the Com-
missary have surveyed the da-
maged Arms viz.t 30 Muskets
10 Fuzees and 10 Carbines re-
ceived by the Snow Barbor and
they are of opinion that the
above Arms have suffered con-
siderably by the Sea Water
getting through the Bottoms
of the Chests, and that the Cost
for putting them in proper con-
dition for Service will amount
to Pag.s 25. —

Carbines

Let them be put in order & the Expence
so incurred to pay the Invoice
(Signed) M.

Received the following Me-
morandum from Major General
Stuart Commander in Chief.

"Having heard that Two
of the 3 Pr.s Brass Guns taken
from the French on the 13th
of June are not to be found on
the Shore here, I request an
Enquiry may be made after
them."

The Committee call upon the

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Mr. the Commissary of Stores, who informs them that the Two Ordnance belonging to the above Cannon have been landed, but that the Guns are missing And the Military Storekeeper and the Commissary also acquainted the Committee that they were to Captns Mc Donal and Hughes of the Africa and Worcester, Men of War, and Captn Elliott of the Monet, Indiaman, respecting the above mentioned Prize Guns and received for answer that all Ordnance Stores &c put on board their Ships at Cuddalore have been landed and that they have nothing more on board belonging to the Company

The Committee submit to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee for propriety of a further enquiry being made after the aforementioned 2 Brass Guns.

Every Enquiry should be made without delay [illegible] Mr Capt Moorhouse to prove the Shipping of them let him be called on

the

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(Signed) John Kennedy
" B Scott Mcy

Read

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11th Resolved that the following General Orders be issued —

G. O. Fort St. George 11th Septr 1783

The Right Honble the President & Select Committee have been pleased to appoint Mr. William George Wavey Depy Adjt Secretary on the room of Mr. Thos. Hodgscake, who has been promoted to resign Head Office in consequence of his appointment to the Agency of Sepoy Cavalry.

The following Cadets for the year 1783 are appointed Ensigns — their Rank to be settled on the arrival of the List from England —

John Sharpe
John Sleyer
John Allison
Edward Blount
George Clement
Edward Foy
George Emmett
John Shaw

Robert

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Vt.

Robert Barclay

Wm Gordon Haven

Isaac Hetherington

Archibald Hope

William Lawton

John Brooksbank

Anthony Adams

George Kipper

Collin Mackenzie

Peter Creswell

Lieut.t John Horne of this Esta-

blishment is permitted to proceed to the other Coast with

the Troops now under Orders

By Order of the Right Honble the

President & Select Committee

(Signd) John Huddleston

Secretary

Dispatched the following Letters

To Major General Jones.

Commanding the Northern Army.

To Genl Jones informing
him of the intended reinforce-
ment to his Detachment
approve of his taking post
at Combatoor.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 4.th & 5.th Inst.

and are concerned at the accidental Defeat of the 2.nd

Cavalry

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We Carried the Battalion Etc have determined to send to Nellore

a Corps of irregular Infantry under Lieut.t Brackenyer

& the irregular Horse Commanded by Capt.n Rollston

in order to assist in repelling any Attack that may be

made upon that Province, or to join your Army if you

should Judge it necessary: they will accordingly proceed

to Nellore if there wait your Orders.

We approve of your intention to take Post

at Cumbum where no doubt you will be upon your

Guard, tho we do not think it probable that Aliee Sahib

will violate the Cessation of Arms after he should have

received your Answer to his Letter

We are

Sir

Your most obed.t Hble Servants

(Signed) Macartney &c

Select Committee

Fort St. George

the 1st Sept.r 1783

To

Capt.n George Campbell

Commanding at

Nellore

Sir

To Capt.n Campbell informing him of the Troops to be sent to Gen.l Lewis & directing him to prepare for their reception

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the

President & Select Committee to inform you that they

have determined to send to Nellore the Corps Commanded by

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14th by Lieutenants Brickmeyer and Captain Robertsons
Cavalry in order to assist in repelling any attack that
may be made upon that Province, or to Join General
Jones if he shall judge it necessary.

I am further directed to desire you will accor-
-dingly be pleased to make every necessary preparation
for the Accommodation & Reception of the above Troops.

I am
&c
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

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Received the following Letter from
Madeira

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Madeira, with indent for Stores Stationary & Medicines for the use of the Garrison

I have the honor to enclose Indents
for Stores, Stationery & Medicines, wanted
for the Use of the Garrison I take the Liberty
of begging you will order them to be complied with immediately

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11th immediately, for the Garrison is very much in want of them, and the Southern Army is constantly supplying supplies many of which I am unable to furnish

Madura

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I have the Honorable

&c

(Signed) Sam. Johnston

Military Pay Master

Resolved that the contents in the above letter be complied with — the following letters are consequent thereon —

To Lieut. Colonel Ross

&c. Members of the Committee of Stores

Gentlemen

To Committee of Stores to comply with an indent from Madura —

I am directed by the Right Hon'ble the President & Select Committee to transmit to you the enclosed Indent of Stores wanted for the Garrison of Madura, & for the use of the Southern Army, which they desire you will transport as soon as