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Signed) Johan Ludlestone
Secretary

Fort St. George
14th. September 1783

The Same to Mr. Job Rudman Superintendant of the Com-
-pany's Medical Stores with an Indent for Medicines.—

The same to Robert Barclay Esq.r Civil Store Keeper
with an Indent for Stationary—

Dispatched the following Letters &c

To Ensign Macpherson, to deliver over the Command of Bramble

To Ensign Macpherson (as entered in
M.r B. N.r) to deliver over the Command of
Ponamalee to the Eldest Officer of the 52.d Regt

To Mr. Walker — to go as Surgeon to the Malabar Coast

To Mr.r — Johns Walker ordering him to
proceed with the Detachment of the 36th. Regiment to the
Malabar Coast as Surgeon — entered on M.r B.r N.o)

To Captain Cooper to receive some Passengers & Packages for Bengal

To Captain Cooper of the Atlas — to receive
some Passengers & Bales on board his Ship for Bengal
— entered in M.r B.r N.o)

To the Honble William Hornby Esq.r
President &c. Members of the Select Committee at
Honble Sirs & Sirs Bombay

To Bombay — advising of the
reinforcement under the
Walker Brig's arrival by
this conveyance — enclosing
Copies of Papers relative to
Dispatches by the Pacific &c regarding
them — the appointment
of Mr. Walker &c. Duke &c the
Instructions given to the
Commander of the Ships by
the Admiral

Agreable to our Letter of this 26th. Ultimo
We now send on his Majestys Ships Leander for Defence
Barker

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Lt. Barlard Monmouth & Eagle for the service of your Establishment a reinforcement consisting of 786 of his Majestys Troops Officers not included under the Command of Colonel Gordon -

By the enclosed Copy of our Instructions to that Officer you will observe that the Troops are to be landed at Mangalore or if that Fortress should have fallen to the Enemy at any other place that may remain in our possession on the Malabar Coast and if the Enemy should have retaken the whole that in that case the Troops are to proceed with the Ships to Bombay -

Should it be necessary to Continue the War We trust this reinforcement with you lately sent to Mangalore will enable you to prosecute it with vigour on your side which our Army to the westward under Colonel Fullarton advances towards the Capital of the Enemy's Dominions - with regard to an accomodation with Tippoo Saib We are yet in a state of

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11th of uncertainty. — We enclose Copies of Tippoo Saibs answer to the Letter written to him by our Commissioners, of our reply and a Letter at the same time to his Officer Mohiddeen Cawn with his answer the persons mentioned in the latter are now on the road and daily expected here.

Since our last his Majestys Ship Dondale arrived here with dispatches from the Honble Court & the Secret Committee of which we enclose you Copies of the most material parts and that you may be fully possessed of our 195 Sentiments on the whole subject of the peace with Tippoo and the conduct prescribed to us on that head by the Companys Secret Letter of the 6th March We send you copy of a late Minute of our President which has been adopted by us and forwarded to the Governor General & Council with a request after repeated of Instructions for our Guidance in the important matter to which it relates. —

We think it necessary to inform your Hond.

Mrs.

3996 Fort St. George September 1783

14th Mr Williamson Burke having been by the Right Honble the paymaster General of his Majestys forces appointed paymaster of the Kings Troops in India with full powers and Instructions for executing the same we have upon his Application resolved that the subsistance for his Majestys Troops be issued to Mr Burke upon his Indent founded on actual Musters of the Companys Commissions and be paid by him to the orders of the Commanding Officers of the respective Regiments.

The Troops are paid up their subsistence to the 24th October and their Gratuity to the 31st and each Officer has received one months Table money

Fort St. George
14th September 1783

We have the honor to be
Sr
(Signed) Macartney
Select Committee

P.S. Since ordering the above, We have received a Letter from Sir Edw.d Hughes with Extracts from his Instructions to Commodore Sir Richard Bickerton Copies of which We have the honor to enclose for your Information.

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11th

To Colonel Andrew Gordon

Commanding the Detachment

under orders for the Malabar Coast

Sir

To Colonel Gordon explaining the reasons why the reinforcement under his Command is sent - giving him Instructions for his guidance & enclosing a Packet for General Mackleod to be delivered by him &c

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes having furnished several of his Majestys Ships for the purpose of conveying to the Malabar Coast a Reinforcement under your Command we think it proper to inform you that our Intention in sending this 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 object is the relief of Mangalore, We have therefore requested of Sir Edward Hughes that the Ships may proceed direct to Mangalore and the Troops landed there or if that Fortress should be in the hands of the Enemy, that they may be conveyed to such other place on the Malabar Coast as you and the Commander of his Majestys Ships that judge most convenient for facilitating their Junction with

Boyd &c

3996 Fort St. George September 1783

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Brigadier

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We Brigadier General Macleod who we expect will have arrived from Bombay & assume the Command of the Army.

Should the Enemy have retaken all our late possessions on the Malabar Coast your Detachment is on that case to be conveyed to Bombay.

You will receive herewith a packet for General Macleod under a flying Seal for your perusal.

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
We. 4th September 1783

(Signd) J.o Macartney J.r
Select Committee

Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.
J.r J.o J.r President, Select Committee
Fort St. George

From Mr. Kiffpeby advising that he had delivered the Company's Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to inform your Lordship that on the 4th instant I received from Captain Campbell a Letter of the Honble the Court of Directors addressed

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11th to his Excellency the Rajah Jaccompanied with the Directions of the Committee transmitted by Mr. Dep.y Secretary Kingscote to Mr. Sullivan - At the same time I received from Mr. Sullivan instructions that I should take the Earliest opportunity of announcing the Arrival of the Letter to his Excellency, & that I should present it, if it was the Rajahs pleasure to receive it before Mr. Sullivans return from the Presidency -

His Excellency was pleased to express his desire that the Letter ought be presented to him on this day, in consequence of which I this morning had the Honor to deliver it into his Excellencys Hands in the presence of the Commandant & principal Officers of the Garrison &c, & with the accustomed Ceremony -

I have also the Honor to Observe to your Lordship &c that His Excellency received this flattering Mark of the Honble Companys Attention with every demonstration of Gratitude & Attachment -

I have the Honor to be with great respect

Tanjore 7th Sept.r 1783

(Signed) J. Doz Hipsperley

&c

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No.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

President & Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Committee of Stores with their Proceedings of 15th September

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith we have the honor to lay before you our Proceedings of this days date,

We have the honor to be

&c

Signed { Colen Kennedy
B. Scatchery

Fort St George
15th September 1783

At a Committee of Stores. Present
Lieut Colonel Ross. Indisposed
Lieut Colonel Kennedy,
Bryan Scatchery Esqr

The Commissary
of Stores lays before the Com-
mittee an Indent received
from Pennacondah with an Extract
of a Letter from Lieut Dawes,
Viz.t a

"I have now agreable to your
desire sent an Indent for 7
Asses

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Mr. Mr. Scattney, for the Stores wan-
ted for this Garrison, you will
observe I have not put down the
quantity of Rope necessary for
making Shrouds for the Flag-
Staff, but without such Support
it will not stand the Monsoon,
and the great play it now has,
has shaken the Terrace so much
as to crack it. "—

The Blue Lights
are very necessary, but I am not
a judge how many. — I shall
be exceedingly glad to receive the
hundred Stand of Arms, not having
enough for the Recruits tho' I
have made some serve, which were
sent in here unserviceable and
I have not pouches for near the
number of Arms —

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Town Major

The Committee take
into consideration the Commandt
Incident, and agree to comply with
it, agreeable to the remarks of
the Company —

Approved

Read

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Read Letter from
Mr. Secretary Huddlestone,
accompanying an Indent
for Stores from Masulipatam,
which the Committee take
into consideration and agree
to comply with the Agreeable to
the Commissary's remarks who
says, that the Stores are in rea-
diness to be shipped as soon as
Boats can be had for the pur-
pose, which will be furnished
early to morrow morning — The
Committee do further recommend
that the following Stores, being
a part of the Indent be provided
at Masulipatam, viz.t

Hammers . . . 10,000
Screw-Screws . . 10,000
Pickaxes 10,000
Country Match . 2,000

Sign'd John Kennedy
B.r Scottowe

Approved — J. Hugo Bt Committee

Letter to be written to Masulipatam
to order these articles

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15.th September 1783

16.th September 1783

It not having in my power to attend the meeting
of the Committee of Stores, I had desired an enquiry to be
made into the Report made to me concerning Two Eight
English field pieces mounted, & there taken from the Enemy

and were

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on 14th or the 13th June, which were Shipped at Oddalore; at
least I believe so as nothing to the Contrary has been
told to me by the Commissary of Stores - Capt. Monkhouse
I am surprized not to find this Circumstance in
the Minutes having mentioned the same to Lt. Colonel
Kennedy and Capt. Bedford

(Signed) I. I.

Fort St. George
16th September 1783

The Carriages are there but
the Guns missing -

(Signed) I. I.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Having been educated in the school of Physick This I took up a Military life, leaving England upon the Contract and Coming to this Country at a time when Sir Eyre Coote saw occation for every Medical assistance with the Army, it was his Excellencys pleasure to detain me on this Coast, as will appear by his General orders of the 15th April 1782 appointing me to act as an Assistant Surgeon with the

From Mr Wynne has acted as a Surgeon on the Coast - & now wishes to go to Bombay he having been appointed a Cadet there hopes to be recommended to have his Rank —

over

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11th grand Army in the Carnatick that I have continued to
do until the Present period when I am About to proceed
to my Station at Bombay.

I have the Honor to enclose my Certificate
of being appointed a Cadet on that establishment May
31st 1781. and I am induced to hope that my detention
here on actual service will secure my Rank at Bombay
the same as if I had been Personally present. The
Surgeon Major under whom I have all along acted
has expressed himself satisfied with my Conduct for
which, together with the adjutant Generals attestation
of my having been actually employed from the date
of my Certificate I flatter myself I shall meet
with your approbation to proceed to Bombay & with
that approbation the honor of those lines to Command &c

I likewise beg permission
to represent that when a Field Hospital was established at
the New Barracks at Poonamalee I was decided under
the Surgeon Major to the Troops of the same & other
the then acting Surgeons for the Division of Poonamalee

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11th Obtained leave to go to Madras & never returned the Commanding Officer requested I would do the duty of the Garreson in Mr Means absence and on which acct I have been at a considerable Expence that Gentlemen having left his station destitude of every kind of Medecine & my accounts for the Garreson were never complyd with — My Acct for the same have passed the approbation of both the Commanding officer & Paymaster and are now lying in Mr Wassys office

I am therefore most humbly to solicit that previous to my departure the said Accounts might be adjusted —

I have the Honor to be with the Greatest

Ft St Thome
15th September 1783

Respect &c

(Signd) John Wynne

Minute thereon

Mr Wynne permitted to go to Bombay

& a letter to be written in his favor

To Masulipatam Cloathing 15th for the 102 Regt shipped on the Barrickhurst —

Sent a letter to Masulipatam informing them of some 35 Cloathing for the 102 Regt being shipped on the

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15th the Vansittart sent ordered in M. B. No

To Captain Agnew to receive the Cloathing of the 102 Regt on board

To Captain Agnew of the Vansittart to receive on board the Cloathing for the for the 102 Regt M. B. No)

Bill on Bengal granted to Mr. W.m Ross

Agreed that a bill of Bills on Bengal for Six thousand Star Pagodas be granted at the Buyer's Exchange to Mr. William Ross and carried to the Head of Agent for Victualling Troops

From the Adjutant General Lieut. Aubrey requests permission to proceed to Bengal

Minute thereon

Received a Letter from the Adjutant General enclosing one from Lieut. Aubrey for permission to proceed to Bengal as entered in M B No)

The Committee are pleased to permit Lieut Aubrey to proceed to Bengal agreeably to his request

16th

Received the the following Letter

To

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor &c Select Committee of

Madras

From Admiral Hughes enclosing his Instructions to the Senior Officer going to the Malabar Coast requiring his reasons why he cannot order all the Ships to cruize with the Army there has ordered the Bristol for that purpose

My Lords & Gentlemen

I had the honor to receive yesterday your Letter dated the 13th of this Month, and have given the necessary Directions to Commodore Sir Richard Bickerton Bart respecting

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16th respecting the Landing the Troops Cloathing and Baggage embarked on the Detachment of His Majestys Squadron under his Command as You will see by the accompanying Extracts of my Orders to him.

I am sorry it is out of my power to comply with your requisition that the Commodore do cooperate with the Commander of the Land Forces on the Malabar Coast on all such occasions as the Landing of the Troops at the time and place where the Commander of the Land Forces may desire I have directed the Commodore to cooperate with him, but the Commodore with His Majesty's Ships Gibraltar, Defence, Burford and Monmouth must immediately proceed to Bombay to be put in a condition to return to England. His Majestys Ship Eagle to have a new Fore Mast and the Worcester to be fitted as a Shear Hulk to dismast the Ships &c. intended for the Dock.

Public Service may require as far as the

His Majestys Ship Isis is also under orders to return to England and must go to Bombay for that purpose but the Bristol one of the Ships destined

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16th to remain on this Country is under Orders to cooperate

and on my arrival on the Malabar Coast with the remains

of the Squadron I will contribute by every consistent

means in my power with the Ships intended to remain on

the East Indies to forward the Public Service

I have the Honor to be

&c.

(Signed) Edwd. Hughes

Superb in Madras Road

the 16th Sept.r 1783

Extracts from My Orders to Commodore Sir

Richard Bickerton, Baronet, dated Superb,

in Madras Road, the 16th Sept.r 1783

"You are therefore hereby required and directed to

"take under your Command the Said Ships and Sloop [illegible]

"mentioned in the Margin, whose Commanders have My

"Orders to that Effect and as soon as the Troops, Cloathing,

"Tents and Baggage are embarked, you are to proceed with all

"deligence to Tellicherry on the Malabar Coast;

"On your arrival at that place, you are to make

"inquiry if Mangulore be still in possession of the Company

"and whose Ground McLeod, the Commander in Chief

of

16th of the Land forces may be and to send to him by the mans of
"the Hound Sloop, or otherwise, to know where He, the Com-
"-mander in Chief wishes the Troops, Cloathing, Tents,
"and Baggage to be landed, and you are to consult with
"him by Letters or otherwise, what may be best to be
"done for the publick Service, in landing the Troops, &
"cloathing, tents, and baggage, or any part of them, comes-
"-sent with His Majesty's Service and My Orders, and
"to proceed accordingly"

"Having disembarked the whole or such part,
"of the Troops, cloathing, tents, and baggage, as the Officer
"Commanding on Shore may require, and at the place He
"desires, You are to proceed to Bombay, or, in case you shall
"find the whole of the Company's possessions on the Malabar
"Coast (except Anjango) captured by the Enemy, You are to
"proceed direct to Bombay, and there disembark the Troops,
"Cloathing, Tents, and Baggage."

(Signed) Edw.d Hughes

My

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From Vellore with the Engineers report of the Repairs wanting there

16th My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to transmit to your Lordships Bylaws Practitioner Engineers report of the repairs wanting to the Rampart of this Fort, previous to the setting in of the Monsoon.

Vellore 11th September 1783

I have the honor to be

&c

(Signed) John Cuppage

To Captain Cuppage
Commanding Officer
Sir
Vellore

I have the honor of reporting to you the repairs wanting on the South & West Face of this Fort which appears to be indispensably necessary previous to the setting in of the monsoon, The Wall supporting the Earth having given way in many places the Rampart in those parts is decreasing in thickness & may by the Rain, Suffer so much, as to require a number of Workmens & considerable time to repairing

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16th repairing ch.

Sam

Vellore 10th
September 1783

(Signed) J.H. Ryland

From Cons.r Maclothier
will deliver over the Com-
mand of Panamalee

From Consign Maclothier will deliver
over the Command of Panamalee as directed M.B.P.)

Dispatched the following Letter

To Brigadier General Macleod
Or Officer Commanding
the Army on the Malabar Coast
Sir

To General Macleod,
Advising of the Reinforcement
under Col. Gordon &
enclosing Papers relative
to Tippoo &

We have the honor to inform you that a
detachment of his Majesty Troops consisting of 1785
Men besides Officers now proceeds to the Malabar
Coast under the Command of Colonel Andrew Gordon
as a reinforcement to the Bombay Army —

We expect that this Letter will find you
at Mangalore and as it may be material that you
should be fully acquainted with the situation of Affairs
here as far as relates to the negotiation with Tippoo Sultaun
We send you Copies of our former Dispatches to the
Select

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16th Select Committee at Bombay which will afford you every necessary Information on that head.

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

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16th September 1783

P. S. Since writing the above. We have received a Letter from Sir Edward Hughes with Extracts from his Instructions to Commodore Sir Richard Bickerton, Copies of which We have the honor to enclose for your Information.

To Ganjam Capt. Bean to do duty there.

Sent a Letter to Ganjam informing them that Captain Daniel Bean is appointed to do duty on the district of Ganjam — entered in M. B. No.)

Masulipatam stores sent them on the Vansittart to supply the Officers at Palnaud.

Sent Letter to Masulipatam acquainting them of Stores having been sent them on the Vansittart directing them to supply the Officers of Palnaud with Stores upon his application —

To Lieut Aubrey has leave to go to Bengal

Sent a Letter to Lieut Aubrey granting him permission to go to Bengal — M. B. No.)

17th

Received the following Letter From Tanjore —

4013 Fort St. George September 1783

17th My Lord

From Mr Hollingbery with Intelligence from Colonels Wilkinson & Stuart

I have the Honor to transmit to your Lordship the only accounts I have received since my Letter of Yesterday; Colo Fullartons Official Letters are not arrived

I have the honor to be

(Signed) J. Coxe Hollingbery

Sanyore

10th September 1783

Extract of Letter from Wanjore, dated Shevigerry 3 September 1783

"We were within two & half Miles of the Shevigherry Pummbe or rehead in the Hills — The Colonel wished them to Come to terms & therefore delays a few days — but Finding it on ocen, He determine to attack this before to in a pedette place yesterday & after an Affair of Twelve Hours constant fight Cutting the Jungle, & clembing up Mountens for forced them to abondon the place Never was any thing like this Day in the Tinnevelly; it will more effectually Break this Polygars. Then any other Circumstance the

Circumspection

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17th Shocaumpetty mounted the Hills with a few Troops

I was my serviceable:—

Extract of Letter from Col. Stuart dated Camp near

Dindigull 8th Sept.r

I Mentioned Col. Fullarton having

dispossession the Polygar in my letter to you of Yesterday.

he had 8 Guns Mounted in his fort, which was taken &

amongst other things but I do not hear of any Money

being found; three Officers wounded Capt.n North lost

his Leg — Lieut.t Bonner Man wounded on three fingers,

& another Lieut.t Leg broke &c — One European Killed 11

wounded & between 50 & 60 Sepoys killed & wounded"

The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President & Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Sirs Fort St. George

I had the honor of informing you on the

8th instant that the Detachment under my Command

was then encamped opposite to Tricherinopoly on the

North

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17th. Near the Bank of the Colaroon, on the 3d. 4th. and 5th. of this Month, the Detachment passed that River and the Cavery, and is now encamped at this place. — I expected on Coming to Trichinopoly to have found orders for me at that place, but not finding any orders, I immediately Wrote to Colonel Fullarton to receive his Commands.

The place Where we are now encamped is on the great Road towards the Southern Army, and how soon I receive a Sufficient quantity of Rice, which I expect to do Tomorrow from Trichinopoly, I will proceed to join the Army unless I receive other orders from Colonel Fullarton. —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

(Signed) John Echinston

Lt. Coll.

Camp at the five Rocks near Trichinapoly 7th Sept. 1783

Cox Hippesley Esqr.

Acting Resident at Tanjore

Dear Sir

This Note Come by two Hircarrahs whom You

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17th. You was so Obliging as to send to the Detachment under
my Command. They have behaved very well. —
I only wait for a Sufficient Quantity of Rice
which I hope I shall receive from Trichinopoly to
Proceed to join the Southern Army; being in hourly
expectations to receive Orders for that Purpose from
Colonel Fullarton. —

Please Offer my Best Compts. to Capt. Byrne
I am
Sr
(Signed) John Stephenson

Camp at the Five Rocks
near Trichinopoly
7th Septr 1783

My Dear Sir

I have been honr. with your Letter of the 6th I
mentioned to you and my Letter of yesterday that I had
Wrote to Major Brice to forward all my Spare Rice
to Tanjore and I have this day wrote to Col. Stephenson
(I fet did not interfer with his orders from Col. Fullarton)
to do the Same, We must not be Spiritless — I think
we Shall Storm all with the Army before Colonel
Fullarton can Undertake his Grand Move onto the
Mysore

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17th Mysore Country &c

I Just now Recd a letter from the
Col: dated Shevegherry 3d Sept: That Poly gar
Have opposed him, Hought him every Inch, He was
got the better off, and left his Hord or Strong hold, with
3 Elephts many Cattle, and much Paddy and
Walked off into the Wilderness Carrying many of his
Adherents along with him - This post however has
hither to been held Impregnable by the Polygars being
never Attacked there, driving the present Raja or Head
Polygar from it will I dare say have a good Effect,
and bring all the others to Terms without trouble
Nothing New new Always -

Camp near Dindigull
7th September

am
&c
(Signed) J. Stuart

(Was yesterday sent in the following Minute

Circulation from Major General Stuart and is now entered,

Fort St. George from
General Stuart in
Circulation 16th Sept. 1783

Shave read the Draft of the Letter sent
in

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17th in circulation as from the Committee to the Government of Bombay. I yet is to be the real letter to that Government I for my own voice do here object to being concluded in any opinion as to the Mode or direction of employing the Force under Colonel Fullarton to the best advantage against the Enemy: and in regard to any preliminary matters on the Negotiation with Tippoo Saheb I refer to the Records.

I have read also a paper of Instructions to Colonel Gordon sent in Circulation. It Contains nothing objectionable, but I have the honor to Acquaint the Members of the Committee that all Instructions or Orders to His Majesty's Officers go from Government, whereas while I have the honor to Command in Chief His Majesty's Troops. I have repeatedly observed to the Committee that this is the regular Course of things in this Presidency under their Authority, but the very nature of the Duty in the present case shews, that Colonel Gordon as the Officer Commanding the Detachment of His Majesty's Troops actually now embarked on board His Majesty's Ships for Service, under Another Government can not

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receive any order or Instructions to bind or direct him, in his present situation, but by & thro' me; therefore of this Majority of the Committee determine in this way that the two papers above mentioned are to stand on the present Form, I shall Sign them conformably to the Company's Orders with this my opinion which I desire may be on Record.

(Signed) S. H.

At a Select Committee on Military Affairs present

Wednesday 17th Sept.r

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. President

Anthony Sadleir — Major Gen.l Jam.s Stuart

Alex.r Davidson — Morgan Williams

Minutes of last Committee read and approved. The President delivers in the following Minute which is accordingly read,

In Committee 17th September 1783

The President has the honor to observe to the Committee, that in his minute of the 25th of June last after mentioning some of the Instances of the Misconduct and

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and Disobedience of Major General Stuart, which made it necessary to recall him immediately from the Command of the Army, the President added that upon the General's Return he would have an opportunity of adducing his Reasons, if any that could tend to his Justification. Since his Return he has referred to his former Correspondence and he asserts that he is fit for the Command, but he has adduced no Reasons either to justify his misconduct, or to mitigate the Punishment due to it. His Conduct indeed appears to have been that of a premeditated wilful, repeated, and Systematic Disobedience; and that Disobedience has been not only prejudicial by its Example to the Company's regular Government, and has a Direct Tendency to bring about the same Subversion of such Government as that of which the Person has been in a former instance a principal and active Instrument, but such Disobedience has been actually productive of material and lasting Injury to the Company. In the Instance of

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of his not following the Directions and Instructions of the Select Committee, and his consequent Promises to have the Army ready to march on all Emergencies, which immediately upon the Death of Hyder Ally, and the absence of Tippoo his Successor from his Army in the Carnatic, and the Confusion in that Army might have long Since terminated the War and Desolation of the Carnatic by that Prince for the Instance of his abusing the Discretion lodged in him, for calling a Detachment of the Southern Army, when essentially employed on case of indispensible Necessity, instead of which he immediately, without any Such, or even any pretence of such Necessity, and at any instant by the Power to be exerted at any rate only in future ordered the main Body of that Southern Army to join him in the Carnatic, declaring that Such was the Order of the Committee, by which means the Operations of the Southern Army were impeded and Tippoo left at Liberty to pursue with Success his Attacks against the Company's inferior

Army

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Army and their exposed Possessions on the other Side
of the Peninsula, and for the obvious Purpose of making
for the Junction of that Southern Army, as he
could have no pretence for it, if he marched quickly
and Succeeded without it, which he acknowledged the
the force already with him was fully equal to, and by
Such Junction of having the Command of the whole
he procrastinated a March to Cuddelore that might
be effected in Twelve Days, to upwards of forty Days
so that the Opportunity was lost of Attacking and
most probably defeating and taking the French &
Troops in that Neighbourhood when according to
the intercepted Letters of their Commander the
Marquis de Bussy, they were in want of Provision
and even of ammunition, and consequently, if over
invested, would have been under the necessity of
Surrendering themselves Prisoners of War, instead
of which by such a sad fatal Procrastination the
Enemy had an Opportunity of receiving Provisions

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from the Country and Communication by Sea, and
the Enemys Squadron had time to arrive to the
assistance of the Land forces, which after the
Retreat to Madras of his Majestys fleet, and the
Communication by Sea intirely cut off, with the
Company's Army before Cuddalore, might have
been productive of fatal Consequences, if this Govern-
-ment had not availed itself of the private accounts
of the Preliminaries of Peace, to announce the
same inform to the Enemy, and to establish a
Cessation of Hostilities. By this fatal Misconduct
of Major General Stuart the French are now in
such force in India as may prove of much present
Embarrassment, and future Evil to the Company.
General Stuart in this Misconduct disobeyed the
Directions and counteracted the Intentions of the
Government, he declared he would send no Positive
Orders for the Junction of the Southern Army,
without the Concurrent Sentiments of the Select Committee
but

but he did not only Send Such Orders without such Concurrence, but he Sent them in direct Contradiction to Such Sentiments. he expressly declared the Government is not countermanding Such orders. he desired Government in not instantly giveing up the Command of the Troops before Cuddalore, He acted as Commander in Chief after the Orders for his not doing so was actually published throughout the Army - He did not immediately repair to the Presidency in Obedience to the Orders he received, but Stayed with the Army, Sat at a Council of War, misinformed and misled that Council of War, and gave a new Example of Disobedience in detaining the Detachment ordered to be Sent to the Southward. His assumption of an independent Command in the Fatal Instances already quoted, has pervaded the whole System of his Conduct as in the Case of Orders the Circumstances which were indeed afterwards remarked by Monsieur de Souffren on the Case of the Expenditure of the Public Money contrary to

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to the Express Directions of the Select Committee;
in the case of the Appointment of a Judge Advocate
General which was made by the Select Committee
under the express Authority of Instructions from
the Court of Directors, in the Act of employing to
act as Adjutant General a Person different from
him who has been appointed by Government, in order
to have undue Influence over the Army or a considerable
Part of them, and be able to communicate orders to
them without the Knowledge of Government, in the
instance of publishing orders to the Army without
a previous Communication to the Governor as
Directed by the Instructions of 1774, and in various
other Cases, of which the Committee have too Strong
a Remembrance to render the Detail necessary
to them; but which shall be particularized in the
Dispatches to the Court of Directors. This Assump-
tion of independant Command and this Deliberate
and repeated Guilt leave no alternative to the Committee
but

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but by preventing the Continuance of them, or by becoming responsible for all the Evils to the Company and all the Distractions in this Government, with which it is at present threatened, and of which a Continuance of his Command might be productive. The President therefore moves in virtue of the Power given to the Government in case of the Disobedience of any of its Military Officers that Major General Stuart be immediately dismissed from the Service - And as his Rank in the Kings Service can operate only when on Service by the Kings Command, not being so employed, and being only on half pay from the Bounty of the Crown and not employed by the Company, Major General Burgoyne the Senior Officer in the Kings Service upon the Coast, is consequently to Command the Kings forces.

General Stuart desires to have a copy of the Minute and objects to any thing being done in relation to it until he has delivered his answer

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The President observes on reply that the present Minute contains little more than a repetition of charges long since made to which General Stuart after having had ample time allowed him delivered in answers which it must be supposed contained all that he could urge in his Vindication — The President therefore sees no reason for deferring the consideration of the minute he has now delivered and he has reasons of great Importance against deferring it — The Committee concurring in opinion with the President proceed to take into consideration the charges brought against General Stuart in the above minute and after considering the whole with due attention are unanimously of opinion that they are well founded, and that General Stuart has in the Instances added been guilty of misconduct and Disobedience to the Orders of the Select Committee — the motion contained in the latter part of the Presidents Minute namely that Major General Stuart be immediately dismissed from the Service being

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being put Mr Williams is for the motion —

Mr Davidson for the motion

Mr Sadleir for the motion

The President for the motion

Resolved unanimously that Major General Stuart
be dismissed from the Service of the Company and
he is hereby dismissed accordingly —

General Stuart desires that the following may be
entered upon record —

General Stuart — The motive of this Minute for
the President and the motion consequent of it
are such not only to me personally, but to the
regular good Order of this and all Governments
and to the Instructions of the Company or the
Constitution of this Committee that I request
the Committee to defer passing Sentence, or
giving an opinion until I can have a Copy of
both Minute and motion, and to make answer
which shall not be delayed — mean while I
will obey their decision be it what it may only as

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so far as the Committee have power Clearly, and legally, or corresponding to the Companys Instructions, and Sequest a Copy of the minute and motion. —

(Signed) S.

Of the above the former part is nearly similar to what General Stuart urged verbally on the Presidents Minute being read and to which an answer was immediately given - Major General Stuart declared that he would still hold command over the Kings Troops - Agreed to defer the consideration of General Stuarts request to have a Copy of the Minute and motion.

In consequence of the declaration of General Stuart Resolved that the following be immediately issued in General Orders -

By Government

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G. O.

By Virtue of Powers given to this Government

as

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as mentioned in the General Orders published on the 19th

March 1783. and subscribed by Major General Stuart

on his entering into the Service, the said Major Gen

Stuart has for Distinction to the Rank of

been this Day dispensed from the Functions of Lieut

and as his Rank in his Majestys Service cannot

operate in giving him Command over the Kings fo

unless specially employed by the King, and as he

not so employed but on the Ordinary is only on half

Pay from the Bounty of the Crown. Major Gen

Sir Eyre Coote as the Senior Officer in his

Majestys Service who is now employed upon this Co

is consequently to take the Command of the Kings fo

By Order of the Right Honble the

President and Select Committee

The President moves that Alex. Paul Ramsay

be appointed Paymaster at Bombay & ordered to proceed

thither without Delay - agreed to unanimously and the

Secretary is directed to signify the same to Alex. Ramsay

immediately.

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At a Select Committee

Present

The Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney K.B
President.

Wednesday afternoon 17 Sept. 1783 } Anthony Sadler, Alexander Davidson & Morgan Williams Esqrs.

Minutes of this Morning Read and Approved

The President acquaints the Committee that Sir John Burgoyne apprehends that Genl Stuart has a Right to issue orders to the Kings Troops & that he will obey them if proposed

The President Repeats to the Committee what Sir John Burgoyne has just said in their presence that since the Orders passed this Morning General Stuart declared to him (Sir John Burgoyne) that he would send Orders to the King's Troops this Evening and that he (Sir John Burgoyne) added that he should obey those Orders — the President therefore thought it Necessary to direct the Adjutant of the Garrison Lieutenant Gomond with a party to be ready to secure the person of General Stuart and Remove him to the Fort in order to prevent the confusion and possible Subversion of Government that might be the consequence of General Stuart being left at liberty to act agreeably to that declaration — the President also requested Mr

Hamilton

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March 1783 and subscribed by Major General Mun
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is consequently to take the Command of the Kings foo

By Order of the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee

The President moves that Mr Paul Benfield
be appointed Paymaster at Permacoil and ordered to proceed
thither without Delay - agreed to unanimously and the
Secretary is directed to signify the same to Mr Benfield
immediately.

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At a Select Committee

Present

The Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney K.B
President.

Wednesday afternoon 17 Sept. 1783

Anthony Sadleir Alexander Davidson
& Morgan Williams Esqrs

Minutes of this Morning Read and Approved

The President acquaints the Committee that Sir John Burgoyne apprehends that Genl Stuart has a Right to issue orders to the Kings Troops & that he will obey them proposed

The President repeats to the Committee what Sir John Burgoyne has just said in their presence that since the Orders passed this Morning General Stuart declared to him (Sir John Burgoyne) that he would send Orders to the King's Troops this Evening and that he (Sir John Burgoyne) added that he should obey those Orders — the President therefore thought it Necessary to direct the Adjutant of the Garrison Lieutenant Gomond with a party to be ready to secure the person of General Stuart and Removed him to the Fort in order to prevent the confusion and possible Subversion of Government that might be the consequence of General Stuarts being left at liberty to act agreeably to that declaration — the President also requested Mr

Hamilton

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as mentioned in the General Orders published on the 19th of March 1783. and subscribed by Major General Stuart on his entering into the Service, the said Major General Stuart has for Disobedience to the Orders of Government this Day dismissed from the Companys Service and as his Rank in his Majestys Service cannot operate in giving him Command over the Kings forces unless specially employed by the King, and as he is not so employed but on the Contrary is only on half Pay from the Bounty of the Crown. Major General Sir John Burgoyne as the Senior Officer in his Majestys Service who is now employed upon this Coast is consequently to take the Command of the Kings forces.

By Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

The President moves that Mr. Paul Benfield be appointed Paymaster at Pennacoil and ordered to proceed thither without Delay - agreed to unanimously and the Secretary is directed to signify the same to Mr. Benfield immediately.

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At a Select Committee

Present

The Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney K.B
President.

Wednesday after Noon 17 Sept. 1783

Anthony Sadleir. Alexander Davidson
& Morgan Williams Esqrs

Minutes of this Morning Read and approved

The President acquaints the Committee that Sir John Burgoyne apprehends that Genl Stuart has a Right to issue orders to the Kings Troops & that he will obey them as proposed

The President repeats to the Committee what Sir John Burgoyne has just said in their presence that since the Orders passed this Morning General Stuart declared to him (Sir John Burgoyne) that he would send Orders to the King's Troops this Evening and that he (Sir John Burgoyne) added that he should obey those Orders — the President therefore thought it Necessary to direct the Adjutant of the Garrison Lieutenant Gomond with a party to be ready to secure the person of General Stuart and removed him to the Fort in order to prevent the confusion and possible Subversion of Government that might be the consequence of General Stuarts being left at liberty to act agreeably to that declaration — the President also requested Mr

Hamilton

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Mr Staunton in whom the Committee can from experience
of his abilities and discretion place entire confidence
to be in readiness to accompany Lieutenant Gomond
The Committee unanimously approve, and agree to,
the measure of directing the person of General Stuart
from a connection on the strongest grounds that it is
absolutely necessary for the peace and safety of the
Settlement and the Committee approve of the steps
which the President has taken to accomplish that
purpose and empower his Lordship at this Critical
Moment to take any other precautions that he may
Judge Necessary for the public safety. The party is
accordingly ordered to proceed.

Major General Sir John Burgoyne
who attends the Committee delivers the following
Letter.

To the Right Honble the President and
Select Committee
Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have this day received your
Orders Signifying to me that you have dismissed
for

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for certain Reasons Major General Stuart from the Company's Service, and that in consequence of such dismission you think he can no longer command the King's Troops in India, but that as the next eldest Officer serving in India you do appoint me to the Command of them — Sensible as I am of the high honor you think to confer on me, I cannot from my Notions of the Service bring myself to think it is in the power of Government so far to alter the nature of as to be able to take from the Kings Senior General Officer Serving in India the Command of his Majesty's Troops which from the universal practice of the Army always falls to the next Senior Officer in the Army where the vacancy happens, consequently at the death of Sir Eyre Coote General Stuart supplies His place and 'till removed by the Kings pleasure must remain my Commanding Officer, On this ground therefore I cannot take upon me the Command of the King's Troops 'till General Stuart formerly Resigns it to me I can only add that no one will be more happy to obey the Orders of this Government than myself but in this instance I must decline the Offer now made me, because I think it militates against my Duty to the King and my

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my Obedience as an Officer—

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Fort St. George
Sept.r 8th 1783

Your most Obedient &
most Humble Servant

(Signed) J. Burgoyne
Mr. Genl

Sir John Burgoyne withdrawn—

The following Papers are now read

General Orders by the Select Committee of the 19th March last wherein is inserted the Agreement signed by Major General Stuart and his entrance into the Company's Service—

The 31st Paragraph of the General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors of the 2d February 1781 and the paragraph of that of the 7 February 1781—

The Honble Court of Directors having in their Orders now read directed that on the death or coming away of the Commander in Chief a Commission of Brigadier General should be granted to the Infantry Officer next in rank

or

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or such other commissions as should preserve the Command of the Company's Army in their own Officers. Colonel Lang is in consequence sent for and attends the Committee.

Mr. Sadleir informs the Committee that he has acquainted Colonel Lang of the Orders issued this morning and the Orders of the Court of Directors on the Subject of the Command of the Army, and communicated to him the principles of the Committee on the following points — that no Authority can give, or send Orders to the Commander in Chief here but this Government and that no person holding the Station of Commander in Chief in India can give Orders to the Troops here but where himself on the Spot and then not without the Sanction of this Government.

Colonel Lang declares that his Sentiments are the same in every Respect.

Agreed unanimously that Colonel Ross Lang be appointed Commander in Chief of the Forces on this Coast with the rank of Lieut. General until the pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors should be known and he is hereby appointed Accordingly.

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The Oaths of allegeance and secrecy are Accordingly administered to Lieutenant Genl Lang and he takes his Seat in Committee as Commander in Chief.

Agreed that General Lang do proceed to Camp without delay and assume the Command of the Army.

Agreed that the following General Orders be immediately issued

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Major General James Stuart having been dismissed from the Honble Company's Service as notified in Another Gen.l Order of this date the Right Honble the President and Select Committee has been pleased to appoint Col.o Ross Lang to be Lieutenant General in the Honble Company's Service and Commander in Chief of their forces on this Coast until the pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors shall be known.

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

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Lieutenant General Lang to proceed to Camp without delay and assume the Command of the Army

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

Lieutenant Gomond being returned from executing the Orders for the Arresting the person of General Stuart attends the Committee and makes the following Report.

Having received my Orders I went to the Company's Gardens and from the Guard there added 32 Sepoys to 20 which I took from the Fort. I sent to Lieutenant Ment to command the party — he met me on the parade but refused to obey because I had not a written Order — he wanted to Argue the matter but I told him that I had the Orders of the President & Select Committee that he know I was the Fort Adjutant and he must determine immediately whether he would obey or not — he persisted to refuse and I applied to Ensign Cook who readily took the

Command

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Command of the Fort — we then proceeded to the Generals Garden house — the party was formed on the Garden and I went to the foot of the Stairs with 12 Sepoys — on entering the Generals room I found him with Major Grattan, his aid the Camp and Secretary all writing — I went up to the General and told him I was ordered by the Select Committee to consider him as in Arrest and that he must proceed with me immediately to the Fort — he answered that he was Commander in chief of the Kings Troops and that he would not come without Force — I replied that I had force with me and must bring him by force if he would not come and I requested Mr. Staunton to Order the Sepoys up Stairs — which Accordingly came up with their Arms — Major Grattan met Mr. Staunton at the door and some words passed between them which I did not distinctly hear — the General then desired Major Grattan his Secretary and aid de Camp to observe that he was taken out of his House by an Armed force — they took down in writing the Names of Mr. Cook Mr. Staunton Mr. Walker and myself — the General then Asked me to produce a written Order if I had one — I told him

the

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the order was verbal he requested me to sign it—
I said I was perwaded it was a proper order, and that
it must be obeyed and that I hoped he would not
oblige me to make use of force — he called for his
Coat and put up his papers and whispered separately
to Major Gratton and Mr. Colvin he then ordered
the Table to be removed from before the Court
on which he was sitting get up with his Crutches
and again called on the people to be witness of
the force and Repeated he would not go unless
compelled — I answered he must see the Necessity
of his going and that if he would permit me
I would take hold of his Arm this he refused
and repeated that he must be forced — I therefore
ordered two Sepoys on each side of him upon which
he came readily after giving some directions to
his people about him — I then attended him to
his house in the Fort — while I was there Sir
John Burgoyne came to him to whom he said
he had been brought there by force contrary
to his will and consent — I left with him Sir
John Burgoyne and Major Sydenham —

The Committee intirely approve
of the Conduct of Lieutenants Gomond and Appland

&c

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the firmness and prudence which he has shewn in the Execution of their Orders on this Occasion

The Committee are of opinion that it is Necessary for the Publick Safety, and accordingly Resolved that General Stuart for the present Remain in Confinement that an Officer be kept on duty over him and that he be not visited but in presence of the Officer Nor suffer to write Letters without Submitting them to the Inspection of the Committee

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17th In consequence of Mr. Benfield having been this day appointed Paymaster to the Garrison of Pennacoil the following Letter is now written him.

To Paul Benfield Esqr.

Sir

To Mr. Benfield appointed Paymaster of Pennacoil to take Charge without delay.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint you that they have been pleased to appoint you Paymaster of the Garrison of Pennacoil and that they desire you will proceed thither without delay

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
John. Hudleston
Secretary

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Major General Stuart having been dispatched from the Honble Company's Service in last Committee the following Letters are now written and dispatched in consequence.

To

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To

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

at

Bombay

Gentlemen

To Bombay acquainting them of Genl. Stuart's Dismission & Colonel Lang's Promotion to the Rank of Lieut. General.

Since closing our Letter to you of yesterdays date, We have for the due Support of our authority, been under the necessity of exerting the powers vested in this Government, by removing from his Station of Commander in Chief of the Forces on this Establishment Major Genl. James Stuart, whom We have dismissed from the Honble Companys Service in Consequence of various instances of his disobedience to the Orders of this Government.

We think it proper to give you earliest advice of this Event & at the same time have the Honor to enclose for your Information a Copy of the General Order issued by Us on this occasion as likewise of a subsequent one appointing Colonel Ross Lang to be Lieut. General in the Honble Companys Service & Commander in Chief of their Forces on this Coast till

the

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17th the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

(Signed) Macartney &c

Select Committee

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The same to Genl. Macleod & Col. Gordon

To James Daniel Esqr.

Chief & Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

To the Northern Settlements & Factories on the same subject

Having thought proper to remove from his Station of Commander in Chief of the Forces on this Establishment Major General James Stuart, & to dispose him from the Honble Companys Service for various Instances of disobedience to the Orders of this Government We enclose you two General Orders which We direct you immediately to publish to all the Troops in your District & its dependencies.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most obed.t Servants

(Signed) Macartney &c

Select Committee

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The same

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17th The Same

To Claud Russell Esqr Chief & Council of Vizagapatam

To John Maxwell Stone Esqr &c Dc Dc ——— at Ganjam

To Mr William Duff —— Resident at Madapollam

To Mr Wm Hamilton —— Do —— at Ingeram &

To Mr Chas Hoppesley — Acting Resident at Tanjore

N. B.

The Out Garrisons always receive the G. O. from the Adjt. Genl's Office who has already dispatched that of this Day.

To the Adjt. Genl.

Sir

To the Adjutant General
of Town Major, transmitting them General Orders.—

In addition to the General Order I had the honor of sending you this Morning I am Directed by Right Honble the President & Select Committee to enclose two other General Orders which they desire you will immediately publish to the Army & that you will forward Them to all the Out Garrisons subordinate to this Presidency.

I am Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
W. G. Wase D. A. G.

The Same to the Town Major desiring that the same may be published in Garrison

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17th Received a Letter of the 13th Augt from the Honble Mr. Cockrane with a Paper of Intelligence communicating that Sayed Saheb had sent Orders to destroy the Villages & Crops in the Trichinopoly & Dindigul Districts (as entered in Miscellany Book No)

Received another Letter from the Honble Mr. Cockrane of the 13th Augt with Paper of Intelligence concerning the Motions of Sayed Saheb's Detachment as entered in Miscellany Book No)

18th Received the following Letter from Ganjam

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Lordship &c will be pleased

From Ganjam transmitting a Return of the Troops in that District now sent by the Sumo as in many Forts as there are received on board Captain Montague Calender 100 Barrels Gun Powder for the use of the Garrison

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We are pleased to receive here with a Return of the Troops on this District -

His Majesty's Ship Juno Capt.n Montague arrived here the 29th ult.o & sailed for Vizagapatam the 2d Instant - We took the Opportunity of sending to the Presidency by her as many Tents as she could take on board with all the Shoes We had provided - the Particulars of which are transmitted to the Military Storekeeper -

Having been disappointed in receiving a Supply of Gunpowder from Madras & Bengal, We applyd to Captain Montague to send us such as he could conveniently spare for the Service of this Garrison he accordingly sent on Shore 100 Barrels for which the Storekeeper gave him a Receipt

We have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect My Lord & Gentlemen Your most Obed.t & Hum.e Servts

Tanjam
8th Sept.r 1783

(Signed) { J. M. Thorn
R.t D. Munro
Fred Corbett

General

General Monthly Return of the Honble Companys Troops on the Distrit of Gan...
Commanded by Captain Thomas Bridges for August 1783

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		Artillery Europeans								Invalids Europeans								Additionals European Officers								Detach.t R.Ar. B.Sep.s							6th Circar Battalion Sepoys — Black Officers								Sibbendy Corps — Europeans								Black Offr.s & Sepoys							
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Return of Officers and Men on Command

Corps	By whom sent	To whom Sent
6th Co. Batt.n	Requisition of the Chief and Council	Ellore. The two Jemadeer Companies
Do.	do.	do.	Palla Renter
Do.	do.	do.	Bazwa
Do.	do.	do.	Sanapour
Do.	do.	do.	Ocha
Do.	do.	do.	Pallicate
Do.	do.	do.	Burragur
Do.	do.	do.	Mansore Estate
Sibbendy Corps	do.	do.	Revenue Service

	Europeans								Black Officers & Sepoys								Total	
	Captains	Lieutenants	Cadets	2d Lieutenants	Conductors	Sergeants	Drummers	Total	Captains	1st Lieutenants	2d Lieutenants	Ensigns	Conductors	Sergeants	Drummers	Total		
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N.B. Lieut Geo. Hope for doing duty as Fort Adjut and Serjt. William Butler as Key Sergeant at Ganjam not included
Mr Sam.l Richardson Surgeon present at Ochapour not included
Five Frenchmen Inlisted for Bengal 7th March last at Ganjam not included
Two Serjeants from the Arcott Detachment doing duty with the Grenad.rs of the 6th Cir. Bn. not included

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18th Received a Letter from Captain Halliday of this date, as entered in M. B. No. 1 inclosing an Account of Expences attending the preparing & embarking the Cloathing for the different Detachments of His Majestys 102d Regiment.—

Received the following Letter from the Town Major.

To Mr. Secretary Studdes

Sir

General Stuart having desired to know if he will be allowed the Use of Pen. Ink, and Paper to write to the Select Committee. I request you will Mention it to them, and favor me with their Answer that it may be Communicated to the General accordingly. &c

Fort St. George
Hr. Sept. 1783
11 A. M.

Sir
Your Most Obd. Servt.
Wm. Sydenham
Town Major

From the Town Major desiring to know if the use of Pen Ink & Paper may be allowed General Stuart for the purpose of writing to the Select Committee

To Major Sydenham

Sir

In answer to your Note to Mr. Secretary Studdes desiring to know whether Major General Stuart may be allowed

To the Town Major
Genl. Stuart Request granted

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"Allowed the use of Pen & Ink to write a Letter to the Select Committee" — I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have no objection to the Generals having Pen & Ink for the purpose of writing to them.

I am Sir

Fort St. George
11th September 1783

Your most obed.t Servt.

(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Sent the following Letter to the Officer attending on Major General Stuart

To Ensign MacGee
or Officer attending on Major Genl. Stuart

To the Officer attending on Genl. Stuart transmitting a Letter to him from Bengal

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to forward to you the accompanying Letter which they desire you will deliver to Major General Stuart.

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
11th September 1783

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Thursday 18th Sept.r
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At a Select Committee on
Military Affairs present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President

Anthony Sadleir Esq.r Lieut.t & Gen.l & Rep.t

Alexander Davidson Esq.r Morgan Williams

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved

A Letter being received by yesterdays Tappall
addressed to Major General Stuart Commander in Chief
of the Forces under this Presidency, marked "upon Service
and sealed with the Companys Seal the President sub-
=mits to the consideration of the Committee whether it
should not be now opened by the Secretary, General
Stuart being no longer in the Companys Service —

Letter received by the Tappall directed to Gen.l Stuart on the Service & sealed with the Company's Seal — Agreed to be opened & being read is sent to him

The Committee are unanimously of opinion that the
Letter should be opened and read which is accordingly done done
and the Letter being found to be merely an answer to
one from General Stuart complaining against the
Select Committee Agreed that it be sent to him —

Read

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Read the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne

To the Right Honble President & Select Committee Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir John Burgoyne in consequence of Genl. Stuart Imprisonment which incapacitates him to command the Kings Troops he Sir John will assume that Command

Your Lordship & the Select Committee having thought proper to put Major General Stuart under an Arrest & having given Orders to prevent the admission of any Person to him, or to Permit him the use of pen. ink or Paper, by which he is precluded from exercising the powers necessary for Commanding His Majesty Troops, I beg leave to inform you that according to the custom of His Majestys Service being the next in seniority I shall take the Command of the Kings Troops in India till such time as Major Genl. Stuart is released and in a situation to resume the Command. I have also to beg Your orders to the Kings Troops may be sent to them through me and I shall endeavour to

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to fulfill your Commands in the best manner my abilities will permit

Gardens
18th Sept. 1783

I have the honor
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. Burgoyne

Read the following Letter from Mr. Paul Benfield

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Paul Benfield Esq. requests Permission to remain a few days to settle his Concerns previous to his proceeding to Permacoil in pursuance to the orders he had received.

I have this afternoon received from your Secretary a Letter appointing me Paymaster of Permacoil and acquainting me that it is your pleasure I should proceed thither without delay.

I will know the submission due from a Company's Servant to Your Orders and in consequence I shall immediately proceed on my way: at the same time I am sure I need not observe that it never can be

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be understood a Company's Servant shall at all times be in readiness to proceed to a distant appointment at an Hour's warning and I hope therefore that a proper time will be allowed me to settle my Concerns and equip myself for a Journey. I shall arrive at the Mount tomorrow Morning, when I hope to receive your permission for a sufficient time to arrange my Affairs and provide myself with what may be necessary: and as I understand the Enemy's Horse are dispersed about the Country, I must submit to your consideration the necessity of an Escort being ordered for my safety.

I have the honor to be

Madras
17th Sept. 1783

Jr.

(Signed) Paul Benfield

Agreed that Mr. Benfield be permitted to remain here till Sunday next the 21st Instant and that Escorts be ordered to attend him from the Mount and from Chingleput – also that he be

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furnished

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furnished with a Supply of Cash for the payment of the Garrison of Permacoil.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Ross with a Return of the Corps of Engineers.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

From Coll Ross with a Return of the Engineer Corps.— recommends Lieut Wilkens for his Abilities & merit uniformly evinced during the War to be promoted to the Rank of Captain.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Pleasure to lay before you, for the Honble the Court of Directors a Survey of the South Front of Cuddalore, on which is expressed the Operations of the Army on the 13th and 25th of June It was taken during the Attack in order to ascertain with more precision than any other of the Plans afforded us, the direction of the Works.

I am much indebted to Lieutenant Wilkens for his exertions in this & through every part of the Service— As this Officer has been constantly in the field during the War, in the course of which he has been charged with the Demolition of the Forts of Adoni

Wandiwash

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Wandawash & Carangoly & otherwise employed in Stations of Trust beyond the Rank he now holds in all of which he has not failed to acquit himself greatly to the Satisfaction of his Superiors. – I beg leave to recommend his Merit to your Consideration, and to solicit for him Promotion to the Rank of Captain, being the eldest Lieutenant with the Corps; which mark of your Favor I have not the least Doubt but he will ever Study to deserve by an Attention equal to what he has hitherto displayed in the Discharge of his Duty –

I have the honor to be with Respect

Fort St. George
12th Sept. 1783

(Signed) 231

&c
Patrick Ross
Lieut. Col. & Chief Engr.

The Committee are sensible of Lieut. Wilkens's merit, but there being no vacancy cannot promote him –

The Committee are sensible of merit of Lieut. Wilkens but cannot at present promote him to the Rank of Captain as there is no vacancy and of there were one it must be filled by Lieut. Stuart who is Senior to Lieut. Wilkens.

Read

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Read the following Letter from

Doctor Mallet

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Select Committee

From Doctor Mallet requests to be furnished with a Copy of Major Davids Mackays Charges against him that he may vindicate himself.

My Lord & Gentlemen

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I have the honor to be

Sir

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Madras

8th. Sept. 1783

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General Lang being about to proceed to the Army agreably to the order of yesterday is furnished with the following Letter to Sir John Burgoyne —

Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Sir

To Genl. Burgoyne ordering him to give up the Command of the Army to Genl. Lang.

We have the honor to inform you that We have appointed Lieutenant General Lang to be Commander in Chief of the Forces on this Coast and directed him to proceed to Camp and assume the Command of the main Army — We desire therefore that you will deliver over to General Lang the Command of the Army.

We have the honor to be

Sir

(Signed) &c. Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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Read the following Letter from Col Fullarton

To

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To the Right Honble the President & Governor
& Select Committee
Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Coll. Fullarton attacks & carries a stronghold in the mountain near Shivegerry — Return of Killed & wounded —

I had the honour on 13th. August to inform
your Lordship & the Honourable Board of the Motives
that induced Me to Move the Army from Trichinopolly
to Pandalamenourchy and of the Reduction of that
Place — Since that time I have been Constantly
Employed in using every Effort in My Power to bring
the Polygars in to Proper times of Arrangement for their
Arrears so as to Enable Mr. Irwin to settle the
Affairs of this Province to the Advantage of the Company
& to Supply the Army with a Sufficient Sum for
its intended Operations —

As the Polygars remained extremely dilatory
Notwithstanding the Reduction of Pandalamenourchy
I found it Necessary to March to this Place where
the Shivegerry Man was joined by Bom Nayk &
two

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two Other Polygars and had altogether a body of Not
less than Six or Eight thousand People.—

On the Approach of the Army they Re=
=tired from the Town of Shevigurry to the Comby or
Stronghold in the Mountains which Never had been
Attacked & which they Conceived to be impregnable—

Mr. Irwin & I agreed that a Reasonable
Accomodation would be More for the Companys
Interest than to Reduce the Place by Storm on this
Principle I remained four days in fruitless Negociation
with those refractory Polygars & Even Submitted
to Trust Myself alone among them in hopes of
bringing their business to an Amicable Termination.

Finding all My Efforts ineffectual I
was under a Necessity of Using force—

The Comby is Situated in the Recess of an
Amphitheatre of Very high Rocks & Mountains
and Defended in front by a Very Strong Work—
Mounting Eight Guns. and Covered by four Miles
of Thick Jungle intersected with Nullas Barriers
the

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the whole is Enclosed from the Country with a high &
Embankment —

The Attack Commenced against this work &
yesterday Morning a Seven o Clock which the Enemy had
Cined with Many thousand Men. We were so fortunate
as to carry the Bank & to drive them into the Woods. —

We then proceeded to cut a road through the Jungle
which we Effected in Seven Hours. Under a Continual
fire of Musketry & Repeated Sallies of the Enemy
who were Seldom further from our Front than 30 or 40
Yards & Several times rushed upon our People with their
Pikes but were as Often Repulsed — As Soon as We had
forced our way to the foots of the high Mountain that
Commands the Comby, to the South westward We Ad=
=vanced to Gain the Summit and by six o Clock we
had Driven the Enemy from their Posts upon the
Eminence & from thence We kept Such a fire Upon the
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for

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for us to Pursue them with any Effect.— We have found Eight Guns Three Elephants & a large Quantity of Grain.—

I Cannot say too much in Commendation of the Officers and Men in this Business and am happy to Add. that if we Consider the Strength of the Place. our Loss is Extremely inconsiderable. I Enclose a Return of the Killed and Wounded.—

I am hope full. My Lord & Gentlemen that this Success will bring all the Polygars into an immediate Arrangement with Mr. Sullivan. For the Letter of the 8th. August which I have Just received from your Lordships & the Honourable Board & the approach of the Detachment under Col. Elphinstone towards Tritchinapoly renders it Impossible for me to think of remaining any longer in this Quarter & I shall in Consequence move immediately to Dindigull in Order to Carry forward those important Operations which you have been Pleased to direct from thence—

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I shall be particularly fortunate, if My
Movement to the Tinnevelly Country & the Operations
that have taken Place since My arrival, shall be
honored with your Approbation & tend to give Effect
to your Expectation from the Southward.

I have the honor to be with Great Respect,
Sir
(Signed) Wm. Fullarton

Camp at Shevigurry
3d. Sept. 1783

Captain North. Lt. Parkenson. Lt. Bonnerman
Wounded – Killed 1 Private 78 Regt. 1 Jemedar
1 Havildar. 4 Sepoys Wounded. 2 Serjeants 9 Rankes
1 Subedar. 1 Jemedar. 3 Havildar. 4 Naigues
27 Sepoys.

General

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General Return of the Killed and Wounded of His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Forces. On the Attack of Shevigerry. 2nd Sept.r 1780

Camp near Shevigerry 3. Sept.r 1783

Corps	Killed							Wounded							Grand Total
	Serjeants	Lieutenants	Captains	Subalterns	Serjeants	Rank & File	Total	Serjeants	Lieutenants	Captains	Subalterns	Serjeants	Rank & File	Total	
Artillery	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	"	2	
His Majesty's 71st / 102d Regiments	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	5	"	"	"	"	"	5	6
Honorable Compy's Madras Detachment	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	1
Light Infantry	"	"	"	"	1	"	1	2	"	"	"	"	"	2	3
1st Battalion	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	2
3d Do	"	"	"	2	"	1	3	"	1	"	2	3	12	18	21
13th Do	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1
24th Do	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	2	2
	"	1	1	1	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	1	12	13	16
Total	1	1	1	4	1	1	9	1	1	3	4	2	27	38	56

Remarks Viz.t Captain John North, Madras Detachment Wounded
Lieut. Thomas Parkinson 24th Batt. Acting with the 1st Batt.
Lieut. John Bannerman of 24th C. B.n Acting as Brigade Major with the Army & 2 Lascars attached to the Artillery. Wounded & not included in the above

Wounded and Included in the above

(Signed) Will: Fullarton

The Committee are pleased with this Success

The Committee receive great Pleasure in the accounts transmitted by Colonel Fullarton of his Success against the Polygars in the Tinnevelly Country

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September 18th Wrote the following Letter to Mr. Benfield in answer to his of yesterday

To Paul Benfield Esqr.

Sir

To Mr. Benfield with Permission to remain till Sunday Escorts ordered to protect him on his Journey Paymr. will furnish Money to pay the Troops of his Garrison —

I am directed by the Right honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterday and to inform you that you have their permission to remain here until Sunday next to make the necessary Arrangements for your Journey — They have also been pleased to order Escorts for you from the Mount and from Chingleput and they will be in readiness to attend you on that day — The Military pay master General will furnish you with a Supply of Money for the payment of your Garrison.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) John Hudleston

Secretary

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18th Dispatched the following Letters.

To Lieut. Nathaniel Dawes

Commanding at

Sir Pennacoil

To Lt Dawes appointed Mr Benfield Paymaster of Pennacoil

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to inform you, that they have been pleased to appoint Mr Paul Benfield Paymaster & Store Keeper of the Garrison of Pennacoil & they accordingly desire that you will deliver over to him, immediately on his arrival, the charge of those Departments

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I am &c
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

To Capt.n Patterson

or Officer Commanding at

Sir Chingleput

To Capt.n Patterson to furnish Mr Benfield with an escort to Pennacoil

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire that you will furnish

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furnish Mr. Paul Benfield with a sufficient Escort to Enable him to continue with safety his route from Chingleput to his Station at Permacoil.

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Sam Jno
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

To Lieut. John Orr
Commanding at the
Mount

Sir

To Lt Orr. to provide an Escort for Mr Benfield. to be ready on Sunday.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire that you will furnish Mr. Paul Benfield with a Sufficient Escort to Enable him to proceed with safety to Chingleput agreeably to Orders which he has received from the Select Committee.

The Select Committee desire that the Escort may be ready to proceed with Mr Benfield on Sunday next.

Sam Jno

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(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Lieutenant Orr will execute the Orders of the Select Committee.

Receive

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16th Received the following Letter & Enclosure from
Major General Stuart.

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

Fort St. George

My Lord &c

From Genl. Stuart relative to the power of appointing a Judge Advocate the same this Majesty's Warrant to Sir E. Coote - writes to me all papers relative to him & that this letter be sent to Bengal -

I am invited myself of the permission you gave me yesterday, to use Pen Ink and paper for this purpose (and Solely so) of writing to you one Letter of that Date.

In additional support of the arguments there used relative to the Command of His Majesty's Troops on me are depending solely on the Kings pleasure and also to the ordering distributive Justice, on military forms appointing the Judge - Advocate to the Army, with powers of Deputation - as depending solely on me I now avail myself of a similar License for this Day for which I safely & two hours ago the Commissaries then setting to Dine you - and I now return for the purpose the Warrant in the Original for His Majesty, To Sir Eyre Coote and in Succession, expressly as Commanding His Majesty's Troops to me -

Being

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19th Being deprived of the former assistances of the Gentlemen in my family to while for me, either in the presence of the Office you have place over me, or in a Seperate room; or even to be allowed a black writer to copy I must request after an official Copy is made of this royal Warrant, for the Company's records, that the paper may be returned to me, and that a copy of this my Letter may be sent me when convenient.

I am also to request thro the Channel of Office that a Copy of this warrant be transmitted to Bengal And Likewise of the paragraphs of Genl. Letters or papers from the Honble Company's particularly that of June 7—11—1751 - but by the present president) establishing the Government here as it now Stands with the powers there given to the Select Committee; so is the Superintending and controlling Board of Bengal may clearly see a Judge whether or not your Lordships &c as such, in the Majesty's there have the power to Suspend such Ps to dismiss from the Company's Service any Member of the Select Committee after being

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19th being once Severe in, agreable to form without the

Services Consent and Authority of the Honble Court

of Directors -

I as the in Order as well as Strict Justice

to be informed of which you are pleased to write

on the proceedings of the Committee Sept. 17th

or concerning meanwhile that period - either to the

Board of Bengal or to the Honble the Court of

Directors by the next dispatch & by every

future one so as I may have the Fore and the

means to do myself Justice or I desire that this

Letter on the present Cases go very intirely to no

be forwarded to Bengal by the same conveyance

with your present packet for Bengal -

I am truly sorry on every Account to be

order this Necessity to give you this Trouble especially

or His not now in my power to assist your Secre-

-tary as formerly with Duplicates - and I wish

He may be able to you which I am force to write

with

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19th with my own hand.

I have the honor to be

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(Signed) Jas. Stuart

One H.M. I am sorry to find by the Town Adjutant's Answer to my Message that the inclosed Officer two hours ago that the Committee had just Got up when they were pleased to forward me your Letter to them —

(Signed) S.S

(Signed) George R.

Whereas an Act has been made and passed in this present Session of Parliament intitled "an Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters;" And Whereas We have this Day been pleased to establish Articles of War for the better Government of all our Forces; which Act of Parliament and Articles of War are hereunto annexed; We for the more effectually carrying the Purposes of the said Act & Articles of War into Execution, within the Limits of your Command, have thought fit to direct, and we do hereby Authorize and empower you from Time to Time as Occasion may require to convene or cause to be assembled General Courts Martial for the Tryal and Punishment of Mutiny and Desertion, or any other Offence committed against the Rules of Military Discipline, by any Officer or Soldier of our Forces, under your Command in the East Indies; And We do hereby further empower you to direct your Warrant to any Officer, (not under the Degree of a Field Officer) having the Command of a Body of our said Forces, authorizing him to convene Courts Martial for the Tryal of Offences committed by any

Officer

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19th Officer or Soldier under his Command. Every of which Courts Martial shall consist of a President and of a competent Number, who can be conveniently summoned to attend the same, regard being always had as well to the Appointment of such President, as to the Rank & Quality of the other Officers composing such Courts Martial, to the Rules prescribed by the said Act of Parliament and Articles of War; And we do hereby authorize and empower such Courts Martial to hear and examine Matters and Informations as shall be brought before them, touching the Misbehaviour of any Commissioned Officer, Non Commissioned Officer, or Soldier, by Mutiny, Desertion, or otherwise, as aforesaid and to proceed in the Trial of such Charges, and in giving of Sentence and according Punishments according to the Powers and Directions contained in the said Act of Parliament and Articles of War; And we do hereby authorize and empower you, and as often as any Sentence shall be given and passed by a General Court Martial, legally constituted as aforesaid, to cause such Sentence to be put in Execution, or to suspend, mitigate, or remit the same, as in your Discretion you shall see cause; And that there may not in any Case be a Failure of Justice from the Want of a proper Person authorized to act as Judge Advocate, We do hereby further empower you, in default of a Person appointed by us or deputed by the Judge Advocate General of our Forces, ordering the Illness or occasional Absence of the Person so appointed or deputed, to nominate and appoint a fit Person from Time to Time, for executing the Office of Judge Advocate, at any such Court Martial, for the more orderly Conduct of the same And for enforcing the Adjudication or Sentence of every such Court Martial, We do give Authority to appoint a Court-Martial, to use and exercise that Office, as it is usually practised in the Law Martial; And for executing the several Powers, Matters, and Things herein expressed, there shall be as well to you as

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If as to the said Courts Martial, and all others whom it may concern.
a sufficient Warrant. Given at our Court at St. James's this
25th. Day of March 1783, in the Twenty third Year of our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command.

(Signed) Sydney.

To

Our trusty and well beloved Sir Eyre
Coote K. B. Lieutenant General and
Commander in Chief of our Forces in the
East Indies, or to the Officer commanding
in Chief our said Forces for the Time being.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. J. Wasey
Dep. Secy

Friday
19th September 1783

At a Select Committee on Military
Affairs present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President
Anthony Sadleir
Alexander Davidson Esqr. Morgan Williams Esqr.

Lieutenant General Lang absent upon
Service

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Read the following Letter from
General Stuart

To

4074 Fort St. George 14th September 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President Governor &c

Fort St. George

My Lord &c:

From Genl Stuart requests to know the reasons of the Committees conduct in complaining of Mr Saunders, being sent with Fort St. George instructions to seize his Person desires to be discharged as his Majesty's Commander in Chief &c

I am on the first place to request to be furnished with the Charge or Accusation against me, on which you ground your present Proceedings and I am next to request of you to transmit to the Governor General and Council of Bengal this Letter with the Sense I have of your Conduct, which by your orders you have been the Cause of my forcing one last Night from my Garden house by Violence, and now detaining me in Close Confinement here in the Fort without any Charge or reason given for such Proceedings.

The Board of Bengal to whom I now appeal in the first instance will decide, as I hope on the Legality of your Act of Yesterday in a Committee in dismissing me from the Honble Company's Service and whether you have any such Power relative to a Member of the Same Committee from any Code

to

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or Instructions of the Court of Directors; and even in this Case were your Act really Legal or Valid, whether you after that act of Dismission can under any pretence Time or Circumstance in the Manner you have done.

But in so doing you have exceeded most Certainly any Applicable Authority over me who have the Honor to Command in Chief all his Majestys Forces in India according to all Rule of Service that ever yet took place in Similar Cases being in the precise predicament of General Sir Hector Munro, who Commanded in Chief the Kings Troops before Sir Eyre Cootes Arrival, and in Second afterwards.

Every Act of the Late Commander in Chief and every address of his to me is to that Effect and no Position or Assertion can on your part ever innovate or alter that Situation.

The Command of his Majestys Troops and the orders for the Legal Destribution of Justice

on

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in Military Form not only in Respect to those Troops, but to all the Company's Forces under every Presidency where there are any; nor, from my Situation in my person Solely by Act of Parliament The Returns of his Majestys Troops and the Correspondence of every Sort concerning their State and Employment flows from me to his Majestys Ministers, and I am here in Form to warn you that you are held responsible not only to me, as a private Man, but in the public Station thus described You must answer to the Governor General and Council of Bengal, to whom I now appeal and apply for Redress in the first Instance, and in due time to your and my Superiors in England who have the last ultimate Right to Judge in such Matters

The Sending Mr Staunton the private Secretary of the President, and not in the Company's Service, to Accompany the Fort Adjutant and others with an Armed Force, into the upper Room where I was yesterday Evening in the Country with the Acts of Violence that ensued, The Sending the same Mr

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Mr. Staunton with the Town Major in the forenoon of Major General Sir John Burgoyne to my Room here; ordering that General Officer away, and denying me expressly all Means of Communication in any Shape with any person; all this done without any Written order, encreases if possible the irregularity of your Acts, and my being uniformly told that they Acted by Order of the Select Committee, and Mr. Gowan Fort Adjutant adding there was a Battalion ready to Support the orders—

I say my Lord & that what has been in this Manner done, as a Matter of equal Notoriety or Surprize to this Settlement, stands, as I hope, Mark'd on the Records of the Company—

I am now my Lord & formally to Claim to be enlarged from my present Confinement, by every Right inherent to me as a private Man, but I Claim it most particularly on a Public Official and Political Ground, as due to that Station to which are referred all the Orders and Instructions of

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of his Majesty's relatively & Actions Laying my Contingent
as the General Officer Commanding in Chief all his
Majesty's Troops in India, by regular Succession and
by Virtue of my Commission expressly so Mentioned.
In order that I may do my Duty in that Station
and I conclude with repeating Once for all that you
are held in every point of View forwarded & Public &
responsible for the past, and for any future Detention
of my Person

Fort St. George
19th September 1783

I have the honor to be
Sir
(Signed) Jam. Stuart

I take for granted that a Copy of this Letter
will accompany your immediate dispatch to Bengal

(Signed) J. S.

From Information received of the present
State of this Army the Committee think it proper
to defer any consideration of the Contingencies of General
Stuart's Case 'till they will shortly determine what manner
it may be most proper and safe to adopt regarding him —
It is said that Sir John Burgoyne intends
to refuse to deliver over the Command of the Army to
General

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General Lang It is agreed in order that Sir John Burgoyne may not hereafter be able to plead Ignorance in excuse for such refusal and that the whole Army may be fully convinced of the Authority possessed by the Company and their Governments in India to make military promotions to any Rank that the following be immediately published in General Orders

G. O. Fort St. George 19th Sept. 1783

G. O. relative to the powers invested in the Government by the Court of Directors of giving such Rank as to keep the Command of the Company's Army in the hands of a Company Officer —

In order to Remove any doubts that may arrive with respect to Rank & to Commissions in the Army, The Select Committee think proper to publish in General Orders that the Express Words of the Instructions to this Government from the Court of Directors are to grant a Commission of Brigadier General to the Infantry Officer next in Rank upon the Military Establishment of Fort St. George or such other Commission as will preserve the Command of the Company's Army in the Company's own Officers.

The

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of his Majesty's relative by Station Lays my Enlargement as the General Officer Commanding in Chief all his Majesty's Troops in India, by regular Succession and by Virtue of my Commission expressly so Mentioned. In order that I may do my Duty in that Station and I conclude, with repeating Once for all that you are held in every point of View, personally Publicly & responsible for the past, and for any future Detention of any Person

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I have the honor to be
Sr
(Signed) Jamt Stuart

I take for granted that a Copy of this Letter will accompany your immediate dispatch to Bengal

(Signed) S.S.

From Information received of the present State of the Army the Committee think it proper to defer any consideration of the Entargement of General Stuart till they will shortly determine what measure it may be most proper and safe to adopt regarding him—

Resolved that Sir John Burgoyne intends to refuse to deliver over the Command of the Army to

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The

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of his Majesty's relative by Seniority I say my Enlargement as the General Officer Commanding in Chief all his Majesty's Troops in India, by regular Succession and by Virtue of my Commission expressly so Mentioned— In order that I may do my Duty in that Station and I conclude, with repeating Once for all that you are held in every point of View, private or Public, to responsible for the past, and for any future Detention of my Person

I have the honor to be
Sr
(Signed) Jamt Stuart

Fort St. George
19th September 1783

I take for granted that a Copy of this Letter will accompany your immediate dispatch to Bengal

(Signed) L.

From Information received of the present State of the Army the Committee think it proper to defer any consideration of the Enlargement of General Stuart until they will shortly determine what measures it may be most proper and safe to adopt regarding him—

As it is said that Sir John Burgoyne intends to refuse to deliver over the Command of the Army to

General

4079 Fort St. George 19th September 1783

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The

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Major Sydenham

Sir

from the same requests to know of the General May write to the Select Committee

I am directed by General Stuart to request you will let him know wether He might be Allow'd to write to the Select Committee

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I am
Sir
(Signed) Sam. Hughes

Agreed the Town Major be desired to inform Captain Hughes that General Stuart may have a portuguese Writer to assist him, and be allowed to write whatever Letters he pleases provided he will submit them to the Inspection of the Select Committee, and that his Letter to Europe need not undergo Such Inspection excepting those to the Court of Directors which must be sent through the Select Committee

Agreed also that General Stuart be furnished with a Copy of the General order for his dismission

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Colo. the Officer Commanding at Quingbeyest -

4083. Fort St. George 19th September 1783

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c

President &c. Governor

My Lord,

From Comng Officer of Chingleput has seized a large Party of the Enemys Cattle & desires to know how he is to act respecting them —

The Day I was honoured with your Lordships Commands by your Aid: de: Camp Captain Sydenham I had Intelligence brought me that a Party of the Enemies Horse were in the Neighbourhood of Acherry Wauk — Thinking they might be the Escort with the two Vackeels which were expected here on their Way to the Presidency, I sent off ten Hyrcarrahs on the 13th at Night to bring Information, whether my Conjecture was well founded or not. On the 14th they returned, informing me that a Number of Bullocks were coming from the Mysore Country to collected Salt, for the use of the Enemy at Coulang — At Night I sent off six Men by different Routs to look out for them and if their Intelligence corresponded with what I had heard before I determined on them myself to seize the whole

Or

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On the 16th at 11 Oclock AM. two Men came here and informed me that they had seen the whole near Carrangoly. at 4 P.M. two more returned, and from them I learned they were directing their March for the Sea Side at 7. P.M. two more returned & concluded what the two former had told me — All were unanimously of Opinion they were followers of the Enemies Camp — At 9 oClock P.M. I detached our Company of Sepoys with a Trusty Subadar to Cave long and on the 17th at 8 oClock A.M. I had Intelligence that he had been successful & the Detachment with the Bullocks would be here by Night —

This Morning My Lord I took an Account of the whole their Numbers are exactly one Thousand five Hundred & ninety five Head of Cattle & Goats and a small Carriage Horse. I have acted my Lord entirely for the good of the Service, and I flatter myself your Lordship will consider my Conduct in this Light. Our Thousand of the Cattle would be of great use to the Army being accustomed to living

Grain

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Grain from the Mysore Country, for the use of the
Enemy Some have the Hon'ble Company's Mark upon
them & the Inhabitants here inform me that usual
have been seized by the Enemy in this District - I
learned this Morning My Lord that Mr. Popham
has the Salt Contract at Ovelong, and that several of
his Peons are in different Parts of the Country. From
this Account strict Enquiry should be made that due
Punishment may fall on the Guilty. The People
who brought the Cattle My Lord, had no Trafficks
nor do I learn that they halted at any Place, where the
Hon'ble Company had Troops stationed - Parties of the
Enemies Horse have been in the District this
four or five Days and the poor Inhabitants are
much alarmed - On the 15th Two came in here act
in several Parts - Recd a Letter from Lieut Dawes
Commg Pennacoil dated the 16th inst. For
your Lordships Information I send a Paragraph of it -
" A large Camp is near Gingee. I fancy it is Tippoo Saibs
" whole Army. They came to their Ground at 8 Oclock.

This

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"The Camp looks very large - Two Men sent off day
"it is a Detachment from his Army -

I shall be happy My Lord to be honoured
with your Lordships Instructions how to act -
According to Orders all Cattle taken are to be delivered
over to the Paymaster and he gives the Commanding
Officer a Receipt of the whole which is his Voucher
I thought it prudent My Lord, to make you fully
acquainted with every particular and if my Conduct
meets with your Lordships approbation shall
be happy -

I am with Respect
&c
(Signed) Edwd. Berlman
Lieut. Comy.

Shinglepore
18th Sept. 1783

25th

The President informs the Committee that Company
he understands the people from whom the Bullocks are
taken are Lombardy Merchants

Agreed that the following Letter
be written to Lieutenant Berlman by the
Secretary

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To Lieutenant Bulman

Commanding at

Chingleput

Sir

To Lt. Bulman to return the Bullocks to the Owners as they are Lombardy Merchants who have liberty to trade even in time of War

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th Instant and to acquaint you that upon Enquiry they are informed that the people you mention and from whom your Sepoys have taken the Bullocks on Lombardy Merchants who are allowed a freedom of Trade every where even in time of War, and that they were going to Covelong to purchase Salt. The Select Committee desire therefore that you will cause the Bullocks together with any thing also that may have been taken to be restored to them or their reclaiming the same unless you shall have certain ground to believe that the people in question are not Lombardy Merchants and that the Bullocks have been taken from the Inhabitants since the

Cessation

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Cessation of Hostilities in which case receipts must be given for them to the Inhabitants at a fair valuation, and you are to be cautious not to commit hostilities upon the Troops of Said Sais nor molest them in any respect unless compelled to it in your own defence.

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I am &c
(Signed) Sohn Huddleston
Secretary

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President and Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Genl Jones wishes to know what pay he has a right to draw for as Major Persons is forced to call the paddy possible. has appointed Lt Montgomery & the Hope adjutant.

Yesterday I was honord with Yr Commands by a letter dated the 2nd instant from Your Deputy Secretary directing me to make a Magazine in the place most convenient, where Offensive Operations may be Necessary you will find by my Letters of the 5th and 9th instant that I am returned to Combaum, I am employd collecting all the paddy in the Country. that can be got at and have orderd all the places in the Fort to be settled up for its reception—

Had I known Yr determination as to the man who calls himself the Cadapah Nabob. I should not have troubled You upon the Subject. my ignorance must be my apology—

I did write a letter to know — What I had a right to draw for as Major Genl knowing will that rank could add no thing to my pay I Gratuity as Major

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Major to the 102d. Regt always having known as such -

I wished to be acquainted with the Senr allowed to any

Rank Rank commanding in the field - as the Paymaster could

not inform me - nor do I know now, I am sorry that

the Select Committee should have any trouble upon

my private business.

There are some few horse that have fought

the Inhabitants from the Villages near this upon the

Ongole road, so that our Tappy is not so certain as befor

should I find this inconvenience continue shall

try to send my letters by the bulls to Nellore. The

Surgeon ordered on Mr Torgusons palace. is much

wanted, on account of the number of wounded men I

having allowed that Gentleman to go to Nellore for

little time to settle some private affairs -

Inclosed I have the honer to send to

Your Lordship. and the Gentlemen of the Select

Committee, a Return of the 2d Carnatic Battalion -

They wanted compleat when sent on command 6

Eighty one, so that by what I can make out there is

Nett

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Still missing about 274 including Black Officers &c-

Capt.n Montgomery being Prisoner & Ens.n Weston
the Adjutant either killed prisoner. I have appointed
Lieut Macpherson the eldest one in the Battalion
to take charge of it, & Ens.n Hope Stuart of the same Corps
to do the duty of Adj.t until your pleasure be known. The
first is a very old Officer & a most deserving one. the last
one, that ought to be taken notice of on Account of his attention
to his duty. They are both recommended to me in the Strong-
-est manner by Major Lysaght who I am persuaded
would not interest himself but for merit.

I have the honor to be
&c

(Signed) Tho.s Jones
Major General

Coonbam
11th Sept.r 1783

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

My Lord

From Capt.n Edmonds.
no Paspy for two days from
Lieut.t Jones Camp several
from Men of the 2d Batt.
some in much wounded,

I do myself the honor to inform you that
two days have elapsed without receiving a Paspt from
General Jones's Camp - My intelligence is that the
irregular

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line

irregular him of the Enemy an all round Embrace and
his encampment and that Meer Sieb with his force
is advanced to Jacaravaithiem eight Coss of Yermacoil at
which place he has an advanced party — between thirty
and forty of the 2d Battn. on come on here many
badly wounded —

I have the honar to be with the greatest

Respect

Ongole
14th Sept. 1783

J.
Edwd. Edmonds
Capt. Comdg

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

My Lord

From Capt. Campbells
several Horse have
entered the Nellore
District

Yesterday I received Intelligence that
a Body of Horse had entered the Nellore District by
Badumullapaga & this Morning a Man come in
who informed me that he saw 15 Horsemen Yesterday
at Maimedour 18 Coss to the westward of this and that
he was told by the Country people that the whole Body
pass
4 Coss
Hors

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there amounted to 1000 or 1200 - He also said that they began to set fire to the Houses

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) Geo. Campbell

Nellore

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney KB

President & Governor &c

Fort St. George

My Lord

Since my Letter of Yesterday, I have not heard any certain Accounts of the Horse having advanced. The Black Officer Commanding at Calleay writes that 100 of the Enemys Horse had collected and were driving off some Cattle belonging to that Village, but that he went out with his party and recovered them that the Enemy had burnt several Villages - & that a Body of 1000 were at one of our Villages within 3 Cos of Calleay & a much larger Body on the Cudapah Side of the pass -

From Capt. Campbell a party of the Enemy Here thrown Several Villages - a Body of 1000 horse near Calleay, from the Number of wounded Men lately come into Nellore has detained the Surgeon sent by Genl Jones requests another from the Presidency may join Genl Jones immediately -

General Jones upon receiving the order for a cessation of Arms, sent to Mr Ferguson the Surgeon

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Surgeon of this Garrison to return here But has since
wrote to him to return to Camp on Account of the
Number of Wounded Men belonging to the 2d Battalion
that has come in to Camp. As many of the same Battalion
are also come in here about 50 of which have very bad
wounds and as the Sick belonging to the Garrison are in
such a Situation as to render it totally impossible for
me to part with the Surgeon, I have been under the
Necessity of detaining him General Jones having one
Surgeon in Camp. I hope your Lordship and the
Select Committee will see the necessity of this
Step and order another Surgeon to proceed to join Genl
Jones's Detachment without loss of time.

I have the Honour to be
&c
(Signed) Geo: Campbell

Nellore
16th Sept. 1783

From General Bargoyne
has detached Capt. Henry's
Dubash & selling the
Company Rice

My Lord & Gentlemen

I think it my duty to make known to
you that having had my Suspicions of some fraudulent
practices in the Rice department I have made it my

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business to get all the information in my power on that subject; the consequence of which has been that I have sufficient proofs to shew that Rice to the amount of near 3000 Pagodas has been sold by Dep.t Hennays Dubaster or Concopoly belonging to the Company. — I have arranged the proofs so that I believe there will be not much trouble in stating the matter clearly: indeed Captain Hennays head Concopoly acknowledges the whole himself, & says that his Master was not privy to the matter. —

I beg the favor of your Commands on this subject & am

My Lord

&c

J. Burgoyne
M.G
Commg in Camp

Camp
16.th Sept.r 1783

From Dr Davies representations of Dr Mallet being unfairly treated in the Matter that occasion his resignation it is agreed that Mr Mallet joins Genl. Jones Camp immediately —

Doctor Davis having mentioned in favor of Doctor Mallet that he was unfairly treated in the matter that occasioned his resignation of the Charge he held as Surgeon to the Corps of artillery in Camp and also intimated his Intention to represent the circumstances in a Letter as no time is to be lost in sending a Surgeon to Nellore it is

Agreed that Doctor Mallet be again employed and that he be Ordered on duty to Nellore —

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Sir Jno. Burgoyne to make further enquire respecting the Conduct of Capt Hearsays detach

Agreed that Sir John Burgoyne be requested to furnish the proofs he mentions of the Sepoy Corps by Captain Hearsey's Detach and that further measures be taken after they shall have been received.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Sterling—

Right Honble the President
and Members of the Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Col. Sterling requests Batta for himself & Regiment for being retained at the Mount—

I beg leave to represent to you that for any information I have been able to procure, Batta has been always allowed the Troops Cantoned at the Mount and the only instance to the contrary is with regard to the 23d Light Dragt—

Their Officers understand, agreed not to demand Batta understand on condition of being removed from Fort St. George, if cause original custom could not be pleaded in their favor having voluntarily relinquished all title but by agreement— This Hon. Bd. and Gentlemen has not been the case of the 36th Regt but

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but as I cannot now / having surrendered the Command / plead the cause of the Reg.t Must only beg leave to observe, that with regard to Myself as Comm.g here for some time, not even the case of the 23d Dragn can be urged as an excuse for refusing Me Batta during that Period Coll. Floyd was offered it, and refused, not from conscious neglect of not being entitled to it but from a particular Circumstance I beg leave to state, that from a regard to the welfare of my Regt which in the condition it left Europe, must have considerably suffered, had it been separated, on its first arrival I refused the Command of Pondamalee, the most healthy Cantonment in this neighbourhood -

Under these circumstances I appeal to your justice which I trust will not permit me to be the first instance of not receiving what immemorial custom, has in some Measure rendered a right, and that however your future views May be directed, I may not be the first sufferer, when no order was issued and whom I certainly expected the same allowance as afford My predecessor

I have the honor to be
&c
Alth Sterling
B. D.t Q.r M.r
36th Reg.t

Ordered

Madras
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Ordered to be for Consideration —

The President informs the Committee that the Nabobs Troops are under Arms the Night Genl Stuart was arrested —

The President acquaints the Committee that he has been informed from good Authority that on the Evening of the Arrest of General Stuart the Nabobs Troops to a numbering to a very considerable Force were put under Arms with several pieces of Cannon Loaded and every other mark of hostile preparation —

The Committee will shortly consider what precautions will be proper to protract the Ambitions of the Arrest.

The Committee think it a Subject worthy of their most serious attention and will shortly consider what precautions may be proper and prudent to guard against the Consequences to be apprehended for the Arrest Ambition and Interposition towards the Company.

Read Letter (as entered in M B) from Lt Pare enclosing Bill for Pagt — for Intelligence from Lt Pare with Bills for Intelligence furnished the late Sir Eyre Coote —

The Committee think the above Charge inadmissible —

A considerable Sum of Money was some time since paid to Mr Pare for Serving of the same as above & the Committee think the present Charge inadmissible —

All —

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At a Select Committee on

19th September 1783

Assigned Revenue Affairs present

The Right Honble Geo: Lord Macartney K.B President

Anthony Sadleir Alex.r Davidson

Morgan Williams

Read the following Letter from the Committee of

Assigned Revenue with the Enclosures therein mentioned

as lodged in the Office —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to enclose Extract of a

Letter from the Renter of Salsaud and to request that you will

be pleased to issue the necessary orders upon the points contained

therein —

We have also the honor to transmit copy of a

Representation received from Mahmoud Hussein Cawn,

Aumil of Selaver on the subject of which we beg leave

to

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to recommend that as the frequent Seizure of Cattle in the Country by Military Force gives rise to numberless Inconveniences and distresses some means be taken if possible to provide for the wants of the Army by purchasing Cattle in those Countries where they are procurable for money and from whence we understand large Supplies have been obtained for victualling the Squadron.—

We have the honor to be

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Sir &c
Signed { Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo Moubray

Agreed that Copy of the Complaint from the Polnaud Renter be sent to the Chief & Council of Masulipatam and that they be directed to cause Redress to be given to the Merchants who have been injured and to prevent a repetition of the Grievance by giving the strictest orders to the Nejampatam Renter not to levy more than the Established duties—

Agreed that a Dustuck or General order be granted to Mahomed Hussein Dubash the Vessel of Setwar forbidding all officers to seize or take Bullocks

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by force, and directing them to make Application to the Aumil for the number required and to pay ready Money for them —

Read also the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with the Enclosures therein mentioned.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President &c Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to enclose copy of a Representation from the Vakeel of the Zemendar of Calastry, concerning the Payment of Batta to his Peons stationed in the Fort of Chundergarry, also copy of a Petition from the relations of the late Tongedar of Oddapa applying for the continuance of a Pension granted them by the Nabob —

If it be agreeable to your Lordship &c to continue the Peons of the Callastry Raja as a Garrison to the Fort of Chundergarry, their Batta can be paid by the Renter at

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at Tripetty, but it may be proper to ascertain the Number to be so paid in order to check the Disbursements which the Renter may charge on this account — We understand a considerable Sum has been already advanced by Streenavas Acharee for the subsistence of these Peons agreeably to former Orders, but We have not the means of checking his Account for want of Musters or Returns.

With respect to the Relations and Dependants of the late Tongedar of Cuddapa, who were thrown upon the Nabobs Bounty after the Capture of that place and are now in distress We pray our respecting Her Highness's Peremanah that the monthly Allowances therein specified were directed to be paid out of the Revenues of Phazullee 1189 but no mention is made of their being continued for future Years, but it seems probable on a fresh Application the Nabob would as now the country had remained under his Management have renewed the Peroanah for the succeeding Years until some other Provision could be

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be made for these people.

As this is not a fix charge upon the Revenue, but depends entirely upon the Consideration which the Government may have to the peculiar Circumstances of the Claimants, We submit it to your Lordship &c. to pass such orders as the case may seem to require.

To assist your Determination, We beg leave to inclose a Translat of the Nabobs Perwana with a List of the Petitioners and the Allowances appointed for them by the Nabob, opposite their respective Names - The whole amounts by the Year to the Sum of M. Pags. 4566. -

We have the honor to be

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(Signed) J.s
Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo. Moubray

Agreed that the Committee of Revenue be desired to cause the number and Expence of the peons now in Chundergurry ascertained that the proper Orders may be given to have them paid by the Tripetty Renter who will continue the Allowance

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of Batta to such as may be absolutely necessary for
for the Garrison of Chundergurry and for the Security
of the Trichetty Collections.

Agreed that the Committee of assigned
Revenue be desired to make further Enquiry concern-
the Allowances to the Relations of the late Phouldars
of Caddapah and particularly to ascertain how
many and which of the persons mentioned in the
List of Pensioners agree to continue those Allowance
it will be proper to ascertain what were the Nabobs
Intentions regarding them

Read the following Letter from Doctor
Anderson

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

July 22d last year I was honored with
your Orders respecting the Hospital Bullocks com-
=mable to which Orders their Accounts have been formed
for returns of Duty upon Sheep, never the less

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has yet been made them dilligently are Stirred to Supply
ing Mutton for the Sick which no doubt however it may
have escaped Attention is contrary to your intention and
will plead my apology in Stating a matter of this impor-
tance for your consideration of the most Speedy made
of these Duty's being returned to the Butchers -

I have the Honor to be with all due Respect
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
(Signed) Jas Anderson
Surgeon Genl

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Agreed that Copy of the above Letter be sent to
the Committee of Assigned Revenue and that they be
desired to cause the matter to be settled agreeably the
orders refused to -

Read Letter from the Governor General & Council
dated the 15th Ultimo - as entered in the Proceedings of the
11th Instt -

The Committee having attentively perused
& maturely considered the Contents of the Letter
from Bengal of the 15th August it is agreed to address
the following Letter to the Govr General & Council -

To

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To Honorable Warren Hastings

Governor General and Council

Bengal

Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive your
Letter of the 15th of last Month on the 12th Inst.
Signifying the Repetition of your Order of the 13th
of January preceding that we Surrender to the Na
the Assignment with the full Administration of the
Sovereignty of the Carnatic.

Upon this occasion we must first observe to
to you that whatever Authority the Nabob enjoyed in
the Carnatic before the Assignment is not affected
by it, except only as far as that Assignment expr
and has rendered necessary.

We observe also that at the Same time
that you require this Surrender from us, you declare
it necessary to address your selves on this Subject more
particularly to the Council of Fort St. George of which we

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General Letter Paragraph

we only form the smaller Part. It is true that by the Company's Instructions All Political, Military, and Naval Transactions and Such as require Secrecy are entrusted exclusively to the Select Committee leaving to the Council at Large the Business usually transacted by that Board It is true that when you first thought it proper that a Transfer Should be demanded from the Nabob of his whole Country in exclusive Assignment you addressed your selves to the Select Committee to make that Demand, It is true that when you made an Agreement with the Nabob relative to the Assignment of his Revenues you addressed Such Agreement to the Select Committee with your earnest Recommendation to carry the Same into Execution. Your Approbation of the Assignment obtained here as contained in your Letters to the Select Committee as well as your Subsequent advice and Sentiments on that Subject. Even in the Letter which we have the honor now to answer you allow that we probably are justified in our reservation of the Powers delegated

Letter from Governor General and Council of Bengal Febry 26. 1781. to Select Committee

Letter from Governor General and Council of Bengal to Select Committee April 2d. 1783.

Letters from Governor General and Council of Bengal to Select Committee 11 March - 8 April 5 - 4 July - 5 August - 19 October 1782 -

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by the Assignment by Reasons with which you are
unacquainted. It was indeed already observed by our
President in his minute of the 21st of February last
that his Highness in granting the Assignment had expressly
excluded the interference of the Council from every part
of his Concerns. The Assignment, as observed at the same
time was confirmed by the Court of Directors upon
the Principle of it's having been the voluntary Act
of the Nabob - It was not his voluntary Act to assign
it to the Council or to the management of the Concerns
but on the Contrary his express Stipulation that
it should not be managed by the Council. He did
not, he would not consent to any Assignment but to
the Governor alone; covenanted that his Affairs only
should be obliged - The Company in directing the
Committee of assigned Revenue appointed under
the Bengal Treaty to be abolished did not give that
Order on the Ground that such Revenues ought to be
managed by the Council but merely as the consequence
of annulling the Treaty of which such Appointment was

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was the Consequence. And on the Contrary, the Company allowed of the said Committee, if the Nabob should have so desired it the Company's equitable Rule was therefore that the Assignment should be conducted according to the Intentions with which it appeared to have been granted His Highness granted it to the Governor on behalf of the Company and to him exclusively The Governor consulted with propriety as we conceive the Select Committee for Political Affairs with regard to the Assignment, as a great and indeed fortunate Political Measure for the Company. But he reserved the whole Detail of this important and complex Business to Commissio-
ed ners particularly Select for this Purpose. This

Bengal Treaty Reply 10th

Reference Seemed agreeable to your Sentiments for in your own Treaty you expressly mention putting the Assignment under a Commission, and the Selection made with our Sanction has likewise obtained your high approbation of their Conduct for the great Attention and Ability which they had Shewn in the arrangement of this Business With these Reasons

Letter from Gov.r General and Council of Bengal on the Assignment 6 July 12th 1782

Your

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you were not unacquainted. The management of the Agreement was not to use the words of the Company's Instructions, a Matter that had usually been transacted by the Council While the Agreement was to exist and consequently to produce Revenue you did not desire it to be transferred to the Council, but when you desired it to cease, when you order a Cessation of Revenue arising from that Agreement, you then desired Orders for such Cessation to the Revenue Board.

The measure of obtaining as well as the measure of Surrendering the Assignment are indeed both related Transactions, the of opposite Tendency as to the Public Welfare. In the Letter now before us you have separated this Surrender from the Execution of the Agreement concluded by you with his Highness Nizam Ali Khan. You confine your present Directions to the Object of the Surrender. You had already declared that the Agreement had no Concern with this Surrender It was perhaps therefore impossible to separate in your Letter to the Council at large also those Matters

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which then you say had no Concern with each other and as you confined the Committee to the Matter of the Surrender so you might have done the Council at large to the Matter of the Agreement. But to that Board you chuse to take the Precaution of writing to carry your Orders (for the Surrender) into Effect and further to call upon the Nabob for the Due performance of the Agreement concluded by you with his Highness Minister. You have indeed a Right to give Orders to the Select Committee to whom the immediate Direction of the Political and Military Affairs on this Coast is entrusted by the Company; but the Superintendance which was given to your Board over the other Presidencies by Act of Parliament did not extend to Matters of Revenue or other matters within the Department of the Council at large, as has been perfectly well understood by your own Board, in your Declaration that by the act of Parliament the President and Council of Fort St. George were enjoined to transmit to the Governor General and Council Advice and Intelligence of all Transactions and matters what so ever

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that came to their Knowledge relating to the Governm[en]t
Revenues, or Interests of the Company: but that no
Power was given to the Governor General and Council
to exercise any Control or authority over the other Pre-
sidencies in there Matters their Power being solely
confined by the Act to Hostilities and Treaties -
The Authority given to you by the Companys Letter
of the 11th of April 1781 extends also no further than
to Political and Military Operations of which
You have been so Sensible that ever lately you have
expressly disclaimed disputing the legal Power of
this Presidency to decide on any internal Measure
of this Government. As neither Hostilities or
Treaties, or Political or Military Measures are
within the Department of the Council at Bengal
of this Presidency, We are at loss to account for the
Source of that Authority, upon which you undertake
to issue Orders to that Board. If the Surrender
of the assignment be a matter of Revenue, you have
on the first mentioned Declaration of your Board
declared

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disclaimed all Power of exercise any Control or Authority
in Such matters. And if Such Surrender be not a
Matter of Revenue but a Political Transaction
no Orders Should have been particularly addressed
to the Council at Large to carry it into effect. The Nabob
indeed when so early as in March 1782, and before
even there was any Pretence of Complaint from Cuddalore
having been Sent without his Confirmation to collect
the Revenues, had or rather his Minister in his
Highness's Name had applied in vain to the Select
Committee for the Surrender of the Assignment,
he addressed himself also particularly to the Council
at Large. He was supposed not to have been always
Successful on such Applications to the former
Members of the Council, It is in legal Evidence
what Efforts were made to ensure that Success by
private applications. Appealing to their Authority
from the Authority of the Executive Government
of the Presidency in all Political Military Naval
and Secret Transactions, was perhaps not Strictly
warrantable, and was endeavouring to excite in

them

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them a Desire to exceed their own Authority. The Attainment of the Ameers Views might have reconciled them to the Distractions which must have arisen from a Contest between Jarring Jurisdictions in the Same Government. A Difficulties of Opinion did soon indeed arise in the Breast of some Members of the Council, claiming a Share in the management of the Assignment, contrary as it already mentioned, to the Original Intention of the Nabob in granting Such Assignment, Under these Circumstances you also have thought proper to address your selves particularly on the Subject of the Council at large. Of the Authority the Propriety and Prudence of such a Proceeding on your Part our Common Superiors will be Judges. We Shall endeavour to diminish the Danger of it by avoiding as much as possible that Clashing of Jurisdictions and the Confusion in the Government which might ensue from it of both the Department to which you address yourselves are

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the Same Subject were to determine Separately upon it. We need not point out the Dreadful Consequences that might ensue if those Different Departments were to form on Such Subject opposite Determinations and undertook to carry the Same into Execution.

If the Select Committee being on some Instances under your Directions were in the Dread of your immediate Displeasure, to expose themselves to the more Distant Displeasure of the Company by counteracting its Intentions, and to direct the Surrender of the Assignment while the Council at large affected by a Sense of Obedience to the Company and Attachment to its Welfare, should use the new Power of Interference in the Assignment which your Letter acknowledges for the Purpose of supporting Such an Assignment great inconveniences if not Dreadful Consequences might ensue by such an Encounter of Authorities as therefore you declare that you address yourselves on this Subject more particularly to the Council at large, and as we form a Part the Inspection in Number

to

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to the Remainder of that Board,

We have for the purpose of avoiding the Mischiefs of such Encounter, and for the Sake of unity in the Public Determinations avoided taking as a Distinct Body from the Rest of the Council the Execution of this Business on the Consideration in the Select Committee; Thus waiving as long as our Duty will allow us to examine the Seperate Power entrusted to us We consider ourselves for the moment merged in the Body of the Council at large, and are by your more particular Orders to that Effect free from any seperate Share of Responsibility towards you as to the Execution of the Orders you have thus directed to the Council at large, to which you expressly say it ought to be exclusively vested At the time of the Arrival of your Letter on this Subject two of Several Members of the Council were going from the Presidency After those Departure those Members who were also of the Select Committee would form a greater Proportion of the Council at large. As the Determination of that Board

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so Circumstances Should not have been conformable
to your Views, the Disappointment might be attributed
to the Artifice of waiting for a thin Board, and that
your Object would have been attained in a full
Council. Therefore tho the Letter you announced
to the Council was not yet arrived, our President for
the Purpose of obviating Such a Misconstruction
of having the Sentiments upon this important Sub-
-ject of the Members who were on their Departure
laid the Letter addressed to the Select Committee before
the Council at large, and requested their Candid
Opinions of the Board so composed the members
who are not of the Select Committee are a Majority,
and a Majority have declared against the immediate
Surrender of the Assignment. all the Members have
not yet written their Opinions, but not any one Opinion
inclined in favor of Surrendering the assignment imme-
-diately. It is indeed a miserable Delusion to suppose
that any one discreet Person in this Settlement
having regard to the Public Welfare, has any hesitation in
believing

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believing that the Assignment cannot on the Present
Circumstance be Surrendered conveniently with that
Welfare. As soon as all the Opinions of the Members
of the Council are delivered a Letter will addressed
on this Subject from that Board. In the meantime
we have the Honor to enclose Some of the Opinions
given at large, we likewise enclose a Minute dispatched
by us of the Instant relative to the prospective views
of the Nabob's Second Son and Minister Views
destructive of the Company's Interest on the Coast of
Coromandel and which views would be much
facilitated by the surrender of the Assignment.
We are under the necessity of observing to you, that
those orders repeated from your Board for the Surren
=der of the Assignment have a Direct Tendency
to intermupt the regular Management and to
impede the Collections But if the Provinces which
escaped entire Devastation were to yield all the Re
=venues which on there times could be expected from
them, that Revenue after deducting the Peishcush

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to be paid to his Highness the Nabob, would be still inadequate to our very encreased Expences. After the Assignment took places you still last Year were pleased to make us considerable Remittances from the Company's Treasure agreeably to the Desire of the Court of Directors. This Year consigned Treasure to Sir Eyre Coote, of which we received about One Lack and a half of Pagodas. In our Letter to you of the 30th of August 1782 we individually deplored your personal indisposition towards us as a Source and unexpected Misfortune, but not as a Public Consideration as not affecting your Public Measures. If you should continue to diminish your Remittances to us while the Demands upon us and our Consequent Distresses are increasing, we shall be thought to have

public

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public Motives also for Dispensing that

Personal Indisposition -

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

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Received from Major Sydenham Copy of a

Letter to him from Lieutenant Dawes Commanding at

Pennaccil for entered in the M. B. N. / representing

That in consequence of a Letter which he had written

to Side Saheb he had received the most Satisfactory

Answer declaring that any Disorders that had been

committed were contrary to his / Side Sahebs / Orders,

expressing his Determinative of punishing the Offenders

Received Letter / for entered in M. B. N.^ / from the

Paymaster at Chingleput advising that drive of 1500

Bullocks had been brought in They were taken near

Covelong and are supposed to belong to the Enemy desires

the Orders of the Committee respecting them

Wrote the following Letter to the Town Major

To Major Sydenham

Town Major

Sir

In Answer to two applications to you

from Captain Hughes

I am directed by the Right Honble

the

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The President and Select Committee to desire that you will inform him that Genl Stuart may have a Portuguese Writer to assist him and his allowed Write whatever letters he pleases provided he will submit them to the Inspection of the Select Committee and that his Letters to Europe need not undergo such inspection excepting those to the Court of Directors which must be sent through the Select Committee

I enclose a copy of the General order for Genl Stuarts dismission from the Service to his own Agreeably to his request the conversation of the matter contained in a letter which the Select Committee have received from Genl Stuart is dispensed for the present

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I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J Ruddes Capt
Secy

20th Received the following letter from Captain George Campbell

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney
K B President and Governor &c &c &c

My Lord Fort St George

Since my letter of the 16th I have

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received intelligence that about 1000 Horse and 200 foot are still at Chincorainpilly They have plundered and burnt 8 Villages belonging to the Calluay Purgunna and 8 belonging to the dunia pillay purgunna and are collecting all the grain They can get They expect to be reinforced Soon and Then They intend to penetrate further into the Country — I have the Honor to be &c &c

Sellore
18th September 1783

(Signed) George Campbell

Received the following Letter from Vice admiral Sir Edward Hughes

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

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to acquaint You that Commodore King will have my Orders to Proceed to England on the 1st of next Month with His Majesty's twelve Ships Named in the Margin under his command and that on his arrival at the Cape of Good Hope I should he find it necessary to

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Septre
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to touch there He will have my Directions to Dis-
patch a Frigate to England with my Letters to the
Several Public Boards there which will furnish you
with an opportunity to forward any Dispatches
You may wish to Send to the Company

Superb in Madras

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Edward Hughes

Received the following Letter from Sir
John Burgoyne Major Generals Bruce, Campbell, Grose,
and Adams,—

To The Right Honble the President and
Members of the Select Committee

Fort St George

We the undersigned General Officers of His
Majesty's Service justly alarmed at the dangerous
situation to which matters have arisen in this Residency by
some to inform you of our real Sentiments that
future Events Should give occasion to Suspect our
Intentions to be different from what they really are—

We unanimously agree that it will be

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President and Council of Fort St George are the real Govern=
=ment of this Country, and as officers sent hither to command
the Troops of our Royal Master we are ready and willing
to obey the Lawful orders of the said Government coming
through His Majesty's Senior officer in India: but when
we see to our Surprize and Mortification a Colonel
brought forward over all our heads to the Rank of Lieut
General we cannot conceive it consistent with His
Majesty's Intentions that we manifest an Insult
should be imposed on his General officers therefore
though willing to obey all your Lawfull commands
we must with one unanimous Voice inform you its
an indignity to which we cannot Submit and that
we are determined not to obey any Orders from
Colonel Lang and when we Acknowledge our
readiness to obey your orders coming through
His Majesty's Senior Officer in India we beg
leave to be understood it does not Extend to
our obedience to the said Colonel Lang except
in Such instances where the Kings officers

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Superb on Madras Road 20th September 1783

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to touch there He will have my Directions to Dispatch a Frigate to England with my Letters to the Several Public Boards there which will furnish you with an opportunity to forward any Dispatches You may wish to Send to the Company

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Edward Hughes

Received the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne Major Generals Bruce, Campbell, Gordon and Adams -

To The Right Honble the President and Members of the Select Committee

Fort St George

We the undersigned General Officers of His Majesty's Service justly alarmed at the Insurrections which matters have arisen in this Residency by some to misrepresent of our Real Sentiments that false Reports Should give Occasion to Suspect our Intentions to be different from what they really are -

We unanimously agree that it is the Opinion

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President and Council of Fort St George are the real Govern=
=ment of this Country and as officers sent hither to command
the Troops of our Royal Master we are ready and willing
to obey the Legal orders of the said Government coming
through His Majesty's Senior officer in India: but when
we see to our Surprize and Mortification a Colonel
brought forward over all our heads to the Rank of Lieut
General we cannot conceive it consistent with His
Majesty's Intentions that so manifest an Insult
Should be imposed on his General officers therefore
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our obedience to the said Colonel Lang except
in Such instances where the Kings officers

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20 are inferior to the Rank Colonel Lang held before
his last promotion

Camp near Chemount (Signed) John Burgoyne
19th September 1783 Major General

T. Bruce Major General
Allan Campbell Maj. Genl.
Wm Gale Maj. Genl.
Tho. Adams Maj. Genl

Received the following Letter from
General Lang

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

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to acquaint you
that your Orders of Yesterdays date delivered
to me by the Adjutant General were published
to the Army and that I immediately after-
wards sent my Orders for the Army to change ground
this Morning at day break which has been

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20th Obeyd Accordingly

You will perceive by the inclosed letter
received between twelve and One this morning, from
Captain Armstrong Major of Brigade to the Kings
Troops that Major General Sir John Burgoyne and
Colonel Floyd have withdrawn themselves from the
Army and which I think it my duty to Lay
Head Quarters to your Honble Committee
Camp at the mount
20th Sept. 1783
9 o'Clock A.M.

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) Rob. Lang

To the Commanding Officer in Camp.

Sir

I am directed by Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie
to acquaint you that General Burgoyne & Colonel Floyd
have withdrawn themselves from the Army but that
he is here by order from the Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Forces ready to receive your commands
I am &c &c
(Signed) Thomas Armstrong
Major of Brigade to his
Majesty's Forces

Camp 19th
September 1783

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his last promotion

Camp near Chemaunt (Signed) John Burgoyne
19th September 1783 Major General

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Tho. Adams Mr. Genl

Received the following Letter from
General Lang

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to acquaint you
that your Orders of Yesterdays date delivered
to me by the Adjutant General were forthwith laid
to the Army and that I immediately after
issued my Orders for the Army to change ground
this morning at [illegible]

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20th Obeyd Accordingly

You will perceive by the inclosed letter received between twelve and One this morning from Captain Armstrong Major of Brigade to the Kings Troops that Major General Sir John Burgoyne and Colonel Floyd have withdrawn themselves from the Army and which I think it my duty to Report to your Honble Committee

Head Quarters
Camp at the mount
20th Sept. 1783
9 oClock A.M.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Rob. Lang

To the Commanding Officer in Camp.

Sir

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I am &c &c

(Signed) Thomas Armstrong
Major of Brigade to His Majesty's Forces

Camp 19th September 1783

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Received the following Letter from Major General Sir John Burgoyne

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney

My Lord

To prevent that confusion which must unavoidably have ensued had any of His Majesty's Officers remained in Camp superior in rank to your new appointed Commander in Chief or all of us under that description are unanimously of Opinion we cannot obey him

I have left camp myself as has Colonel Floyd also leaving the Command of His Majesty's Troops in Camp to Lieutenant Colonel Macleroy with orders from me to obey your Commands in Chief in which He Lieutenant Colonel Macleroy can find no difficulty being superior to that Rank in which your Commander in Chief holds in His Majesty's Service

As I do not mean to Shew

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myself from a thorough investigation of my Conduct

I think it proper to inform your Lordship I am

here ready to Surrender myself if called on, and think

it necessary so to do to prevent any insult that may

be offered to my person from an armed force

I have the honor to be &c &c &c

Gardens
20th Sept. 1783

John Burgoyne
m.G

To the foregoing Letter the Right Honorable

President returned the following Answer -

Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Sir

I have this moment received the honor

of your Letter

It was indeed with great concern that

I found your Sentiments differ on the late occasion

from those of this Government But my private feelings

were obliged to give way to the dictates of public Duty

The Conduct of Government towards you on the dismission

of Major General Stuart implied Ots Concern or

Marked Attention personally to you as well as

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to the other officers in his Majesty's Service your own declarations of the Select Committee no alter= =native but to make that appointment authorized by Law and directed by the Instructions of the Company which are mentioned in the General Abs= But it was never the Intention of any mem= ber of Government to force Obedience from the Kings Officers by any exertion of coercive Authority as the Public necessity did not absolutely require it of This I am so well persuaded that without consulting with any Colleagues on this occasion I can at once venture to answer for their Spirit of Moderation and that there is not the least Intention of calling upon you to give any Account of your Conduct here or to lay the least Restraint upon your Person unless some future Act committed by you should force them to adopt a measure which would be so painful to them.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Sign'd Macartney

Fort House
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Received the following Letter from Mr Paul Benfield

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I was honoured with your Secretary's Letter of yesterday while I was at the mount on my way to the place you have thought proper to appoint me for I had abandoned every regard to my private affairs however interesting or extensive to obey your Orders -

You have now been pleased to suspend my departure till Sunday: I will not presume recon= =sider this a sufficient time to arrange my affairs, nor need I suggest the extent of them but however much I may suffer in my private fortunes I most certainly shall obey your public orders: yet in the present case I will not doubt that a due consideration will be had to the danger of proceeding by land as I learn from the Accompanying note from the offic= =ommanding at Pennacul of the 14th Instant that the

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the Enemy's army in the Carnatic was laying near that place: and though there are reports of accessation of hostilities yet the conduct of the Enemy altogether does not appear to inform it and Yesterday heard from the Gentleman commanding at Pondamallie that some Blacks had come in there out: I will not presume that in the present precarious State of matters between us and the Enemy you will consider this a time when I can with any safety to any person put myself in their possession and the Commanding Officer of Chengleput tells me that the Strength of his Garrison would be a Safeguard against the Enemy's Force laying about permanel I trust my proceedings by sea will meet your approbation: but I must yet take leave to suggest that I have long labourd under extream bad Health that I am still and have been in a course of Medicine for many months past and for the last three months have eat no toasted Bread or Meat of any Kind: you will surely allow that in such State of Body I am not in a Situation to proceed to a place so totally

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destitude of any medical Assistance if any consequence of
Life and even of Shed on cover from the inclemency of the
weather; and if you are pleased to call upon me for my
Services feeble as they are, I shall Strict exert them in the
Service of the Company to the best of my ability and I
trust I might hope to be placed in a Situation where
I might receive at least medical Assistance considering
my State of Health and impaired Constitution;
which has been already certified to you but as a dutyful
Servant in full Submission and obedience to your Com-
mands and relying on your wisdom I am equally
ready to proceed to any quarter under this Presidency at
every risk of Life Health and Fortune

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
19th September 1783

Signed Paul Benfield

Dear Sir

If the Bearer Meets you You had
Better Stop at Chunglepet till you hear further from
me as tide Sahib army is now in my Front about 70
8 Miles Distant & Parties of Horse from his Camp I
will Spread themselves all over the Country &c &c.

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(Signed) H. Davies

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20th Wrote the following Answer to Mr Benfield

Paul Benfield Esqr.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor

and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt

of your letter of yesterdays date and to inform you

that since the receipt of your letter from Pennacond

there are other Accounts which lessen the danger

of proceeding to that place but as it is by no

means the Intention of the Select Committee that

you should incur any unnecessary risk you have

their permission to remain at Pongalore until

it shall be thought proper to write for you to Throp

you will then please set out to Chingleput from

thence according to the former Order

Fort St George I have the honor to be &c &c

20th Septr 1783 Signd Sonin Huddleston

The following Letter was received from the Chief Engr &c

Mr Secretary Huddleston

Sir

Informing that the

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20th of my letter which mentions my going by Sea
and having procured a passage on a Vessel presuming
there could be no objection I shall embark tomorrow
if that meets with the approbation of the
Right Honorable the President and Select Committee
I beg of you Sir to present this to the Select Committee
and to favour me with commands —

As the letter I have just now received mentions
my setting off for Chingleput Tomorrow Morning
According to the former order and as the former order
only mentions Sunday I beg to know if my proceeding
towards my destination any time Tomorrow Sunday
as was to be gathered from the former Order will meet
with the approbation of the Committee

I have the honor to be &c &c

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Lord Paul Benfield

The following Answer was returned to the foregoing Letter

To Paul Benfield Esqr

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your
Letter of this Date which I immediately laid before
the

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The Right Honble the President and Select Committee

who have directed me to inform you that they

conceive any Last Letter to you clearly expressed their

desire that you should proceed to Pennacondy by

Land as it did not Acquiesce in your Request to

go by Sea

I am further Directed to acquaint you

that by the Order contained in my last Letter for

your Departure tomorrow it is understood that

you shall actually set off for Pennacondy between

Sun Rise and Sun Set tomorrow agreeably to the

former determination of the Committee & to the

Directions sent to Lieut Dr to furnish you with

an Escort to be in readiness to proceed on Sunday

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I have the honor to be Sir

Your Most Obedt Hble Servt

John Huddleston Esqr

Resident & the following Letter from Lieut

Bulman Commanding at Chengalput

John Huddleston Esqr

Secretary to the Hble Committee

Sir

Please to acquaint the Hble

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20th President and Select Committee that I have been favoured with their Commands of the 18th instant and shall furnish Mr Paul Benfield with a sufficient Escort from Chingleput to Permacoil on his arrival here — Sam 8th 82

(Signed) Edward Burman
Lieut Commanding

Chingleput
Sept 19 1783

I Wrote Letter to Mr Burton enclosing to him an Extract from the Minutes of the 13th Instant directing that the Subsistence to His Majesty's Troops should in future be issued by him

24th Received Letter from the Secretary of the Governor General and Council of Bengal (as entered in Mr B's) enclosing a List of French Prisoners embarked on the Success Galley for Fort St George —

Received Letter (as entered in Mr B's) from Capt George Campbell Commanding at Nellore acknowledging the receipt of the Committee's Letter of the 14th Instant and will every preparation for the accommodation of Lt Brickmeyer & Captain Rollestons Corps

Received Letter (as entered in Mr B's) from Lt Daniell

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21st Carill mentioning the receipt of 5 pcs of Cloth for-
= warded by the Juno

Recvd do Letter / as entered in Mr Bs 1st from the
Paymaster at Tripasore complaining that the Command-
Officer will not permit him to measure the Rice
Agreeably to the Directions he received from the Govr
at Madras —

Received the following Letter from the
Chief and Council of Vizagapatam

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President & Governor & Members of the Privy Council
of
Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have received the Deputy
Secretary Sergeants Letter of the 5th Instant sig-
= nifying your Commands for the Battalion
remaining on this Establishment near Vizagapatam
till a Peace Arrangement shall take place but for
Reasons He had the Honor to mention in our Letter
of the 13th ultimo the Troops have been now
some time at Chicacole & that being the Head

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25 uncertain whether it is your Lordships Wish
that They Should be ordered to return especially as
moving them will be attended with some Expence
and great part of the Ground which was before
taken up by their followers is now in Cultivation

We are very respectfully &c &c

(Signed) Claud Russell
Chas Saxtone
H W Drake

Vizagapatam
12th Septr 1783

Received Letter from Colonel Pearse / as
entered in No B 8 / requesting permission for
Lieutenant Kennaway to proceed to Sea for the recovery
of His Health -

Wrote Letter to the Officers attending on
General Stuart / as entered in No B 8 / desiring
him to deliver to the General some Packets which
were then forwarded from the Select Committee

The following Letters were written to General
Stuart by the Military Secretary

To

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To Major General Stuart

&c &c &c

Sir

I have the honour of sending you annexed
to your Perusal the Minutes as far as the 6th of
September as also the original of His Majesty's
Warrant to Sir Eyre Coote and a Copy of your Letter
to the Select Committee dated the 10th Instant
The Minutes of the 11th September and that for
the 12th shall be sent you as soon as I have been
upon with them

I request you will be pleased to
return the Minutes as soon as you can conveniently
do, as there are many wanted in the Office

I enclose an Account to your application
to the Select Committee for permission to write
Letters to Europe

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

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To Major General Stuart

&c &c

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of this Date desiring to know whether you are at Liberty to send your Dispatches to His Majestys Ministers Sealed and to deliver them in presence of the Orderly officer to Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes or Commodore Sting and also your Letters to your Brother and having laid the same before the Select Committee I have their Commands to acquaint you that they have no objection to your Sending and delivering your Letters for Europe in the manner above mentioned, and in presence of the Town Major excepting those to the Honorable Court of Directors which must be Sent thro' the Select Committee agreeably to the order of Yesterday

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
25th September 1783

Signed

22 The following Letter was received by the Town Major from the Officer attending on General Stuart

Major

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Major Sydenham

Sir Major General Stuart Requests I will explain=
=ain to you the difficulty he Labours under for
want of a Person to Copy his writings not being
able to Procure a Portuguze writer that can make
out his writings from Lade he any to Assist him
Yesterday the Permitted by the Select Committee
His wish is that he may be permitted to Employ
his Secretary Mr Close and whatever Papers he
may give him to be Copyd will be first delivered
to the Officer on Duty and he to Mr Close and
Returned again into the Same Channel

22d Sept. 1783.

I am Sir &c
(Signed) J Gu.

To which the following Answer was returned

To Captain William Sydenham

Sir

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I am Answer to the application which
you have received from the Officer attending
Major General Stuart Requesting the Papers

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22d request that his late Secretary Lieutenant Close may be permitted to assist him in preparing his Dispatches for Europe

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have no objection to Major General Stuarts availing himself of Mr Close's assistance provided that all the Letters be submitted to the inspection of the Officer attending on the General

I have the honor to be &c

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22d September 1783

[Signed] John Huddlestone
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Wrote Letter to Lieut Thomas Underwood (as entered in M B &c) granting him permission to proceed to Goa for the recovery of his health subjecting to his return a Bill which he has received for Arrears upon the Govr General & Council of Bengal -

Received the following Letter from Major Genl Jones

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney
President and Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I think it my Duty to acquaint you

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your that if your have Sent any Dispatches for me dated of the 2d instant They have been intercepted by Some of the Looties on the road from Angola to This place about 2 Cs off I Shall take every precaution in my power to prevent This in future by ordering the Peons to keep The hills ondued I had given Them directions before but They were not obeyed I Should of your Lords hip and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee Think proper to reinforce me it will be absolutely necessary orders be Sent to Mr Westcott Paymaster at Ellore to Send Bullocks to Angola to carry our Provisions as I have no expectations of finding any but at Calway The Magazine ordered by the Select Committee to be laid in from Ellore and I hope Mr Orme may be desired to forward The grain as fast as possible I hope you will excuse my taking the liberty of mentioning These Things as it proceeds from The good of the Service

I have the honor to be &c &c

Combam
14th September 1783

(Signed) Thomas Jones
Major Genal

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The following Draft of a Letter to the Governor General and Council giving Account of the proceedings with respect to General Stuarts Dimission having been proposed is now dispatched

To the Honble Warren Hastings

Governor General and Council of Bengal

Gentlemen

In your letter of the 11th of March last you lamented that if the charge at that time brought against Major General Stuart in neglecting the advantage to be taken of the Death of Hyder Ali Should be well founded that it Should fall upon an Officer whom you said we had invested with the Command of the Army and the whole Conduct of Military Operations upon the Departure of Sir Eyre Coote for Bengal and Sir Hector Munro for Europe Major General Stuart was the Senior Infantry Officer in the Companys Service upon the Coast and therefore we Acted Agreeably to the Companys Instructions in investing him with a Command of which we were

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willing to hope he would make the one we last
his Duty dictated We had indeed however poor
experience to the Contrary What his General Conduct
has been will appear in the Minute we have the
honor to enclose to you of our Presidents of the 17th Inst.
We had indeed so long ago as March last warned
General Stuart of the Probable Consequence of that
Conduct in his Dismission from the Company's
Service and his Misconduct Since has freed us
to adopt that Measure as he was not retired on
his Majesty's Service Line and came to India only
on Permission from his Majesty and is in fact an
Officer reduced from Service and on half pay the
moment he ceased doing Duty by his Dismission
from the Company's Service by whom alone he had
been employed in India His Commission to rank
as Majr General in case of doing duty could not
operate either to give him no longer doing duty
any Rank or Command whatever no more
than a like Commission does to any of the numerous
General Officers in England not Employed but his
Situation the Command devolved on Majr

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22 General Sir John Burgoyne Baronet & his wife & his Regiment was sent on Service here by his Majesty Major General Stuart declared however his Intention of retaining the Command of the Kings Troops to illegal an attempt if Successful indicated indeed the illegal use he must have meant to make of Such a Power His Intentions however ill-directed were not to affect our Conduct unless we had reason to apprehend the Practicability of his putting them into Execution We therefore notwithstanding his Declarations suffered him to depart at liberty as the Senr Infantry Officer in the Company's Service on this Coast was then only a Colonel We wished to avoid hurting the feelings of Sir John Burgoyne and the other General Officers here in the Kings Service by a Sudden promotion over their heads which would be necessary in order to keep agreeably to the Instructions from the Court of Directors the Command of the Company's Army in their own Officers Sir John Burgoyne was declared in Public Orders as Commanding the Kings forces and He in fact commanded the whole as no Promotion was made He was considered and Saluted as

Commander

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Commander in Chief But after having been with
Major General Stuart he came to the Committee
and declared that Major General Stuart still
insisted upon retaining the Command of the Kings
Troops and would give orders to them that every
Evening and that he General Burgoyne would
obey such Orders such an Assumption of illegal
Authority by General Stuart facilitated in
its Execution by the willing Obedience of him
who he supposed real Authority alone pointed out
the Ends to which such Means must be intended
to be applied and was alone sufficient independent
by of other Circumstances conveying conviction to our
Minds of the Propriety of the Precaution to point out
to the Committee the immediate Steps which the
Public Safety required from them in which their
Duty to watch over the Safety of the Presidency
called upon them to attend to the known Disposition
and Past Actions of Major General Stuart. An
Order was therefore instantly framed to urge the Point
before his Orders to the Kings Troops should have
time to reach them and as Major General Burgoyne
declined the Command it became

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necessary to pursue the Instructions from the Court of Directors for giving Such a Commission to the Senior Infantry Officer upon the Coast who happened to be Colonel Lang as would give him the Command and as Several Officers were holding Commissions under the Crown of Major General it became likewise necessary that the Commission to Colonel Lang Should be that of Lieutenant General Notwithstanding the Authority of the Mutiny Act for the East Indies excluding the Kings forces Serving here and notwithstanding the express Orders of our Superiors to make the Promotion which gave the Command to Major General Burgoyne and the other General Officers Subsisted themselves to be too much led by the Resentment of what they considered an Indignity in being superseded by an Officer Junior Senior to them in the Kings Service that they had the imprudence to determine on violating the law enacted for their Conduct here as appears by the enclosed Copy of a Letter directed to us upon this Occasion we are indeed informed that they have been deceived by false Information relative to the authorities of this Government and their Views excited by Assurances of its Governors Lieutenant General Lang however

Send

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Joined his Orders in Camp but we respectfully directed
him not to enforce Obedience from the Kings Troops
by any Exertion of Coercive Authority but on the Contrary
to afford them on all Events the usual Rewards &
Allowances and Conveniences which they had hitherto
enjoyed Sir Jno Burgoyne did not chuse to risk
committing the crime of the actual Disobedience of
the Kings Troops in refusing to move According to
the Orders of General Lang but withdrew on the
Night from the Army having only in Command
of the Kings Troops an Officer of Rank inferior to
that which General Lang enjoys in the Kings Service
and the next day Sir John Burgoyne wrote to our
President that he had done so and was ready to
Surrender his Person to avoid the insult of an Attack
force The Answer in which we respectfully concurred
recommended him that the conduct of this Government
towards him immediately on the Dismission of
Major General Stuart emplied as they conceived
a marked Attention personally to him as
well as to the other Officers in his Majesty's Service
That it was his own Declaration that if it

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The Committee no Alternative but to make the appointm.t Authorised by Law and directed by the Company's Instructions But that it was never the Intention of any Member of Government to force Obedience from the Kings Officers by any exective or Coercive Authority As the Public necessity did not absolutely require it and that there was not the least Design of calling upon him to give any Account of his Conduct here or to lay the least Restraint upon his Person unless some future act committed by him should force them to adopt a measure which would be as painful to them We have the honor to enclose to you Copies of the Several Orders relative to this Transaction together with Copies of letters and Answers that passed upon the occasion

The Gates of the Fort were shut while there was any Apprehension of Confusion But all things are now in perfect quiet both in the Settlement and at Camp

The Persons who are disappointed in their Views of independent Authority and those who wish for the Subversion of Government are said to have given a Different Description of these Events to some Members of your Board or other Persons in Calcutta in the hope of inducing you to attempt exerting under the Plea of Necessity some Extraordinary or unnecessary Authority over the Presidency or the Troops here which are all under our immediate Command. We therefore request

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22d ...you to recollect that you have been already in many Instances deceived by Information of private Authority as in the case of the Dessigns attributed to us relative to the Guntoor Circars to Tiptersburn Jung the pretended letter from the King & Company acknowledging the Prince's Right of appointing a Successor and on other occasions and now therefore hope you will confide only in the Authentic Documents furnished to you by Government

Fort St George
Sept. 22. 1783

We have the honor to be &c &c
Geo. Macartney &c
Select Committee

23d Received the following letter from Col. Fullarton

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

My Lord & Sirs

Yesterday the Engineers of the Detachment under my Command joined Colonel Stuarts Detachment at the Camp The Sepoy Battalions were left by Order to Join the Body from Tanjore and Trichinopoly at this place for the Protection of Convoys coming with Stores &c for the Use of the Main Army I have the pleasure to add that the Detachment under my Command arrived in a most healthy State than could have been imagined from the Fatigues they have undergone I have not lost a Single European by Desertion and do not know any Instance of Sickness which does not / in Thirty three and twenty four Hours terminate in Death Colonel Fullarton is expected now here

Camp at Dindigul
16th Sept. 1783

Sent

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At a Select Committee present

Tuesday
23d Sept.r 1783

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K.B. President

Anthony Sadleir Esq.r

Alexander Davidson Esq.r

Lieutenant General Lang absent in Camp

Morgan Williams Esq.r absent

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Read the following Letter from Lieu.t Bulman

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

My Lord

I have the Pleasure to inform your
Lordship that the two Vakeels from Syed Saabs Camp arrived
here this Evening I have ordered our Tendal and
Twenty Lascars to assist in getting their Baggage
over the Palar and I understand they leave this
for the Presidency Tomorrow morning at Day break
if the Weather permits - As they decline coming into
the Fort no Compliments will be paid them the moment

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I heard of their crossing the River I gave Orders for Pots Firewood Straw &c. to be sent to their Encampment and if they wanted any Sepoys - I Gave them to Understand that I had your Orders My Lord to furnish them with a proper Escort

I am with Respect &c &c

Edward Fullerton
Lieutenant Commanding

Chingleput
to
September 20 1783
9 o'Clock P.M.

The President informs the Committee that the Vakeels from Tippoo Saheb arrived here last night and are Accommodated near the Black Town

The Committee proceed to deliberate on the measures necessary to be taken with regards to General Stuart and after having advertised with the most serious attention to the Situation of this Government the doubts entertained of its authority by the Rajas of Tanjore The hostile disposition and conduct of the Governor General and Council of Bengal encouraging divisions in the Government here and a Military Authority independent of the Presidency the dangerous views and designs of the Mahrattas Friend here and the considerable force left of the two

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in the Environs of Fort St George and lastly the known disposition and principles of General Stuart himself The Committee are of opinion upon all these considerations that the peace and safety of the settlement absolutely require that General Stuart should be removed from it and as upon reference to the records it appears also to have been unvariably the sense and intentions of the Company and consonant to the spirit of their orders that persons dismissed from their service should be forthwith sent to England it is accordingly resolved that General Stuart be sent to England unless he shall chuse to proceed thither voluntarily on one of His Majesty's Ships now under dispatch

The President thinking it highly proper and necessary at this particular Crisis that advices should be sent as speedily as possible to our Employers purposes to the Committee the authorizing him to purchase a packet for that purpose to & the purpose of a conveyance for General Stuart to be in readiness to proceed immediately to England and informs the Committee that there is a vessel

now

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There Very fit for the Service which may be purchased for about 30,000 Pagodas

Mr Davidson for the reasons urged by the President approves of purchasing a packet and of authorising his Lordship to take the necessary measures to effect it

Mr Sadleir does not see the necessity of purchasing a packet to send to England at this time when so many of the Kings Ships are going and some of the Companys may be soon expected

Resolved that the President be authorized to purchase a packet to proceed as soon as possible to England and that She be supplied with Stores from the Companys Warehouse and Dispatched with the utmost expedition

Resolved that Daniel Stuart be informed of our resolution respecting his going to England and that a Cabin is provided for his accommodation in which we doubt not he will find it unless it shall be more agreeable to him to proceed in one of the Kings Ships and the Admiral shall order her to Portsmouth

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Read the following Letter from Lt Gen.
Burgoyne -

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

From the Situation in which Major
General Stuart His Majesty's Senior Officer in India
is reduced it is not in his power to send or mine to
receive from him His Majesty's Warrant for holding
General Court Martial in India therefore as the next
Senior Officer and consequently commander in Chief
of His Majesty's Forces for the time being I have to
desire of you will permit me to receive from Major
General Stuart His Majesty's said Warrant That
I may by it and the third Clause of the Act of
parliament for punishing Mutiny and Desertion
in the East Indies appoint or Authorize in like Occasion
requires it General Courts Martial to be held not only
on the Officers & Soldiers of His Majesty serving in India
but likewise on the Officers & Soldiers in the Service of
the East India Company - I have the honor to be &c &c

Gardens
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(Signed) J Burgoyne

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To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K B President &c &c &c Vice Admiral
&c &c &c

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My Lord & Gentlemen

Having Reason to believe that the
Close Confinement of Major General Stuart to his
Cot in Command his Majesty's Troops in India
Hereby in the name of His Majesty & My Lord and
Gentlemen require of you to send me Rt Hon.
Commander in Chief for the time being all Letters
or dispatches whatsoever addressed that may come
or to come hands directed to Lt Gen. Stuart or Major
General Stuart or Officer Commanding His
Majesty's Troops in India as I think it proper myself
now to all intents & purposes Commander in Chief
for the time being of all His Majesty's Forces
Serving in India

I have the honor to be &c &c &c

Pardons
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Signed R Burgoyne
Mr Gl
Rec'd

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Resolved that the following answer be returned to the above Letter -

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne &c.

Sir

We have had the honor to receive two Letters from you Dated the 24th Instant

We must desire to remind you that in a Letter Signed by you on the 19th Instant this you Acknowledge this Presidency to be the Real Government of this Country your Province your Obedience to such Legal Orders of the said Government as shall come thro' his Majesty's Senior Officer in India you know however that such Senior Officer had not been sent by his Majesty on Service in India That on the contrary he was reduced to half pay and even came to India only on Permission and not by Direction or Order of his Majesty That his Commission operated only to give him Command while on Service by any Direction from his Majesty or of the Company That not being on Service here by any Direction from his Majesty and having ceased as was announced to you to be employed by the Company he manifestly ceased having any Authority

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whatsoever and that consequently no Orders could be
communicated to you by such Senior Officer In the
Same manner you also declare that you will not
obey any Orders from the Officer whom you Acknowledge to
to have been promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant
General And after that Officer had taken the Command
of the Army You withdrew yourself from it with
his Knowledge or Consent tho by the Articles of
War and the Consequent Course of the Service you
as holding an inferior Rank under his Command

We shall not attempt to anticipate
the Judgement that will be brought of this Conduct
in Europe nor shall we contest with you about
any Authority you may still undertake to exercise
provided the publick Safety and Welfare shall not
be in Danger of being affected thereby but we
cannot by any Act of ours in the present Circum-
-stances warrant authorise or Countenance your in the
Assumption of Command We must consider as the
Law directs us Lieutenant General Lang to be
Commander in Chief and as no Officer in the Kings
Service on this Coast holds a Commission of Ge.

Lieut

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high a Rank we conceive that his Commander extends to the Kings as well as the Companys Forces doing duty together

We conceive it therefore to be our Duty to convey to Such Commander in Chief all the Letters or Dispatches that may be addressed to Such Commander in Chief for the time being

We did not demand from Major General Stuart his Majestys Warrant for holding Courts martial which is directed to the Eyre Coote or Officer Commanding in Chief his Majestys forces for the time being It is of so late a Date as the 21st of March last and must have arrived very lately No Doubt Major General Stuart is Possessed of the former Warrant for holding Courts Martial under which he acted and which as far as they agree is as valid as the Present he may if he pleases deliver the Same to you: and for your further Satisfaction we now enclose you a Copy of the last Warrant If you conceive yourself entitled to act as Commander in Chief and to order Courts Martial we Shall not unless our Duty forces us to it interfere We humbly Submit to his Majesty the Nation and our Employers the

ultimate

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ultimate Decision of this Question

We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Macartney &c

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Read the following letter from General Stuart

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord &c

I address you now upon a Supposition

which for the credit of Human Notice I think barely

possible that you have perhaps a Design to deprive me of

the means to do myself Justice in my reference in the first

Instance To the Governor General and Council of Bengal by

denying to me the Assistance of either Close my aid de

Camp and Secretary or of Mr Smart my Aid de Camp

or indeed of any European Gentlemen you please to name

to copy whatever I have to write in presence of your order

Officer

It is absolutely out of my power to write a Copy

every thing that may occur myself and

when you first Give permission over to day I Get

any black Men really to Assist me with the help

of my Aid de Camp or Secretary or some English man

who

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Agreed that General Stuart be furnished

with a Copy of the Presidents minute of the 17th

Instant and with any other other papers of a prior

date to the 17th Instant.

Read the following Letter and

Enclosure from Colonel Roy's.

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

K. B. President and Governor &c &c Lieut Generl &c

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My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor herewith to lay

before your Lordships Application for leave

to return to Europe for the recovery of his Health

impaired

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impaired by a fourteen years residence in this Country

His Sufferings from repeated disorders as appears

by the Certificate of Mr Bulman renders his Request

so reasonable that however much I may feel on being

deprived of the Assistance of his abilities I cannot

but in Justice recommend in the Strongest manner

his request to your attention

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed Patrick Ross

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

K. B. President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

The frequent Indispositions which

a length of time passed in this Country has occasioned

to my constitution induced me to request your

Lordships &c. permission to return to Europe by the

Majesty's Fleet now under Sailing orders I have the

Honor to enclose you the opinion of Mr Bulman

If your Lordship &c. shall be pleased

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to comply with my Request I shall esteem myself much honored by your committing to my care your dispatches by this occasion to the Honble the Court of Directors which I desire to assure you I shall most Speedily and faithfully convey to them: and I shall further trespass on your Lordships &c to request you will honor me with such mention in your Letter to the Court of Directors as I shall endeavor them to permit me to return to my Station in the Service So Soon as my Health shall be reestablished

I have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) George Maule
Director & Major of Engineers

This is to certify that Major George Maule having been for Several years at different times afflicted with various diseases of the Liver in which together with the debilitating influence of this Climate have enfeebled his Constitution and brought on hypochondrical affections to such a degree that from the Slightest causes he is subject to the most distressing Symptoms and having tried the most approved remedies without permanent effect a removal to his Native

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Native Country is recommended as absolutely
necessary to his recovery -

(Signed) Jos Bulman
Surgeon -

Agreed that Major Maule be informed that
he has leave to proceed to Europe for his Health
resigning the Service and that he will be recom-
mended to the Honble Court of Directors to be
permitted to return without prejudice to his Rank

Agreed that Major Maule be charged with the
public Dispatches agreeably to his request

Agreed that Major James Johnstone be
Appointed Director of Engineers and Major in the room
of Major Maule -

Read Letter from the Mellwar Renter &
complaining of Incursions into the Mellwar Country
by the Enemys Horse and requesting that Troops
may be sent to repell them and that he may be
permitted to employ poligars on Batta for that purpose

The President is requested to represent
to Tippoo Saheb Vakeel the Infractions of the Cessation
of Arms committed by his Troops to the Northward and
to

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to desire him to send orders for their being discontinued

Agreed that Captain Campbell be informed that

Brickmans Corps and Rollestons Irregulars are set

out and will be seen at Vellore to be employed by

him to the best advantage for the defence of the

Country That if necessary he may make use of Polegars

ascertaining the exact number and the Batta usually

paid to such people that we may determine what

allowance to make them

Read Letter from the Board of the 15th Inst.

as entered in Country Correspondence complaining that

the Instructions of the Company relative to him &

received & Crocodile have not been yet communicated

to him refusing to consent to any negociation with

the President representing his attachment to the Company

and the English nation the Invasion of his rights

resumption of his Authority &c as in former Letters -

Ordered to lie for Consideration

Read the following Letter from Doctor Berman

To John Huddleston Esq.

Military Secretary

Sir

In obedience to the late Regulations

instructions

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respecting the Surgeons in Camp and in Cantonments it is
my wish to comply with the Orders of the Right Honble
President and Select Committee particularly Art. 21st
wherein I am directed to purchase all those Drugs
and Necessaries called Country medicines for the
convenience and purpose of Supplying the wants of the
Several Surgeons with the Armies and in Cantonments
But as the Purchasing of these numerous Articles will
employ a considerable Sum of money and as I am
totally unprovided with the means requisite to lay
in a Sufficient Stock of these Things for that I
am induced to Solicit the Honble Committees aid
hoping they will grant me an Advance of money
on that Account
As two of his Majesty's Surgeons have
already applied by Indent agreable to the new-
Regulations and are unfortunate: I have to Request
that you will be pleased to lay this Letter without
Loss of time before the Right Honble President & Select-
Committee

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I have the honor to be &c.
[Signed] Jos Bulman
Surgeon & Superintendant of Hospitals

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Agreed that the regulations Extend to the Kings Surgeons and that all the Indents from Camp be Countersigned by the Surgeon Major -

The Secretary delivers in the following Minutes which he received the 20th Instant -

Mr Sadleir upon the perusal of the Minutes relative to the Deputation sent to Boddalore not only takes occasion to remark that Mr Staunton who was joined with him in that Commission acquitted himself of it with propriety and Effect but thinks it an act of Justice to add that the material Assistance and Services which Mr Staunton has rendered to the Company in the Political Civil and Legal Departments of this Presidency for these last two years of Difficult and complicated Transactions deserve and require Acknowledgement and Recompence Mr Sadleir thinks it right to mention some peculiarities of Situation to which Mr Staunton is subjected arising from his Public Station and his faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in him Mr Staunton, tho' not bred a Servant of the Company came in his present Station to India with the Knowledge and Sanction of the Court of Directors and is bound by Covenants which precludes him from the Acceptance of Presents and perquisites &

and the Integrity of his Conduct to the best of Mr Sadleirs Knowledge and Belief has removed even the Suspicion of his having transgressed these Covenants we like it is likely that on the Profession of the Law in which he rose to be his Majesty's Attorney General of Grenada he might have acquired a considerable Fortune in this Country Mr Sadleir thinks Mr Staunton's case so peculiarly hard precluded as he is by the Rules of the Service from holding any Lucrative Office precluded too by his Station from the Exercise of his Talents to his own advantage and by his Covenants & recluded from the Acceptance of Presents and Perquisites that Mr Sadleir cannot help recommending it to the consideration of the Right Honble the President and to the Company

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Signed/ Anth. Sadleir

Mr Davidson is happy in having an opportunity of coinciding entirely with Mr Sadleir in his opinion of Mr Staunton being thoroughly convinced of his distinguished ability in the political Civil and Legal Departments of the Presidency

Mr Sadleir has expressed himself so properly and so fully on the Subject that Mr Davidson has only further to add that he fully approves of Mr Sadleirs minute

Signed/ Alexander Davidson

The very eminent Integrity and distinguished Ability Shewn by Mr Staunton during an Arduous & Administration replete with a variety of Transactions complicated in themselves difficult to accomplish and

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I believe unequalled by any on our Records certainly Merit the Praise bestowed on this Gentleman by Sir Sadleir: and I am happy it is in my power previous to my Departure for the Circuit to express my entire Approbation of his Conduct either in a Civil or political Light in expectation a Conduct so deserving will not only merit the attention and Consideration of this Committee but of the Court of Directors our Honorable Employers These being my Sentiments I can only Say further that Sir Sadleirs Minute founded on Mr Staunton's known Abilities and Acknowledged Services in very just and proper and consequently meets with any Approbation -

Signed/ Morgan Williams

20 to September 1783-

The President delivers in the following Minute-

Minute in Committee

The President at whose request Mr Staunton has devoted his whole time to the Affairs and welfare of the Company sees with great pleasure the expressions of the Esteem entertained by the other Members of the Government of that Gentlemans Services and Conduct

The President at this or the Good effect of what is thus Justly with Strict Truth and Justice and

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23 September 1783 upon Such respectable as well as unanimous Testimony

(Signed) Macartney

The Committee unanimously concur in giving

testimony to the eminent and essential Services rendered by Mr

Staunton to the Company during the present Administration

his indefatigable Zeal and unremitting attention to what

ever would promote their Interests while at the same time

he has Steadily and uniformly Avoided every opportunity

of consulting his own.

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23. Perused the following Letters as entered in the

Miscellany Book Nos)

From Ensign Barnes - Requesting permission to proceed to

Bengal for the Recovery of his Health, - will join

his Battalion at Ganjam by the first opportunity -

Ensign Barnes requests to proceed to Bengal & will join the Bn. at Ganjam —

Wrote the following Letters as entered in MLB Nos

To Ensign Barnes - granting him permission to proceed

to Bengal and desiring that he will join his

Battalion as soon as possible —

To the Captain of the Pigot, Major and Atlas - directing

them to receive on Board their Ships, the several

persons mentioned in those Letters. —

Pigot Major & Atlas to receive persons mentions in letters —

To the Military Paymaster General inclosing Extract

from the Minutes of the Select Committee in the 9th

Instant - directing him to make the usual Allowances

to His Majestys Officers ordered to England upon Service

To Lieutenant Baris cannot Comply with his Demand

on account of Secret Services rendered to the late

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote. —

Wrote the following Letter to Captain George Campbell

Commanding at Nellore. —

To Captain Georgs Campbell

Commanding at Nellore -

Sir

To Nellore Brickmires and Rollinston Corps on their way to Nellore - to defend the Country against any attempts - to use Poligars if necessary —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

and Select Committee to inform you that Brickmires and

Rollestons Corps are to set out and will it is hoped be at

Nellore

23. Nellore in a few days — you are to employ them to the best advantage for the defence of the Country against any attempts to disturb it — and if necessary you may make use of Poligars, but in that case you are to ascertain the exact Number and transmit it to the Select Committee with an Account of the Batta usually paid to such people and they will determine what allowance shall be made to them —

Before I conclude, It is proper to observe to you that there has been a Cessation of arms between us and the Enemy for a Considerable time past and that yesterday two Vackeels arrived here from Tippoo From their Circumstances we are disposed to imagine that the persons who have lately made the incursion into the Nellore Province are unauthorized by their own Government and more Cooties or plunderers, — Some of the same description have committed disorders near Permacoil but upon Complaint from Soudamans Dawes the Officer Commanding there, Side Sahb punished them Very Severely —

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

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(Signed) John Huddleston
Secy

Received the following Letter from Captain Hughes the Officer attending on General Stuart —

Major Sydenham

Sir

General Stuart wishes me to express his desire that

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தமிழ்நாடு ஆவணக் காப்பகம்.
(ஆராய்ச்சிக் கூடம்)

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I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) James Hughes.—

Wrote the following Letter to Major Maule.—

Major George Maule.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to them of the Instant enclosing a Certificate of ill Health and to inform you that you have their permission to proceed to Europe for your Recovery, but that in conformity with a positive Order from the Honble the Court of Directors it is necessary that you should resign the Company's Service.— The Select Committee will make favorable Mention of you to the Honble the Court of Directors and recommend that you be permitted to return with your Rank on this Establishment, Should your Health admit of it.—

To Major Maule permitted to proceed to Europe—but to resign the Service—the Committee to mention him to the Directors is also permitted to be this dispatch—

I am further directed to inform you, that the Select Committee have been pleased to comply with your Request of being the Bearer of the present Dispatches to the Commissary.—

Request

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) John Huddleston
Sec.y

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Wrote

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24 Wrote the following Letters as entered in the Miscellan[eous]
Book No. 1

To General Burgoyne to send proofs of Capt. Hearsey's Debate selling Rice in Camp.

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne desiring him to furnish the Committee with the proofs which he has collect of Captain Hearsey's Debasts having sold Rice in the Bazars at Camp.—

To Mr. William Mallett Directing him to proceed to Vellore & to put himself under the Orders of General Jones either to joine his Army or to remain in Garrison as his Services may be wanted.—

To Mr. William Mallett to proceed to Vellore.—

To Captain George Campbell Acquainting him that Mr. Mallett had been Ordered to proceed to Vellore, either to Remain to do duty there, or to join General Jones's Army, as the General may judge most proper.—

To Colonel Pearse Complying with his Request in granting permission to Lieutenant Kennaway to proceed to sea for the Recovery of his Health.—

Wrote Letter as entered in Miscellany Book No. 1
to Captain Batterson Commanding at Chingleput Directing him to permit a Supply of Rice for the Garrison of Carnacoil to pass thro' the gates of Chingleput.—

The following Letter was written to Major General Stuart.—

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24th To Major General Stuart

&c &c &c

To General Stuart
enclosing copies of
the General Order
of the 18th & 19th
He may be furnished
with any papers,
he chuses to apply
for.

Sir

In consequence of your application to be furnished with Copies of the two last General Orders of the 18th and that of the 19th Instant — I have the Commands of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform You, that they are willing to furnish you not only with the abovementioned Papers but with any other to the Committee of the 17th for which You may think proper to apply

I enclose Copies of the three General Orders which You desired and have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ John Huddleston
Secy.

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25th Received Letter (as entered in Miscellany Book &c) from Colonel Pearse requesting permission for Lieut. Huxsiman to proceed to Bengal for the Recovery of his Health. —

Thursday the 25th Sept.

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB.
President
Anthoney Sadlier — Lieutenant Genl. Lang
Alexander Davidson
Morgan Williams Esqr. absent upon the Committee of Circuit

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The Minutes of last Committee Read & approved —

Appagee Ram and Shrenivas Ram who had been deputed by Sippoo Sultaun as his Vackeels for putting an End to the Troubles with the Company having arrived some Days since were this Morning received with the Ceremonies usual among the Natives in Such occasions and delivered to this Government the following Papers, after which the Vackeels withdrew —

From Mohud dein Caun to the Governor

Dated 20th Sheval or 18th September 1783

Received — 25th Do.

From Mohud dein Caun has sent Appagee Ram Shrenivas Ram — who will give a Verbal explanation to everything.

Agreable to your Letter I have sent Appagee Ram and Shrenivas Raw to you, and you will hear every thing explained by them Verbally —

What shall I say more: —

Translation of a Paper delivered to Govern.t by Appagee Ram September 25 1783.

Terms of a Treaty between the English Nabob Mahomed Ally Khan and the Circar —

Translation of terms of a Treaty between the English Nabob and the Circar —

1st. I will deliver all the Great Province Subject to the Circar to the English, — and the English will deliver all such Countries as they have taken from the

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the Ciriar in Cuddap. Dindigul Nagur and below the
Ghauts and in Nelle Cottah

2d. ——— The English will give the Forts of Seag Gurh and
Raoid Nellore in the Arcot Country, and the Countrys below
them, also the Country of Calcurike in all a Country worth
five Lacks of Rupees with the Forts belonging to it. —

3d. ——— I will deliver up all the English Officers &
Soldiers which now remain in Prison and the English
will deliver up the Slave Anoz with all the Money and
Effects he carried away with him. —

4th. ——— The Traitors belonging to Calliot, Callanguidy
Chevacul, and other Countries are protected in Pellichery
and other places belonging to the Company and in Ram
Rajahs Country — all these People must be delivered
up to the Ciriar and no person Subject to the Ciriar
must receive protection in future —

Theives and such People belonging to each must
not be protected on either Side. ———

5th. ——— A Peace must be established forever between
the English and the Ciriar — if the Ciriar is engaged in
any trouble and that I send information thereof to
Madras, Bombay or other places the English must
aid me with large force — if the English are engaged
in War I will send Troops to their assistance — if the
Enemys of the Ciriar ask privately for assistance
from the English, they must pretend that they have

disbanded

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disbanded their Troops, and not give such assistance and if the English should have given assistance to any Sundar who is at enmity with the Circar, the English must Recall their assistance from him. —

A treaty upon the Terms of the five Paragraphs above Stated, must be given, Signed, & Sealed, by the Governor, and Council, of Madras, and by the Nabob Mahomed ally Chawn, likewise and Treaty's to the same effect must be given by the Governor and Council of Bengal, and the Governor and Council of Bombay; — I will likewise send a Man of Consequence belonging to me, with a Man of Consequence belonging to the English, on board a ship to Europe to procure a Ratification of the same treaty from the Company and from the King. — the definitive Treaty before it comes to be signed will involve some other little things and so it Must be Specified. —

Read the following Letter from Major Genl. Burgoyne —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I this day received the honor of your letter of yesterday date and must now beg the explanation of two or three points. —

Having in a former letter told you that

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From General Burgoyne to know if Governor Hastings has not to act a Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops demands all Letters that may come directed to the Commander in Chief of the Kings Forces to know if he is to draw the usual allowances and who

you that I looked on my self to all intents and purposes as Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces in India for the time being, I need not now repeat it; but as you say in your Letter, you cannot by any act of yours in the present Circumstances, warrant, authorize or countenance me in the resumption of Command and that you must consider as the Law directs you, Lieutenant General Long to be commander in Chief and as no Officer in the Kings Service on this Coast holds a Commission of so high a rank you conceive that his Command extends to the Kings as well as the Companies for us doing duty together, I therefore now first beg to say I never gave up the Command of the Kings forces consequently there can be no resumption of Command in the case, and not to know from you in explicit terms entitles it is the Command of Government that I shall not act as Commander in Chief for the time being of his Majestys Forces in India

I must also add that which in his Majestys name I demanded of you all Letters and Dispatches that may have arrived since General Stuarts Confinement, or may yet arrive directed to Sir Eyre Coote General Stuart or Officer Commanding his Majestys forces, I did not allude to such as may come directed simply to the Commander in Chief of the Companies troops, unless there

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of Her Majestys court before - there I do again make a formal demand of you will please to observe that if you take on yourselves to Order me not to act as the Commander in Chief of Her Majestys forces but order your new appointed Lieutenant General to do, & you not only put the said newly appointed Lieutenant General under my head in your own Service but in that likewise of Her Majestys - of this act I beg leave to caution both you and your new appointed Lieutenant General

I wish to know if I am still to Consider myself on the Staff, and whether I am to draw the usuall allowances during the time I had the honor to Command the Army and if I am what you are pleased to call the usual allowances

I have the honor &c

/ Signed / John Burgoyne
M. G. & Commander
in Chief of Her Majestys
forces Serving in India

Agreed that the following Letter be written to Major General Sir John Burgoyne in Answer to the above.

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Sir

We had the honor to Receive Yesterday a Letter from you which was without Date.

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to Genl. Burgoyne will not dispute his authority - if it does not affect the public safety - Genl. Lang to exercise no authority, but what his appointment allows him cannot make him any allowances after the 19th. but will him upt to that date what might Order to him -

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In our last Letter to you we have declared, as our thoughts, in explicit Terms, that we should not combat with your any authority you might undertake to exercise, provided the Publick Safety and Welfare should not be affected thereby. It cannot therefore be our Intention at present to issue any Prohibitory Order to you Relative to such Authority -

We likewise Request you to be assured that we shall give no Order whatsoever to Lieutenant General Lang to assume any other Command beyond that in which by his present Appointment he is authorised In pursuance of such appointment he now indeed actually Commands the joint forces of His Majesty and the Company. It is not clear to us how you could Command a Part of those forces without obeying, which you disclaim, the Officer who commands the whole, or how you can continue in the Command of any part of our Army after withdrawing yourself from that Army Army without the previous Knowledge or Consent of such Superior Officer -

We are very far from being sure that the Liberty we took to make to you, while regularly Serving the Company, certain Allowances, out of their funds, beyond the limits of their Instructions will meet with their Approbation. We were restrained by this Apprehension from extending such Allowances to General Officers who hold their Superior Commissions by Brevet, And we should be utterly unjustifiable

unjustifiable, if after you had disclaimed the Companys
authority in the person of their Lieutenant General
and Consequently disqualified yourself from serving
them any longer, we were to employ their Monies in
Continueing a Reward that must cease to be earned; or
in making you any Payments after the 19th Instant
September, but such as are directed by Law. What
that day shall be regularly discharged — We have
recieved your Demand of dispatches directed according
to their Address mentioned in your letter —

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25 September 1783.

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

The Secretary having perused the following
Draft of a letter to Major General Stuart in consequence
of the Resolution taken at the last meeting — it is now
read in Committee and Ordered to be immediately dispatched

To General Stuart to
proceed to England - if
he prefers going in
one of his Majestys
Ships in preference
to Company's Vessels
by the President's Minute
of the 17th Instant

Major General Stuart

Sir

We have the Honor to inform you that agreeably
to this Sense unavocably expressed by the Company, and
conformant to the Spirit of their Orders, in the case of
Officers dismissed that you shall proceed forthwith
to England - Proper accomodations are accordingly provided
for you in a Vessel under our Orders. But if you prefer
embarking

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embarking in one of his Majestys Ships now under Dispatch
for Europe, and that the Admiral shall please to give Direc=
-tions for receiving you on board and carrying you to
England, as he shall consent to that Mode of your trans=
=mission -

We enclose agreeably to your Request a Copy of
our Presidents Minute of the 17th. Instant.

We have the Honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
September 25 1783.

/Signed/ Macartney &c.
Select Committee

The President informs the Committee that agree=
The Fortitude Brig purchased. =ably to the powers vested in him at the last Meeting,
he has used his Endeavours to purchase a Vessel for
the purposes therein mentioned; and that in consequence
of an Agreement made by his Lordship, the Fortitude
Brig was this Morning delivered over to his Orders, -
the Sum to be paid for her purchase being thirty five
thousand (35000) Arcott Rupees - to be carried to the
Heads of "Fortitude Brig".

Agreed that Lieutenant General Lang
Gen.l Lang to have the same Staff and allowances as his predecessors - now Commander in Chief on the Coast of Coromandel
be allowed the same Staff and Emoluments that
were enjoyed by his Predecessors in the Command.

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in, which will render it necessary to canter the Army in the
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in Making you any Payments after the 19th Instant
September, but such as are directed by Law. That
such allowances were intended to be made to you to
that they shall be regularly discharged — We have
noticed your Demand of Dispatches directed according
to the addrss mentiond in your letter.

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

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Fort St George
25 September 1783.

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General Order to be immediately issued —

G. O.

General Lang to give a plan for the Encampment of the Troops Month returns to be made by the Officers to the Commander in chief and by him to the Committee —

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee are pleased to direct that the Commander in Chief Lieutenant General Lang shall give me for their application a plan for disposition / Cantonments of the troops composing the Army in Communication and connection with the Garrison of Fort St George Chingleput, Pondamallee & Vellivaka and he is to avail himself of such Situations in the Neighbourhood of the Presidency as afford cover for the troops during the approaching Monsoon —

Regular Returns of the Troops are to be transmitted on the 1st of every Month or as required to the Commander Lieutenant General Lang in Chief by the Officers Commanding at the different Stations of the Army whether in Garrison, Cantonments, or the field and he is to lay before the Government Monthly a General Return of the whole —

Read the following Letters from Lieutenant George Mackenzie of the 73d Regiment and Lieutenant Mango Noble of the 101st Regiment —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to send enclosed for

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From Lt. Mackinzie
mentioning Certificate
of the Necessity of
his proceeding to
Europe for his health
requests the usual
allowance may be
made him.

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Sir

I have the honour to transmit for the perusal of your Lordships &c a Certificate Signed by the Surgeon of the Regiment Stating the Necessity of my Return to Europe for the Recovery of my health which has been impaired for such a length of time and by such complication of disorders incident to the Climate that I can have no hope of getting well in this Country

The Necessity I labour under having obliged me to ask for permission to go home on the first Ships which I have obtained from My Commanding Officers I have to entreat of your Lordship &c to indulge me with the usual allowance of 200 Pagodas to Officers of my Rank to enable me to pay my Passage I hope your Lordship &c will excuse me for Requesting a Speedy Answer to this Address as the Ships are to Sail Soon — I have the Honor to be &c

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Soon

/ Signed / George M'Kinzie
Lieut 73d Regt

Fort St George
21 September 1783.

These are to Certify that Lieutenant George Mackinzie in the first Battalion of His Majestys 73d Regiment has for a [illegible] of Months past laboured under the Most Violent affections of His Liver and Lungs His Consumption is so far advanced as greatly to endanger his life He has now tryed every remedy that the Climate

with

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will allow to no purpose — It is therefore my sincere opinion, that he should immediately try the Change of Air, and would Recommend that of his Native County in preference to any other —

I Signed / William Horseman
Surgeon 1st Batt: 78 Regt —

St Thome
22d September 1783 —

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

From Lieut Noble — being rendered incapable of further Service requests the usual allowance to be made him to defray the expences of the voyage —

My Lord and Gentlemen

With Submission I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship &c. that by the Wounds received before Cuddalore, has rendered myself incapable of further Service and now returning home, and requests the usual Allowance for Passage Money to Europe —

Madras 25th Sept. 1783

I am &c.
/ Signed Mungo Noble
Lieut 1/ 101 Regt

In the Committee of the 9th Instant it was agreed that Hes Majestys Officers Ordered home on Sick Leave should be granted the usual Allowance of Passage Money, & that such Allowance be extended to those of Hes Majestys Officers who shall have been so badly wounded as to render them incapable of any further Service in this Country —

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(Diary) 25 — Rcvd the following Letter from Mr Falk

Governor of Ceylon —

A My Lord Macartney.

Governor de Madras &c &c

My Lord

Quoique la Suspension d'armes entre
l'Angleterre aide la Hollande me fesse connoitre par la
Correspondance de Mr de Suffrein, j'ai été bien aise de la
voir legalisée par la lettre que votre Excellence m'a
fait l'honneur de m'ecrire le 16th Juillet. Mes
desirs les plus sinceres tendent a voir revivre l'ancienne
harmonie des deux nations, par une paix definitive,
dont nous attendons impatiemment la nouvelle

Je Suis tres sensible de Votre facon
d'agir honette envers nos prisonniers de guerre, aussi
je tacherai toujours d'en prouver ma reconnoissance,
& combien je Suis porté a contribuer a l'affermis-
sement d'une Correspondance amicale —

J'ai l'honneur d'etre avec respect &c —

Colombo
Le 2. September 1783.

(Signés) Jm. Will. Falck

Wrote Letters as entered in 4th Miscellany Book Nº

To Mr John Wynne granting him permission to proceed
to Bombay —

To Mr Robt Keyle refusing him the allowance of one
pagoda p. Man per attendance & Ordering to the
Troops

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To Captain Uppers desiring him not to interfere with the
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President and Select Committee
Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

By this Morning's happy Sun have only
with your Letter of the 11th instant, informing me of
your having come to a resolution of sending a Corps
of Irregulars from as well as one of Foot, for the Protec-
tion of the Mellore provinces, or to join my Army when
I think it Necessary If I can judge of the former by
the few Paltrady have Recruited much rather be without
them and Suppose that the Infantry would be off as
little use as Rice rather Buddy does not account
to what quantity that was led at my first Arrival
to believe, and if your Lordships and the Gentlemen
should think proper to Order us to advance. I wish it to
be considered by those that are to compose any Army
as Imagine you mean to Send me a reinforcement of a

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25th of a different Sort.—

The Enemy has a Horse Camp in Sight of ours and Major Lysaght and I wish'd much to give them an alert Some of these nights. but your Letter that I have just Received Stops any further idea upon that Subject There is an Hircarrah just arrived, who Say's There by what he could learn in their Bazar, the Mere Saibs orders are not to molest us, and to retire Should we advance, but that they might Send Parties into the Countries belonging to Bapaje Naidoo or the Vencata-gerry Rajah. how true this is I cannot tell

To Conceive your Lordship, and the Gentlemen how much I am upon my guard, not that I think there is the least Occasion for it, I am making my Camp as Strong as I am able by throwing up Redoubt in front, and rear, my Flanks being Secured by a high hill, and the town of Combum.—

Mer Saib has been at Cudappa, but is now returned to Budivall, when the greatest part of his army is, with most of his artillery— There is a body Supposed to be about 2000 foot Cos off.—

I have the Honor to be &c

Signed Tho.s Jones
Major General.

Combam 24th. September 1783.

Received the following Letter from Mr. Appaty Acting Resident at Tanjore.—

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Troops embarked on the Coventry —

To Captain Uppott desiring him not to interfere with the
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Major General—

Combam 24th September 1783.

Received the following Letter from W.m Appery Acting Resident at Tanjore.—

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The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

&c &c &c President. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the Honor to transmit

to your Lordship &c a Letter received this Morning

from Mr. Hudleston President at Anjengo.

I have the Honor to be &c

Tanjore / Signed / Coxe Hippesley

September 19th 1783.

To J. Cox Hippesley Esqr.

Tanjore

Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 20th ult

In consequence of a Cessation of Hostilities

having taken place at Mangalore, Major Rouse with

the Hanoverians under his Command in the Province

and Isis arrived at Tellicherry the 22d ultimo whence

Vessel Sailed from thence the 25th for Bombay

General Macleod at Anjengo

Tellicherry from Mangalore.

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedient &c

Anjengo / Signed / John Hutchinson

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At a Select Committee Present

Yesterday the Rt Hon.ble Sept.r

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. Govr.

Anthony Sadlier — Lieutenant General Lang

Alexander Davidson

The Minutes of the last Committee

read and approved. —

Read the following Letter from

Major General Stuart —

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord &c.

I have received a Letter this day from your

Secretary dated the 24th Instant where he sends me the

following Papers Universal notoriety:

G. O. September 17th.

G. O. September 18th.

G. O September 19th

I have also received the Copy of the Proceedings

Minute September 17th. but I have not received the

Proceedings in that Committee neither the Extract of

the Minute or Paper which I could not get leave to

enter before your Resolution was carried for my

Dismission

your Secretary tells me that you are willing

Major General Stuart
desiring to be furnished
with Official Papers
and to know if he may
be allowed the assis-
tance of Council
to settle his private
affairs. —

willing to furnish me, not only with the Above
mentioned papers, but with any others previous to
the Committee of the 17 Instant, for which I may
think Proper to apply. In Contradiction to this Letter
written by your Orders, I have for Several Days applied
to no purpose, and Refer to my Letters, for the perusal
or Copies of the Company's General Letter January 11th
1781 brought by the present President, and for every Each
of the Company's Orders and Instructions establishing
Constitutional powers of the present Government as
Select Committee or otherways -

I have also applied and with equal
want of Success for the Resolution on Committee con-
cerning the powers of Cooperation of the Southern
Settled in Committee April 7th (I dont know the
Date precisely) or nearly so.

I have likewise applied for perusal
or Copies of the first Letters wrote to me on that Subject
or to Colonels Lang or Fullarton after the Army left
the Neighbourhood of the Presidency in April last. -

And I am now to apply for the Officers
Copy of the Company's last Orders and Instructions to
their Government Res Relative to the Ordering or Sending
to Europe from the Settlement (where they peaceably
Reside) the persons dismissed from the Honble Compan
Servic

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Service, or of such who may find (to Keep the
publick peace, - Likewise in regard to free Merchants or
Licensed persons After their first warning to leave the
Settlement, so as time may be Allowed them to adjust
their private Affairs. —

I am also now to desire you will give me
an answer whether in my present Situation in close
confinement by your Orders, I may be Allowed to
Settle My Affairs with the Assistance of Such
Council as I shall Name to you - I am the More
particularly anxious to have your immediate Answer
to this last point from the Nature of your Letter of this
days Date. -

As to that Letter where I see the Names of

Macartney
Anthony Sadlier
Ross Lang
Alexander Davidson

If you Really Mean it in Serious earnest, You must
excuse me if I do not give you a serious Answer at this
time or Untill I am informed of the Equitable and just
Rules which the Honble East India Company have
prescribed to you for your Conduct in Matters Such as
now agitated, believing as I do that with the Subject
Under their protection You have it not in your power to
exercise acts of Despotic Tyranny. -

I

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I must request you will forward this Letter to the Governor General and Council of Bengal and to the Honble the Court of Directors by the Next Dispatches

Respectively—

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

Fort St George
September 25th 1783
2 P. M.

The foregoing Letter from General Stuart being fully considered it is agreed that the following Letter be written to Lieutenant Close the Generals late Secretary who has been promoted by the Committee to Acquaint him in their Dispatches to Europe

Barry Close Esqr.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire you will please to Acquaint Major General Stuart, that the Ship Portlandwin which it is intended he shall embark for Europe, unless he proceeds in one of His Majestys Ships now under Dispatch, is now laying in the Road, and will be ready for Sea in a few days. Directions have been given that Suitable Accommodation shall be provided for him and any one Gentleman he may wish and who may chuse to accompany him, besides Servants He may also

To Lieut. Close. Genl Stuart will be furnished with the Papers wanted as quickly as possible
The Ship Portlande will be Ready for the Generals Reception in a few Days.

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on board a Person to examine the Accommodations provided for him, and any alteration or further accommodation which he may suggest shall, if practicable, be made for him.

I have also to request you to observe to the General that every particular recorded in the Proceedings previously to the 17th of September shall as quickly as possible be made out at his desire and delivered to him; but that it is impossible especially at the Eve of a Dispatch, to comply with a Collective demand of Papers which was not meant by the Committee, and for which even the Search must employ a considerable time, beside the Subsequent delay in transcribing them. The inconvenience of any want of Extracts from the Proceedings here will however be the less felt by the General, as on his arrival in England he will be able to procure what ever may be proper to demand from the India house. The General will be allowed any Necessary and proper assistance for the Settlement of his Affairs.—

I have the honor to be &c.

/ Signed / John Huddleston
Secy.

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The President acquaints the Committee that he has given Orders that the Fortitude Packet be got in readiness

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Respectively —

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Fort St George
September 25th 1783

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Sir

I am desired by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire you will please to acquaint Major General Stuart, That the Ship Portlade in which it is intended he shall embark for Europe (unless he proceeds in one of His Majestys Ships now under dispatch) is now laying in the Road, and will be ready for Sea in a few days. Directions have been given that Suitable Accommodation shall be provided for him and any one Gentleman he may wish and who may choose to accompany him, besides Servants He may take on

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Lieut.

Fort St George
27 September 1783.

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The President has
Found the Fortitude
Basket to be got in
readiness to Receive
General Stuart.—

readiness as soon as possible, with every suitable
accommodation for General Stuarts Reception, and
that he intends to appoint the Necessary Officers
to him, and hopes to be able to entertain a sufficient
number of Men to Navigate the Vessel. Agreably
to the Companys Orders contained in their Letter
of 22 August last.—

The Committee approve of the different
Steps taken by his Lordship respecting the Fortitude
Basket.—

Read the following Letter from M. le Bailli
de Suffrein to the Right Honble President.—
/Translation/

To Lord Macartney

My Lord

Le Chevalier de
Suffrein thanking the
President for having
forwarded a Letter from
Europe to him.

I have received the Letter which you
did me the honor of addressing to me, together with
the Basket from Europe, which you had the goodness
of forwarding to me,— I request you will accept
my best thanks, the Assurances of respect with
which I have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

/Signed/ Le Chev.r de Suffrein

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The following Letter from the Marquis de Bussy are now read.

My Lord

From the Marquis de Bussy on the Evacuation of Cuddalore & the taking Possession of Pondicherry.—

I have received the Letter which your Lordship did me the Honor to write me On the 8th. Instant, by the English Frigate the Active;—together with the Packets from my Court which accompanied it.— I am very Sensible of the Attention which your Lordship has been pleased to Shew to My Recommendation in favor of the Commander of the Ship Saint Peter d'Alcantara—

I have actually received the Letter of the 3d. of August, that your Lordship Mentions, but did not acknowledge the Receipt of it, having forgot its date.—

Being ignorant of the State State and Condition of Pondicherry, I thought it practicable to make some external Repairs, to Secure the Inhabitants from a Coup de main from the Vagabonds known by the Name of Sooties, who agreably to the horrid but received Custom thought all indostan, follow the Indian Armies without pay, or any other expectation than that of Plunder, which they indiscriminately Commit

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Commit to be upon Honour and Foe, — to shorten Away
of Bacon forfeiting Men in the pay of the Prince, and
carrying his Commands may be said to be doubled
by the Number of these Vagabonds, who in my former
Letter I termed Banditti. There are many of these
People among the Hardiest of Troops, who are now
with Sayd Saheb, & notwithstanding the examples
he has made, by hanging up Some by the Feet, &
cutting the Ears and Noses off others, he has not yet
been able to Restrain these Vagabonds, who even
came into one of the Bazars of Pondicherry, and the
People and carried off with them Grain & other Effects.
Having lately received an Account of the
Condition of this Town, I perceive that the Request
concerning was unnecessary, and that upon
which I made Your
Concurrence and that of the Committee of Madras
would prove ineffectual; as no practical Marks
will be of any avail till the whole of the
Fortifications I shall be completely rebuilt, which
cannot at present be undertaken
I now proceed to more Essential Objects,
My Lord, which concern the French Troops under
my

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and my Command of the evacuation of Cuddalore that
I may be enabled to reinstate you in possession of
it at the period Specified in the 20th Article of
the Preliminary Treaty or Sooner if practicable.—
The bad Season approaches;— When the
Monson is once setting it will be very difficult, if
not impossible to evacuate Cuddalore for some time.—
I have therefore resolved to embark Some Ammunition
Provisions, & Stores together with a few Guns,
and to land them at Pondicherry —
I have considered your Concurrence
and that of the Committee to my first Request as
implicitly including that of having Troops and
Stores for our Defence, otherwise that concurrence
would be illusive, as our Stores at Cuddalore are
at least secured by a Wall, Whereas at Pondicherry,
there is not even a Ditch the Request which I now
make to you, to permit the French Troops four Sick
into the Town, or rather Village of Pondicherry is
placing in your Lordship more confidence than is
dictated by Policy and cannot be considered with
light of reinstatement, which cannot formally &
legally take place till I can hoist the Flag of the
King

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my
myself

King any Master, till so much time I shall not only
myself not enter the State, but shall Observe it's ain
from every act of Authority —

There is no part of this Arrangement
that can wound Your interests, and the Committee
of Madras in opposing it will evince but little
Desire to restore the Harmony and Confidence, which
Peace has lately re-established between the two Nations.
I should censure myself for entertaining such a Doubt,
and I may perhaps have anticipated an Objection which
might have occasioned the Delivery of the Committee —
Nevertheless I should Offer to you
Reasons in support of my Request, I shall therefore
enter into a Detail on this Subject.

Under the persuasion that I should
receive Orders from my Court relative to the Expedition
of Hostilities, concerted with the Court of London &
I have hitherto been Silent upon this important
Object — I have despair of receiving those Orders in
Sufficient time to execute them before the next Monsoon —
I have in Consequence the honor of Submitting to
you the following Observations

1st — — — The French Troops are encamped at
Mangecoppam

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Mangrecopam, where they cannot remain during the Rains, it will be necessary therefore to canton them in the Neighbouring Villages Vizt Trisspatour &c. but for that purpose it will be requisite that they should be evacuated by the Inhabitants, who are on the point of being restored to your Authority, and consequently Complaints, Reproaches and every thing to which such a Disposition would give Rise, will ensue, the strictest Orders shall be given to prevent any excess, but notwithstanding the best Discipline that may be observed, many of the Inhabitants will think there is reason to apprehend be aggrieved, and as I have before mentioned those Inhabitants are on the eve of being placed under your Authority, to injure them would be therefore wounding your future Interests. I could wish therefore to avoid being obliged to punish infringements, or to be subject much against my will to see those Inhabitants destroyed.

2d. The Hospitals which are at Mangrecopam occupy a number of Houses seperated from each other, the Service from that circumstance becomes the More difficult, I will not add more expensive, but it shocks Humanity not to be able to afford the sick the most particular accommodations and attentions.

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3d.

The Situation of Manjacopam is become unhealthy, and from Circumstances will be rendered More so every day. —

4th My Residence in the environs of Pondicherry, & that of the Ships in the Road occasion the entrance and disembarkation of Sevpoy Soldiers and Sailors in the Town, and Nothing prevents their Desertion in a plain upon on all Sides, which is only guarded by a few Peons armed with Sticks, whose province is to watch over the Coolies and at whose head is placed the same Nayque whom you left there. —

I have the honor of proposing therefore to your Lordship after these few Observations, that the French Troops and our Sick be permitted to move into Pondicherry where they will be much less exposed to the inclemencies of the Climate, residing upon a Spot which in a Short time will be restored to their Health, and where Order and good Discipline will be More easily Maintained by their being together than if distributed in Villages distant from each other. —

Were the Monsoon more distant I should be able to canton the Troops in the environs, but the Effects and Sheds which it would be Necessary to erect, could now be scarcely finished, before the expir= ation

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expiration of the N.E. Monsoon.

I beg leave to repeat that this measure cannot be considered as a reinstatement of possession, as the French Flag cannot be hoisted before a formal Retro-cession shall have taken place, but this advantage will result from this Measure, the Cuddalore will be more speedily evacuated than if the Troops & the Sick had remained in that Town or in its environs, and it would in that case be especially necessary for the Inhabitants to quit Cuddalore; — it appears to me more proper to keep only a trifling Garrison there of a few European and Black Troops who will be ready to deliver up the Town upon the first Requisition, either in consequence of Orders received from Europe or of any arrangement upon which We may relative.

I would not have appointed a person to maintain good Order in Pondicherry had any been Nominated for that purpose by the Government of Madras; — Your Silence in this respect appeared to me to be the most direct Acquiescence in the propriety of adopting every Salutary Measure tending to prevent Disorders, — the Police as I have before observed is in other respects, under the direction of the same Nynar When you left Pondicherry.

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I flatter Myself, My Lord that you will find this Answer Satisfactory from the Motives which have till now actuated My Conduct; They are founded in the Conviction that you conceive me to be as incapable of preferring ill founded Extensions, as I am well convinced that the Government of Madras will be Ready to forward Arrangements which are beneficial to our Nation without being prejudicial to the English Interests; — In fine; — whatever may be your Determination. I request you will communicate it to me as soon as possible. —

I have the honor to be with Regard and Consideration. — &c.

(Signd) M: de Bussy.

Mangalopeam 18th September 1783. —

(Translation)

(Gentlemen)

I have Received the Letter which You did me the Honor to Write me on the 9th Instant, by the English Frigate the Active, and Received at the same time the Advices from My Court, Respecting the Preliminary Articles of the Peace, which accompanied them.,

I conceive Gentlemen that We have already

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anticipated and fulfilled the letter & Spirit of the 16th
Article of the preliminary Treaty, conformably to
the intentions of our Sovereigns, — that Article of the
preliminary Treaty, conformably to the intentions of
our Sovereigns, — that Article is couched as follows.

"The respective Allies shall be invited
to accede to the present Pacification, and for that
purpose a term of four Months to be computed from
the day on which the proposal shall be made
to them, shall be allowed them to make the decision
and in case of refusal on their part, their Most
Christian and Britannic Majesties agree not to
give them any assistance directly, or indirectly against
the Dominions or British Possessions, or against the
ancient possessions of their respective Allies, and
their said Majesties shall offer them their good Offices
towards a mutual accommodation"

In consequence of which when your Com-
missioners arrived at Cuddalore in the English
Frigate the Medea, to announce to me the preli-
minary Treaty, they wrote, as well as myself, to the
Nabob Tippoo Sultaun conformably to the above
article

article to invite him to make peace, and by the
same Conveyance I sent Orders to the French Troops
to cease Hostilities, — with Regard to their Return, I am
obliged to you for your Offers in this Respect, but as
they are in the vicinity of the Settlement of Mahé,
which will soon be Restored to the French Govern-
=ment, I propose Ordering those Troops to take possession
of it, — besides a short Stay of those Troops with
our Ally, cannot prove prejudicial to your Interests,
because in all Events they cannot act hostilely —
against the Forces of the Britannic Majesty. —
I have forwarded to you the answer from Tippoo
Sultaun, who has likewise ceased all Hostilities
He has also given Orders to the Commander of
the Troops which he has left in this Province,
to commence a Negociation with you, and has
transmitted to him his Requisitions, in consequence
of which that General has informed you that he
would send to Madras two ordinary confidential
persons

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persons to communicate to you his Masters Intentions.

these and the Steps which have been taken on both

Sides.—

Your Commissioners having signified to me at

Cuddalore, "that you had no Allies." — "that you

no longer considered Mahomed Ally Cawn as such,"

"and that the Sovereignty of the Carnatic belonged to

"you, which you would demonstrate in a proper

"time and place"— you recollect no doubt my answer

to that Assertion, which renders necessary a Discussion,

that could not then take place, but as in all Events

Tippoo Sultaun agreeably to the 16th. Article of the

preliminary Treaty, is entitled to the good Offices of

the French — their National Honor is interested in

seeing a termination of the War between your Govern.t

and him and that an Arrangement be concluded

between the two parties, which may prove equally

advantageous to both — Humanity, a Desire of

seeing Tranquility — Reestablished in a province

so cruelly laid waste, and I believe I may add your

your

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own interest ought to dispose you to those Measures —
You will observe also that the Advances made
to our Ally, with which I acquainted you (advan
that I was not impowered to make, till the
12th. Instant upon the Receipt of the Packet,
which you forwarded to me, I have already com
effected long Since

By the preliminary Articles "the
"Reciprocal Restitutions are to take place Six Month
"after the Ratification of the Definitive Treaty or
"Sooner, if it can be done."

It is beyond doubt, that a formal
Restitution can at this Moment take place, but
notwithstanding the proposal I had the Honor of
Making to your President Lord Macartney, that
I would not appear in Condicherry or exercise any
act of Authority there, untill the Flag of the
King/Master Should be hoisted, conformably to the
Recived customs in Similar cases; — it appears to
me however Very possible to make previous arrang
ments to Secure to the French a Sure free and
independent

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independent Trade such as is Specified by the 13th Article of the aforesaid Preliminaries.—

This is not the only object which induces me to wish that We might open a Negociation on this Subject Written discussions are always Voluminious and may be avoided by appointing Respective Commissaries, to determine upon Articles to be carried into execution after a Reciprocal Ratification — If your approve of this idea, Gentlemen, I will Send a Commissary to Madras, or receive at this place any person whom your may appoint.—

With respect to the Districts which have been ceded France by the 14th Article, to Serve as Dependencies to Pondicherry and Cuddalore, it is a distinct object, which may be easily arranged at the time of Such Cession, which by the events of War, is become, a heap of Ruins, particularly Bahour which does not Retain even a Vestige of a human habitation.—

The Commissary whom I shall

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appoint, if you agree to my proposal, is a Gentleman who has a very extensive knowledge joins a conciliating Disposition, and is as well as myself, far from entertaining any sentiments that could lessen the Friendship and good Understanding which has been lately re-established between the two Nations.—

I have the honor of writing by this Conveyance to Lord Macartney, Relative to the Seventh Troop, and to the evacuation of Cuddalore, which is to be restored to your Government.— I am persuaded Gentlemen that you will find no difference between the proposals I have made to his Lordship in this respect.—

I have the honor to be with Esteem and Consideration.—

Gentlemen
Your &c.
(Signed) M: de Bussy

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(Translation)
To Lord Macartney
&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

I learn by letters from my Court, that

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From the Marquis de Bussy has received Orders from his Court to detain in India a Number of French Ships equal in Number to the English Squadron until the Departure of the Treaty shall take place and desires to know the Intentions of the President on that Subject—

that Mr. Fitzherbert has apprized the Marquis de Castries, the Minister of the Marine in France, that your Court in making a disposition of the Britan= =nic Squadron, had resolved to leave only five Ships in these Seas, and that the Remainder had been ordered to return to Europe, in consequence of which, I have received Orders to detain a number of French Ships to your's, till the definitive Treaty shall take place;— this Arrangement My Lord is the effect of a prudence authorized by the great distance to which We are removed, and does not admit of the smallest distrust,— nothing can more clearly evince my full Confidence in your Lordship, than the eagerness with which I advise you of this Arrangement and I shall therefore be much obliged to your Lordship, if you will Communicate to me your Intentions on this Subject.—

I have the honor to be with the Most distinguished Consideration— &c. &c.

Pudgurry 19th September 1783. (Signed) de Bussy—

Read also Copy of the French Instructions to Messrs. Bussy & Suffren, and the Letter to them from

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from M De Castries

Read likewise the Orders from the Select Committee dated the 6th. March 1783 and the Letters dated the 10th. September addressed in consequence of those Orders, to the Rajah of Tanjore and the Nabob, — together with the answers Received from the latter.—

The Journal Papers abovementioned as well as the Letters from the Marquis de Bussy having been maturely considered it is agreed to address the following Letters to the Marquis.—

To the Marquis de Bussy &c.

Sir

We have had the honor to Receive Your

Letter of the 12th. instant and desire to express to you our

Satisfaction with your declaration that the French

Troops will not in any Event act hostilely against the

Troops of his Britannic Majesty of a like pacific,

and indeed an amicable disposition on our Part, our

conduct from the first moment of our receiving an

Account of the Termination of the War, the Ready

compliance of our Commissioners relative to the

Removal of the Sick and Wounded of your Army

to Pondicherry, our Consent to Our President meeting

your

To the Marquis de Bussy in explanation of a Passage in his Letter inserted as a Quotation from our Commissioners at Cuddalore & Demanding the Release of our Prisoners sent to Hydenally.—

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your wishes as contained in your former letter as well as those in the letter she has now received from you will not be considered as abundant Testimony. You will find in the Course of your future Proceedings a continuation of the like good Faith and Good Neighbourhood. To prevent all possible misunderstanding we must take notice of a Passage in your letter inserted as a Quotation from our Commissioners at Cuddalore, Signifying that the English had not any Allies: Lest our Commissioners should have committed as gross an Error, we carefully examined the three Memorials presented by them to you in the Course of the three days they remained at Cuddalore, and in which the whole of the Business committed to them was discussed. We also have examined those Papers which you delivered to them on the same Occasion; and we cannot discover in either their Writings or yours the least Trace of the Passage quoted by you, or any Expression leading to or implying such a meaning we have therefore called upon our Commissioners who declared that so far from intending to make so groundless an assertion as that the English Company had no

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no Allies. They the said Commissioners took Occasions to inform them that the Mahratta State was lately added to the Number of its Allies and had indeed the Treaty as Printed in Persian and English ready to shew them; and they beg leave to remind them of their Reply that they also had made a Treaty with the Court of Poonah Alliances indeed have been contracted and are still subsisting between the Company's Presidencies and great many of the Powers of Indostan. In Relation to the Carnatic our Commissioners were directed not to consent to the passage of your Troops thro' it for the Purpose of joining our Enemy and on some doubt happening to be expressed in Conversation of our Right to make such Refusal, our Commissioners observed that the Carnatic was under the Protection and Defendance of the English that it was not material at that time to discuss whether the Liberty of such Passage depended immediately upon us, or upon the Nabob; It was sufficient that the Country did avowedly not belong to your Nation that your Troops could not consequently pass thro' it without Permission, and that such Permission was

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was not to be obtained. Our Commissioners thus acted for the Interest and Safety of the Carnatic in the Same Manner as the Presidency of Bengal who concluded a Treaty with the Marattas, which bears relation to the Carnatic, and to which, however the Marattas and the English were the only contracting Parties We shall in like manner proceed in our Efforts for the final Settlement of Peace with Tippoo agreeably to the Spirit of the Instruction we have received from our Employers. we do not doubt but that your good Offices with him may contribute to accelerate that desirable Event, by the confidence he may place in your advices to terminate a War, that might indanger the whole of his Dominions, without the least Prospect, since his European Auxiliaries are with drawn from him, of any Success in the Views of his Ambition. Our desired disposition to Peace, and our determination to abide in the Conditions of it, by the Intentions of our Sovereign, must prevent, if Tippoo shall equally adopt the intention of his ally, the possibility of any obstacle at least on this Side of India where the companys Troops alone have been in opposition

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to him, and we shall most ardently use our good
Offices with my allies we have in other parts of
any India who may be in Contest with Tippoo.

We are equally desirous to give Your every
be Satisfaction in our Power for securing to you a
Safe free and independent Trade agreeably to Treaty,
and the Instructions we have received, and which have
been Communicated to you; and as you are desirous
that Conferences should be held on this Subject
without delay either here or on the Neighbourhood
of your Residence, We shall send forthwith a
Gentlemen to Pondicherry who will communicate
with your Commissary on this Subject.

We must observe to you that by the 2d.
Article of the Preliminaries of Peace the Prisoners
made respectively by the arms of his Britannic
Majesty and by his Most Christian Majesty by
Land and by Sea shall be restored reciprocally
and bona fide, immediately after the Ratification
of the definitive Treaty without Ransom, and on
paying the Debts they may have contracted during
their Captivity. How readily we anticipated that
Period

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Beard for the release of the Subjects of France in our possession, we need not remind you. His Majestys Subjects in your immediate Possession or that of the Bailli de Suffren when Hostilities ceased have experienced the same liberal Treatment But of those who were made Prisoners by the arms of France on this Coast, Several were delivered over to your Indian ally. How far any Circumstance of Convenience could have reconciled to the Laws of Nations or the dictates of Humanity, as measure followed by so much Hardship and Cruelty to the Objects of it, The termination of the War preventing the possibility of any Repetition of it, makes it unnecessary to inquire But if the condition of Captives were among civilized Nations be such as to have impelled Us to Celebrate the Period of their Releases, The Sufferings of those who have been under the Dominions of the Servants and Slaves of Hyder Ali and his Successor call for instant and effectual exertions to Relieve them. The Quickness of their Release is the only compensation for the Species of captivity to which they have been abandoned It is probable

Besides

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besides that the Ratification of the Definitive Treaty has long since taken place and will soon be known to us. Upon that Event we shall be entitled to call upon you as Representative of the French Nation in India, to Restore, as an Act of the Strictest Justice, and in Compliance with the Conditions of Peace those Prisoners immediately to us. We trust therefore but that you will use the speediest and most effectual means for the Return of those Prisoners. Your Ally cannot be warranted in forcing you to the infraction of a Solemn Treaty; and Such a Conduct on his Part would require on yours not only a discontinuance of Alliance with him; but an offer of the Assistance of your Troops to ours to force his Compliance. The Duty we owe to our Nation, and to those unhappy Prisoners, imposes upon us the Necessity of making those observations to you, as the Representations you declared your Intention of making in their favor to Tippoo, do not appear to have produced any Effect.

We have the honor &c.

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September 26th 1783.

/Signed/ Macartney &c.
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The Marquis de Bussy &c.

Sir

From the President to the Marquis de Bussy on the Removal of the French Troops to Pondicherry.—

The Letter which you have done me the honor of writing to me on the 18th instant was received by me with the same disposition which I always feel to Meet your wishes wherever the just authority or Interest of my Employers is not materially affected. Of the Inducements which you mention for the Removal of your Troops from their present position to Pondicherry, the Principal one which determines my Consent to it, is that it is the object of your desire, and a benefit to your People. My Colleagues have on the same principles given their Consent. Upon the Conditions you mention, that French Colors shall not be hoisted, nor any authority, derived from the Crown of France, exercised there, until a formal Restitution of the place, shall be made to you by this Government, But I have the concurrence of any Colleagues to add that it is not desired you should adhere to the condition you propose, as to your own Person, of not going into Pondicherry, as it is not desired that you should be in any Restraint in that Respect, which might

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eventually be inconvenient to you.—

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Macartney.—

Read the Papers delivered to the Right

Honble President at the last Meeting by Appaga

Ram and Shreenivas Row, when they were publickly

owned as the Vackeels of Tippoo Sultaun.—

The Committee having read the Papers

owned from Tippoo Sultaun's Vackeels — are of

opinion from the difficulties under which the

Presidency at present labors from the Government

of Bengal having withheld from them Instructio-

-ons / tho' Repeated Requisitions have been made

to them on the Subject / as well as Supplies &

adequate to the Exigencies of this Settlement, that

they should proceed to obey to the best of their

power the directions which have been transmitted

to them by the Honble Company, towards the

attainment of the great Object Contained in those

Instructions. — Agreed that a Letter be written to

the Governor Genual and Council to Communicate

to them their Intentions.

For

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The President lays before the Committee a Letter from Meer Mohun Ud Dien Cawn to Appagee Ram and Shreenevas Rauw, which had been communicated by them to his Lordship —

Resolved, That the President be requested to write to Meer Mohun Ud Dien Cawn acquainting him that Appagee Ram and Shreenevas Rauw having represented to the Committee, that some English Troops at Vellinore, and Vencatraw with a few Peons from Vellore had committed Disorders in the neighbourhood of those Places. — Letters had in consequence been written to the Commanding Officers at Vellore, it is a Dependence / agreeably to the request contained in Meer Mahomed Ud Dien Cawn's Letter, this Government being firmly resolved to observe in the strictest manner the Cessation of Hostilities, trust that as the same Troops stationed in different parts of the Carnatic in the Neighbourhood of Tippoo Sultaun's Troops. We expect he will immediately communicate with the Officers Commanding our Parties, so as to prevent any misunderstanding, & that he will give Orders to his Troops not to enter or to move towards any

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at

of the Countries which are present under the Company's Authority, and particularly that Meer Saheb Son now in the Cuddapah Country do refrain from any kind of Hostility — by these Means a good Disposition towards mutual Friendship & Peace now in prospect will be forwarded and improved —

Agreed that Letters be written to the Commanding Officers in Camp, and of the Garrisons of Carnacoil Chinguleput &c — directing them to permit any Colonel or other Hircarrahs from Syed Saheb to pass unmolested towards Madras, as likewise them from thence which may be provided with a pass from the Governor —

Agreed that the President be empowered to confer with Appagee Rao and Shrenevas Rao on the Arrangements necessary to be taken with them and that his Lordship be Requested to report the Committee from time to time —

The President impowered to confer with the Vackeels from Tippoo Saib confer the State of the Business to

Mr. William Balfour lays before the Committee the following Bill and Receipt from the Storekeeper at Baliapet for twelve Jarrs of Rice delivered to him for the Use of that Garrison, belonging to Gun.

Stuart

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General Stuart and Major Sysaght.—

Honble Company Dr. to William Balfour

as attorney to Major Arthur Sysaght for Rice depos-
-sited at Baliacat by Order and at the Risk of Major
General Stuart delivered to the Company's Troops
there by the Orders of Government and imported in
the Months of November and December 1782.—

	Pags.	f.
To 12 Gance of Cargo Rice at Pags. 200 ₱ Gance	2400	..
To Interest at 8 ₱ Ct. from the 20th. February 1783 the day delivered to this Date 6. 6.	99	7. 16.
Pags.	2499	7. 16.

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Errors Excepted
(Signed) Willm. Balfour.

Received of Captain George Smith. On Account
of the Honble Company, for the use of the Garrison
of Baliacot twelve Gance of Rice.—

Baliacott
20th. Feby. 1783.

(Signed) G. Smith
Store Keeper

Ordered that Mr. Balfours Bill
amounting to Pags. 2499.. 7. 16. be immediately
discharged, and that the Same be carried to the debit
of the Garrison of Baliacot.—

Agreed.

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Agreed that a Copy of the last Letter to Capt.n George Campbell, be transmitted to General Jones.—

Read Letter from Captain Watts (as entered in the Miscellany Book No.) dated the 22.d Instant representing that his constitution being reduced he is necessitated to request permission to proceed to England;—Hopes to be recommended to share the Country and Requests the payment of his Arrears partly by a Bill upon Europe and the rest in Specie

Ordered to be for Consideration—

Read the following Letter from Captain Fuller of His Majestys 101.st Regiment

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

To Captain Fuller Desiring to know if the Seamens Mess of the 101.st Regt. should join them Regt. at the Southward

My Lord,

There is Sixty Men of the 101.st Regiment in Camp and at S.t Thome perfectly well. I should be glad to know if your Lordship has any Objection to their joyning their Regts at the Southward.

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) J.o Fuller Capt.n

Com.d 101 Regt.

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As all Military detail is the prevence of the Commander in Chief, Agreed that Captain Fuller be desired to apply to Lieutenant General Lang, who will acquaint the Committee with his Opinion on the Subject of Captain Fuller's letter.—

Captain Fuller to apply to Lieut. Genl. Lang.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Walters Surgeon of His Majestys 78th Regiment.—

To the Right Honble the Governor and Select Committee Fort St George.—

My Lord and Sirs.

From Doctor Walter applying for the Allowance of Passage Money.

With able Submission I beg leave to lay before the Honble the Select Committee that of My Returning to Europe by / permission of the Commander in Chief / being in a very bad State of Health and hope the Honble the Select Committee will be pleased to grant the usual Allowance of Passage Money.—

I have the honor to be &c.

/ Signed / Robert Walters

Surg. 78th Reg.—

Agreed, that the Secretary be directed to Examine the Records, and to Report to the Committee,

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written any Allowance similar to that now requested by Mr. Walters — was granted to Mr. Macdougal / Surgeon of the 73d Regiment / on his Return to England which will serve as a precedent in the present instance

Read the following Letter from the Resident and Factors at Tellicherry, with its Enclosures —

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

From Tellicherry enclosing articles of Agreement for a Cessation of Hostilities at Mangalore.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

We doubt not but that your Honor &c. have been informed either by Major Campbell or General Mathew of a Cessation of Hostilities having taken place at Mangalore the 2d Inst. in consequence thereof the Bristol and Isis were ordered to land the Hanoverian Troops at this Place, those Ships accordingly arrived here the 22d Instant and having disembarked the abovementioned Troops, Sailed for Bombay the 25 following — We have not received officially any Copy of the Articles of Agreement entered into between Major Campbell & Hyder

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Pippoo Saheb. We have however obtained one from
Major Shaw which We now enclose lest by accident
you should not have Received one from Mangalore.
We are Sorry to inform you that notwithstanding
this Agreement the Government of Cannanore are
still committing Hostilities in the Cherrika Country
with respect to the 9th. Article. We think it necessary
to observe that the Nabob has no footing whatever
in the Nelly Seram Country nor possession of any
part of the Cherrika except a Small extent Round
Cannanore, of which that Government has dispos-
=sed the Prince, and even most of that since
the above Agreement was signed. We beg leave to
also to Remark that the Argument produced by the
Nabob in Support of his Claim to the Cherrika
Country is as much in our favor as in his, for he
acknowledges that that Country was restored to
the Prince by their Father. and allowing it was,
upon the conditions Mentioned in their Article. all
Engagements become void when either Party fail in
their Agreements, now the Prince being unable to
oppose Us without Assistance and not Receiving that

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Support from the Nabob wherein he had a right to expect was surely left at Liberty to consult his own Safety, he accordingly Submitted to His own Claim thereforw to this Country appears to Us as well esta- blished as that of the Nabobs can possibly be, and his Resolution respecting that Prince unjust, and taking a very unfair advantage of Major Campbells Situation.—

We are with the greatest Respect &

Signed William Brum
M Smith
G Paterson

Pallicherry
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In consequence of the Sixteenth Article of the Treaty of Pe- made and concluded the Twentieth of January Seventeen hundred and eighty three, between the Kings of England and Spain and their Subjects The Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahander, Ally of the English Nation in India is willing to accede to the Invitation of the Marquis de Bussy Cq^r in Chief of the Land and Sea Forces and of all the Fore- Possessions on this Side of the Cape of Good Hope, as was as of that of Messrs Sadlier and Staunton Deputed to that General by the Honble the Select Committee of Madras, as has agreed with Major Campbell Co^r Commander in Chief in Mangulore and of the English Forces on the Malabar Coast, to enter upon a Cessation

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of Arms upon all the aforesaid Coast, on the following Conditions.—

1st. Article

Respecting the Disposition of the Troops Major Campbell shall remain Master and in Possession of the Fort of Mangulore, and of that ground only which he at present occupies without the Place. The Nabob on the other hand is to remain in possession of his Trenches, and Batteries made before this Fort, and in which he will have to guard them the same Number of Sepoys there was during the Siege — He will also remain in possession of the Battery on the Island which he made himself Master of, and where he will leave its present garrison which makes with the Guard of his Trenches, three Thousand Men; as to his having this design instead of leaving it here, to go with it to the other side of the Gotts as soon as he can but Major Campbell cannot insist upon this Making this an Article According to the Established Rules of a Cessation of Arms.— He only demands likewise that the Same Rules should be Observed with respect to Reinforcements which may have been dispatched to Major Campbell, and which will be Mentioned afterwards, in the Article that treats of them — The Nabob will send into the Fort, to the Number of a hundred of his Armed Sepoys,

and

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and he may post them in the Places he may think most Requisite to observe that nothing is done contrary to the Articles of the Capitulation, and may likewise Make them be Relieved every three days - Major Campbell Sallies post may post into the Trenches and Batteries of the Nabob raised before this place, an equal, or inferior Number of this armed Sepoys to that which the French will post into the Fort, he may likewise post them to the same purpose as he thinks most proper and also Relieve them every three Days - The Officers of the Garrison may walk without the Fort and Visit the French Officers in the Nabobs Camp - as to the Soldiers of the Garrison they may also walk without the Place but very few at once and No further than two Cos. and that along the Sea Side - The above Officers and Soldiers will strictly observe in their walks not to examine the works of the Nabob -

2d. Article

Respecting the Works -

Major Campbell cannot Repair the Breach Made in the Fort nor erect any new works either within or on the out Side of the Fort likewise the Nabob cannot work any More at his Trenches or Batterys or make any

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any new work Inshort every thing will remain in its present Situation and no Advantages whatever to be taken of either Side —

3d Article

Respecting Provisions

The Nabob will cause to be stablished near the Place a Bazar where the Garrison can buy its Provisions, the will give a Cotwall to whom the Major can apply for what Beef, and Mutton is necessary and he will pay no more than the Current price of the Country for all kinds of Provisions, he shall not be obliged to take any that he thinks of bad Quality; He shall be at Liberty to take into the Fort, ten or twelve days Provisions of every kind but he is not to lay in a greater Quantity at a time. With respect to Liquors, Salt Provisions, and other Articles that the Country cannot Afford he may cause them to be brought from other places and freely receive them into the Fort, for one Months Consumption only and no more. —

4th Article

Respecting Dispatches. —

The Nabob will permit the Kalcarahs and Carriers of Letters to pass unmolested and not to be opened, but not to traverse his Country the Benin=
=Isle

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Commands - Major Campbell will dispatch them along the Sea Side either to the Southward, or to Northward, but he can neither Send away or receive them by Sea -

5th Article

Respecting Reinforcements.

Major Campbell is not to receive any Succours that may have been Sent or may be Sent him in future either by Sea or Land. He will even Send to Stop their March, So that those who came by Land will Remain in the place they are at this instant - as to the aforesaid Succors which may have been or may be Sent to him in future by Sea, Major Campbell likewise cannot receive them - The Officer Commanding them shall be at Liberty to Remain in the Same Latitude he is in at that instant, or to Return to Tellicherry or Bombay; if they Arrive at the place after the Signing these presents, Major Campbell will Send them off directly and in all these Cases No Body can Land from the Ships or Boats that may have brought them - Major Campbell cannot bring in to the Fort warlike Stores of any Kind whatsoever and if any Should arrive for him he will Send them back to Tellicherry -

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6th Article

Respecting the Police between the Respec-
=tive Troops If the Sepoys, Bredars, or any other
People belonging to the Nabob have any cause of
Complaint Against the Soldiers Seapoy's or any other
Person of the Garrison they will Address themselves
to Major Campbell who will make them be
punished by his Laws According as the case Requires,
on the other hand if the Soldiers, Sepoys or any other
People of the Garrison have any cause of Complaint
against the Sepoys, Bredars or any other People
belonging to the Nabob, they will address themselves
to the Commanding Officer of the Prince, who
will likewise make them be punished According
as they desire and any person of either Side taking
Revenge at their own hand will be punished by
Order of his own Officer

7th Article

Respecting the Port of Onore and all the places
that Depend on it. —

All the above Articles made and Sealed
for the Fort and Garrison of Mangulore, will
equally Respect and be observed by that of Onore, and
its

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to depending Events with this Difference That on Account of Arcotes being a Place of less consequence than Vellore the Nabob will only leave in the Trenches and Batteries that his Troops may have made before This & Place, nine hundred Sepoys, or Cauders for to guard them and that he will only put into the Fort thirty Sepoys to observe that the Articles of the Capitulation are strictly adhered to. As likewise the English Commanding Officer in Arnee, will for the same purpose only send into the Trenches and Batteries of the Nabob the same Number and thirty Sepoys -

8th. Article

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"he put into the hands of the Nabob all the People
"formerly belonging to the Circar in his profession and
"all the Jewels effects and Money that were in the Fort.
But that General Mathews after the Articles of Capitu-
-lation were Sealed, Pillaged the Treasures and
Storehouses, caused the accounts of the Tosena &c.
of the Prince to be burnt, and did not deliver up
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by the rights of War to keep both him and his
Garrison Prisoners - The Nabob besides having
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Cessation of arms but only with a Treaty of
Peace - Major Campbell agreed to leave it to be
Settled at the Conclusion of a Peace -

9th Article

Respecting the Nabobs Possessions on the Malabar
Coast -

The Nabob having demanded to remain Master
of his ancient Domains upon this Coast and to
collect the Customs and Revenues as formerly, &
Major Campbell answered that he agreed with
respect

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As depending Coste with this Assurance that on Account of Arcots being a Place of less consequence than Many others, the Nabob will only leave in the Trenches and Bastions that his Troops may have made before this to Place, nine hundred Sepoys, or Cavalry for to guard them and that he will only put into the Fort Thirty Sepoys to observe that the Articles of the Capitulation are strictly adhered to. As likewise the English Commanding Officer in Arcot, will for the same purpose only send into the Trenches and Bastions of the Nabob the same Number and thirty Sepoys

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Respect to her Country the Nabob had Revanguard
Since his Arrival on this Coast and to the Manner
of the Cessation of Arms, but not for that part of
which the English had made themselves Masters
of, and which he Considered as still belonging to
them, Though they had left it without Defence.
The Nabob replied that the Major did not know
that he had at this Very Moment Troops dispersed
over all his antient Dominions upon this Coast
that Consequently these places where the English
had now were lawfully his, by the Rights of War,
as extended to be in his profession and to belong to him.
Major Campbell likewise Representing the present
Article having agreed to the Nabob, that the Rajah
of Sherniha, the Rajah of Nellisnam, and the
Rajah of Combdah, being Allies of the English he
could not Collect the Customs and Revenues of
their Country. The Prince answered him, that in
the first place his Troops had already made them-
-selves Masters of all the Country of the Rajahs
of Nellesnam, and Combdah. That he had placed
there Amaldars and other People who at present
collect

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Collect the Customs and Revenues and that
therefore every thing is settled with Respect to those
two — In the Second place with Regard to the
Country of the Rajah of Cherika that his
Troops have already made themselves Masters
of a part of it, and there is actually at present
Troops of this in it, — That the late Nabob Hyder
ally Khan, his Father who conquered that Country
had only restored it to the above Rajah on condition
of his paying an annual Tribute, and consequently
it belonged to him — In short that he cannot
look upon this Rajah as a Tributary, or an ally
of the English, and that he never will use him as
Such but as a Subject and a Servant who revolted
and joined himself in the Rebellion of Shaik
ayas — After the Nabob had made these Objections
Major Campbell agrees to the present Articles as
follows — The Nabob will remain Master of
his Ancient Dominions in this Coast, which are
not in the possession of the English Troops, but
in possession of his — He will receive the Customs
and Revenues as formerly without being pre-
-vented or molested either by the English or

Their

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their Auxiliaries He will likewise Restore at Mangalore and elsewhere the Right of Dowan as he did formerly

10th Article

Respecting the Cessation of Arms on all the Malabar Coast -

The Nabob from this Moment will cease all Hostilities against the Possessions, Troops and Auxiliaries of the King of Great Britain, and of the English East India Company on this Coast, as likewise Major Campbell obliges himself as being Commander in Chief of the English Forces on the said Coast to make all Hostilities cease against the Possessions, Troops and Auxiliaries of the Nabob - In general it is to be understood by this Cessation of arms that the Nabob shall take no Advantage whatever against the Possessions, Troops and Auxiliaries of the English, on the other hand the English and their Auxiliaries shall take no Advantage whatever against the Possessions, Troops or Auxiliaries of the Nabob on this Coast

11th Article

Respecting the Hostages.

The above Articles shall be adhered to

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to by both parties Scrupulously and with good Faith,
and to answer it Major Campbell will give as Hostages
to the Nabob Two English Officers, who will Remain
Near the Nabob with one of the French Corps - The
Nabob / will give as Hostages two of his
Officers to Major Campbell.-

12th. Article

The present agreement of the Cessation
of Arms, Shall be signed and executed in Quadruplic-
-cate in the Mharatta and English Languages and
besides them being Signed by the Nabob and Major
Campbell they Shall also be signed by Monsieur
Benson de Marlac Envoy from Feranee with the
Prince, who has been on this occasion, the Media-
-tor between the Nabob and Major Campbell,
and withgs to the Articles to which they have
respectively agreed to. a Copy of each Shall be
given to the Nabob, another to Major Campbell
one in French Shall be Sent to the Marquis of
Bussy, and another Shall Remain in the hands
of Mr. Peveron.-
Drawn out and Agreed upon in Quadruplicate in
my Durbar before Mangulore the 2d. august 1783
(Seal) Signed - Tippoo Sultaun Bahader.-

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Drawn out and agreed upon in Quadruplicate in
Mangalore Fort 2d. August 1783.

/Seal/ Signed - John Campbell
Major 42d. Regiment
Commr in Chief -

Signed as specified in and according to the purport
of the 12th. Articles of them presents before Mangalore
this 2d. August 1783. -

/Seal/ Signed - Peveron d'Morlae

A true Copy
/Signed G. Paterson
Secretary -

Read Letter from Captain Sale as noted in
the Miscellany Book No. / respecting the distress
& expences from the extreme dearness of Provisions;
that he has seven old & Children, for whom he
cannot provide common necessaries, and representing
the Service he was of in defending the Hill fort of
Bellow; and other Instances such / as
induce the Committee to provide for him. -

Read the following Letter from the Lt
Military Secretary -

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From the Military Secretary representing the Situation of that Office from the late Orders of the Court of Directors Striking off the Salary and Requesting that the Subjected of his Address from a part of the present Dispatches.

The Honble Court of Directors having in their late Dispatches ordered the Salary of the Military Secretary to be Struck off, from whence it may be apprehended that they will disapprove of the additional Allowance which your Lordship &c. are pleased to grant to me in lieu of the Bay= =mastership, I feel myself called upon to address a few lines to you on the Subject.

If your Lordship &c. shall be of opinion that the minute of the Right Honble Presi= =dent of the 17th. April last, with what you may further be pleased to urge to our Employers in answer to their last Dispatches, will fail to obtain their approbation of a continuance of the additional Allow= =ance abovementioned, until an Office or Offices of equal value shall fall Vacant, I must of course conclude, that from the Receipt of their Orders the Military Secretary Stands divested of all Salary & Allowance whatsoever from the Company — In that

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case

came his own Deputy the Deputy Civil Secretary,
even many of the Assistants in both Offices have
more emolument then he has — I have too much
reliance on the known Justice of my honble Employers,

serve

and their liberal Attention to those who serve them
faithfully, to suppose that they could mean that this
should be the Situation of the Military Secretary, or
that they would suffer him to involve himself in debt
and distress, while the time, attention, and industry
which might have done more than secure him from
those Evils, have been all devoted to their Service —
that Such should be the fruits of Zeal and Fidelity,
must I am sure be far from the Intentions of our
Employers, and I am therefore authorized to conclude
that they know not the footing on which I have
held the office of Military Secretary but suppose
it to be attended with other Emoluments
besides those which are public and avowed — I am
the more Confirmed in this belief by Letters from
England which give me reason to think the Employ

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of Military Secretary is esteemed there to be the most
Lucrative under this Government. —
The nature, and amount of the Emoluments
which must be supposed to render it so, urge me irre-
sistibly to trouble you on the present occasion, in
behalf of a reputation which, if such as I have en-
deavored to make it, is become more valuable to me
by the absence of every other advantage. I have the
happiness to believe my Lord and Gentlemen, that you
are sensible I have kept myself free from those
Connections which might be supposed to lead to
Such Emoluments, and that I have neither sought
for nor availed myself of undue advantages of any
kind. I can add with great truth, that in conse-
quence of the employ of Paymaster being taken
from me, I should have been left without Sufficient
to defray my unavoidable expences, but for the ad-
ditional allowance you were pleased to grant to me
in lieu of it. —
If that and the original allowance also are
to be Struck off, the Situation of the Military Secretary
will be such as to call for your consideration upon
much Stronger grounds than the distresses of an
Individual

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Individual, for I can assure you that there are advantages within the reach of the Military Secretary, if he will descend to accept of them, which might render him indifferent to any Salary from the Company, and altho they are much as I hurt no Servant of the Company I would think it any merit to refuse yet when in addition to the temptations they offer, there is on the other Side no legal Emolument to Strengthen his Integrity - when he finds himself in the Situation I have already described, and begins to experience the anxiety of pecuniary Embarrassment - seeing others around him acquiring fortunes in Stations of comparatively small Importance - while he, tho' Leveling his Talents, Industry, and probably his Health, to a most laborious, and important Office has not even sufficient to defray the necessary expences of his Table. — I submit to your Lordship &c. whether the firmest Integrity thus prayerfully assailed would not be endanger, and whether even he, who abhorred the Guilt, might not under such circumstances be induced to yield to the Temptation. I need not Suggest the Serious mischiefs to be apprehended from such an Event. To your Lordship

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&c. who have reposed in your Secretary an unlimited confidence, they must appear of such magnitude, as to render it prudent as well as just, to place whom- soever may hold that Office above every Incentive to dishonour, and to leave him without the Shadow of Excuse for violating his Trust. —

For my own part my Lord and Gentlemen, as on the one hand I am resolved that Nothing shall ever be with me a Sufficient excuse for Violating it, so on the other, being totally unable to Support the heavy expence of living in Madras, without any Income or Allowance from the Company, that Very resolution would involve the Necessity of resigning my Office; but unfortunately I have, if possible a Still severer cause in the impaired State of my Health, which but too plainly tells me, that I shall shortly be Obliged to request your permission for that purpose. —

I intreat your Lordship &c. to do me the Justice to be assured, that abstracted from the Cause which impells me to this communication I make it with the most sensible regret. For —

I consider

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It is the most honorable circumstance of my life that I was called upon by the Right Honble President to fill this confidential Station, and that I have borne a Share in the Labours of an Administration whose Sole Object has been the Public Good, and who have pursued that Object through unwearied Difficulties — I shall continued to Share them till at length a Constitution never Reliant, is yielding to the use which I have made of it. Since my appointment to the Office of Military Secretary, and I greatly fear that even with the Indulgence and Support which the Right Honble President has uniformly shewn me I shall scarcely again be equal to the constant Attention and fatigue, which its Duties and Importances Require —

Presuming that his Majestys Ships now about to Sail, will convey your Answers to the late Letters from Europe, I indulge an hope that your Lordship &c. will let the Subject of this address form a part of your present Dispatches to my honble Employers, whose favor I have never ceased to consider as the first object of my Ambition.

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. Huddleston
Sec.

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Resolution on the Letter from the Military Secretary —

Agreed that the foregoing Letter be Sent to the Honble Court of Directors by the Ships now under Dispatch and that their particular attention be requested to the Merit Services and Situation of Mr. Hudleston the present Military Secretary referring them on this Subject to our Minutes on the 17th April last - and the Committee hope from the reasons therein adduced that their Proceedings in favor of Mr. Hudleston will be approved of and that the Honble Court in Consideration of the Labor and Fatigue attendant on the Office of Military Secretary, may be induced to reconsider their Orders for Striking off the Salary annexed to it. —

Ordered that a

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a Sett of Bills on Bengall to the Amount of

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211. 24. 6 $\frac{5}{6}$ to granted in favor of Mr.

Benj. Bransill being for his arrears of Pay.

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Diary from the 27th September to the 1st October

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September 27th Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c. Members of the Select

Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

By His Majesty's Ships Bristol Lord

Sir I had the Honor to receive your Commands of the

7th Ultimo to which the strictest attention will be

shewn.

A Copy of the Articles agreed upon between

Tippoo Saib and Lieut. Colonel Campbell on the

2d Instant for a Cessation of Hostilities having been

transmitted express to your Lordship &c. from Mangalore

it renders any doing it unnecessary.

I have the Honor to be

&c.

(Signed) J. Sibbald

From Mr. Sibbald at Tellicherry, will pay very attention to the Orders received by the Bristol &c.

Tellicherry

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To John Huddleston Esqr

Secy to the Committee

Fort St George

Sir

I have just had the honor to receive your
Letter of this Date and on your name of your
Committee have communicated the whole of its Contents
to Major General Stuart

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) Barry Close

Fort St George
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12 past 7 PM

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Received letter from Mr Cockburne at
Trincomalee with Dispatches for Bengal
Intelligence
which are to be forwarded by the Pigeon
Cutter

Received letter from Mr Cockburne at
Trincomalee containing Intelligence of
Dispatches having been lodged in the Office

Received letter from General Stuart

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

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

Fort St George

My Lord &c

Lieutenant Close read to me last night
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From General Stuart 28th at Eight a Letter addressed to him (Barry Close Esqr.) from Mr. Secretary Huddleston, and for my Information to Say That the Ship Fortitude on which I was intended to Embark for Europe (unless I procured an Order of His Majesty's under Dispatch was to be in readiness for Sea in a few Days &c.

I do not know for what reason you now Convey these your Instructions thro' the Secretary to Barry Close Esqr. but however that it Sam now for any if in the most plain Language to inform you that nothing but the utmost excess of Violence to my person Shall Carry me on board of this Transport Vessel or any Ship whatever to Europe. This you will please take as my first and last Answer on this Subject.

Every motive which ought to have weight with man forbids the most distant Idea of it — My Public Duty forbids it; and of Self — That full Two thirds of what I have to Trust (in approaching old Age) is in this Country, unsettled and at Risk or with Certain Legal Demands upon it which you know of; That it must be Lost in great Measure by my Absence; — When I say

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From General Stuart corresponding with the Committee on their declaration that they will send him home (or informing them that every resistance in this power will be made against such a measure) enclosing an Extract of a letter from Bengal

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21st That I am in almost total want of necessaries for such
voyage, and such a Vessel & the uncertainty to provide
them with such notice. When I say that every person
of Consequence Leaves or leaves Bombay & on
account of Mrs Anderson Stewart I've got to be Ill
& rendered unfit for Service for many months
& that I am in daily hourly expectation of my
Servants Officers. When I state my Rank, my Station
and Name of Life and even Instrument my Attempts
which cannot yet suffer the Touch, and rendered me
entirely helpless on Board of any the Best provided
Ship. I do trust to remove your Compassion or your
feelings. Every thing of this Sort every proof for me I beg of
your Eyes but I state facts and on that ground shall
now add the following Journal

Thursday Sept. 27th. The Alert Commodore Hammond
Suddenly at noon without any
previous warning Town of the
Bearings this Island where
proceeded a Vessel followed
with a motion from Dempster
from the Honble Company's Service
without any hearing me to stay

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d or giving a Copy of what I was Charged with it specified as the act of Government, and with some Difficulty, I got leave to give on a few Words on a bit of paper to be entered on the proceedings of that famous Day – about half past one the Committee then Sitting, you issued the General Orders of that Date where it appears you Consider me, neither as the Companys General Not the Kings General, nor as a military man any way employed, but as a private Gentlemen at large – at half past Six the Same Evening without either assigning Order or reason given, your Sent a Military force with S.L. Staunton, & the Fort Adjutant by violence to bring any Civil personage, (To by Your own Construction) tho' not in a Civil way to the Fort, where I have been ever Since kept in Close Confinement, with an Officer in my room, Left in total Ignorance of your reasons touching these my proceedings and in fact denyed the perusal of the Companys General Letter 5th January 11th 1783 or of the Orders Concerning the Sending of English Subjects from India for to this hour I have not been able to See them tho repeatedly asked: I most firmly therefore believe that they Militate directly

28th directly against your present Conduct and that by the Records you are acting Contrary to the Company's Instructions.

September 25th — At half past Four in the afternoon you sent to me for the first time the Duty of that very moment of the President on which 5 New Days before you had Demanded an act of Dismissing me, and on the same day and hour you gave me notice that I must proceed forthwith to England.

September 27th — Never at Night on a Letter from your Secretary to Me Close Confined of a Days at long one days or a few days for any Accommodation to Carry me to Europe, and the Secretary instead of Sending me the Paper I asked even to look at, Says that I cannot now have a Collective demand Complyed with, but Immediately as I Depart Observes that at Negapatam Letters I shall find them at the Madras House

You have my Lord &c. from first to last

Since September 17th exceeded the utmost Expectations one, and without the Smallest reason I left you to give any one Cause for it. My Conduct in this Affair and in Committee is referred already by the Pondicherry & Madras to the Courts of Directors, therefore unnecessary forgoing over that Ground again as I never Look for what

forwarding

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28th proceedings I have very little time or means now to dout having not seen the Copy of the minute or Charge until 48 hours ago, but it shall not pass unnoticed, if I live a few days longer, I will enter the Lists with you and I undertake to overset the Boasless fabrick, on which you have founded the greatest possible act of Injury to me, I commit my Self, to the Respectable Authority that must Judge between us, upon this very proceedin

May I ask my Lord Sr what it is you dread from my presence here? has any One person of those you put round me on my Confinement ever heard me open my Lips, on the present times, or even to mention your names at all much Less on the way either of Complaint or of Resentment — ? Can you possibly Conceive that the greatest of outrages personal to my Self, would ever weight with me to disturb the public peace of this Settlement ? are nothing on Earth will ever dout, — Sir John Burgoyne the next in rank to me has undoubted power to shew you, of my temper & turn of mind on this Subject from the begining —

J

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28th I offered on a former Letter to give every Security or Surety you Can possibly ask to procure an all Satisfaction that Your Letter did Solicit, I now repeat that Offer — why must I let this proceed from me there be Secret off to Europe or a Treaty part when one a few weeks the pleasure of this Court of Directors on many of the present proceedings the contents of Sept.r 17.th must be known and where I have most to Authority of knowing decently the Orders of His Majesty Concerning my -self? there is no Satisfaction or Security which I Com- -ment you Can require that I am not ready to give to maintain the public peace of this Settlement so far as depends on me and good member of Society Treaty with Proclamation, the Sportsmen or Londo- -stroms to the Country round as I do with other Matters are Grounds for false Alterations I to Serve the purpose of the Day

If after this declaration you may Lord ft proceed to acts of violence for any one or bad steps I have only to repeat that I shall not

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28th most undoubtedly resist to the utmost of my power and

bodily Strength

Fort St. George I have the honor to be &c.

28th September 1783. 27th M. (Signed) Saml. Stuart

P.S.

I take this occasion to send to you an Extract of

a Letter Dated Augt. 18th which received from the

G. G. & Council Bengal, by which it will appear

that his Sentiments on a Important Occasion

Concerning you have been this represented -

(Signed) S. S.

I a Copy of this present Letter

be sent to the G. G. & Council Bengal - and to the

Honble Court of Directors by the next dispatch -

(Signed) S. S

Extract of a Letter addressed to me - from

the Govr. Genl. & Council of Bengal - Dated Augt. 18th

recd Sept. 13th 1783

"We have received your Letter of the 16th

"of April with its several Enclosures and are sorry

"that

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"The Multiplicity of business has prevented our
"replying to it before Now was not our Intentions by the
"passage in the Letter of the 11th March which you
pass gender to pass any censure upon your Conduct on
such Occasion

28th Sept. 1783

Extract

(Signed) J. S.

Dispatched the following Letters

To Captain Sadler

Of His Majesty's 101 Regiment

Sir

To Capt. Sadler informing him that the Military application was made to Gen. Lang the Commander in Chief,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to them of yesterdays date & to inform you that as the Military detail of the Army comes within the Province of the Commander in Chief — they desire you will apply to Lieut. General Lang who will acquaint the Board from whom with his Opinion on the Subject of your Letter

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) John Hodgson
Secy

Fort St George
28th Sept. 1783

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To Capt.n John Cuppage

Commanding at

Vellore

Sir

To Capt.n Cuppage on
com. Complaints made
by Mohamdeen Cawn
& directing him to be
cautious not to give
any occasion for such
in future

Mohamdeen Cawn who Commands

Sepoys Subsidiary Troops to the Southward — having

complained that notwithstanding the Cessation of

hostilities, Vencatarow with 100 Peons had proceeded

from Vellore to Arcott & committed Disorders in the

Villages in the Neighbourhood, — I am directed by the

Right Honble the President & Select Committee

to desire you will prevent any Disturbances in

future & by the most cautious Conduct on your

part avoid giving the Enemy the smallest pretext

for any Sinicular Complaints against the Troops

under your Command. — Vencatrow must be

informed that during the Cessation of hostilities he is

not to molest those parts which are in the possession

of

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Dft. of Letter Sent by Despatches

Fort St. George
28th Sept.r 1783

Sam.
Dft.
Signed John Huddleston
Lieut.

To Lieut.t Nathaniel Dawes
Commanding at
Permacoil

Sir

To Permacoil on the same Subject

Motives that Dian Cawn who Commands
Tippoo Sultaun Troops to the Southward leaving
Pimpleamed that 25 or 30 Marhatta Troops to have Past at
Vellemore have commanded Divisions Aggravated the
Inhabitants on the Road to Pondicherry as likewise
carried off the Tappy Peons Surrendered by the
Right Honble the President & Select Committee
to desire that you will write to the Officer Commanding
at Vellemore directing him to forwith the quality
Tippoo to restore any Effects Horses or Cattle that
may have been plundered to prevent any Disorders
in future, If to be carefull not to afford the
Enemy the smallest pretext for complaints against
our

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28th. our Troops — You will of course observe a similar
Conduct with respect to those under your own
immediate Command —

Fort St. George
28th Septr 1783

I am
Sir
(Signed) John Hudleston
Secy

To Masulipatam.
Messrs. Bowie &
Anderson permitted
to exchange Situations

Sent Letter to Masulipatam as enter-
-ed in M. B. N.o 9 giving permission to Messrs.
Anderson & Bowie Surgeons to exchange Situation —

To Lieut. Nathaniel Dawes
Commanding at
Permacoil

Sir

To Permacoil — to
permit Hircarrahs from
Sayed Saib to pass unmolested —

As the two Packets which have been despatched
hither by Sejapoo Soldiers may have occasion to
communicate with the Officers Commanding the
different Detachments of their Masters Troops to
the Southward, I am directed by the Right Honble
the President & Select Committee to desire you will
permit any Camel or other Hircarrahs proceeding from
Sayed

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No. Copies Schedules and Madras to Bengal recommended

Those going from home will have a Pass from the Governor,

Fort St. George

28th September 1783

Sirs

(Signed) John Huddleston

Sec.y

Letters to the same Purport

To St. Geo. Lang

Commander in Chief

to the Officer Commanding in Coast

and

To Capt.n Alex.r Campbell

or Officer Commanding at Chingleput

Those other following Letters to Major

General Jones

To Major General Jones

Sir

I am directed by the President & Select Committee to acknowledge your Letter to their of the 21st Inst.t & have inclosed to you by their Order a Copy of the last Letter for Capt.n Campbell of Nellore which was intended to have been forwarded to you sooner The two Vakeels from Tippoo who

To Gen.l Jones. Enclosing Copy of Letter to Capt.n Campbell & the Vakeels from Tippoo

home

ended

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28th who are now here have given us the Strongest assurances that their Master had ordered all his officers to cease hostilities & from your letter now received it would seem that those Orders had reached his Troops in your Neighbourhood — The Select Committee highly approve of your being on your guard, as it may at all events have a good effect on the Enemy, if we are still to call them so — In case any little accidents or irregularities should arise, that might seem to infringe the Armistice on their part, you will please to communicate by representation with their Commander & from his Conduct on such occasions you will be able to judge what dependence is to be placed on their or others —

I have the Honor to be
&c
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
28th Sept. 1783

To Mohamed Dawn
Dawn - any measure
taken to prevent his
having cause of complaint

Dispatched a letter to Mohamed Dawn
Dawn as ordered in C. C. N) informing him that
every precaution has been taken to prevent his having
occasion to complain of a breach of the Cessation of
Hostilities

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Pl. Hostilities & expecting we hope that he will order vigi-
-lant precautions on the part of their Troops

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Council Rumbold
proposing an order to prevent
upon Plenipotentiary among
the Troops that the full
execution of Lord Lange
authority be suspended till
dispatches arrive from
Europe

For the maintenance of good order in the
Military department of this Presidency I have to propose
to you to suspend the Execution of the full Extent of the
Authority you possibly may be vested with by your new Appointment
Commander in Chief to wait until their dispatches
from Europe which are hourly expected shall enable
both you and me to form a more distinct Opinion of
the Views of the Court of Directors relative to the
Military Establishment here — and I conceive such
delay will diminish no thing of the pretensions of either
party but will tend directly to the public Advantage
in a point so very Essential — I have particular
reasons for making this Request, for though well
convinced of the Propriety of my own Actions I
would still wish to avoid certain steps which though
manifestly to the disadvantage of the Settlement often

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28th one taken by either side cannot be recalld.

Sam Sty Lord & Gentlemen

Gardens

28th Sept 1783

J/a

(Signed) John Burgoyne

Lt. Col.

Comg in Chief of his Majesty's

Forces in India for the time

being

29th Received the following Letter from Chingleput

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c Governor

Sty Lord

From Chingleput — the persons from whom the Bullocks taken there belong to are to be Carawar Merchants — will endeavour them when demanded

I have been favoured with Mr Secretary Hodgsons Letter of the 20th inst & Confirmable to your Lordships &c Commands, have made every Enquiry respecting the Natives from whom the Cattle were taken & find they are the Carrawar & not Lumbardy Merchants — I do not pretend to dictate My Lord, but I believe they only differ in the Application as both are Merchants having no fixed Place of Abode but I have always understood that the Lumbardys were partial to & frequented the Nizams Country

As

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29th As the Carraveer Merchants brought neither Grain or any Merchandize with them, Shadevery Renter became Surety they were no Friends of ours. I am told that some Men there, they brought here some of Nabobs Cattle, but that a great Number were collecting Salt at Covelong and other Places where they could get it — I have taken every Precaution My Lord, with Regard to the Cattle having a Strong Guard with them, and as the Pasturage is very good, they are all in very good Order — The Head Men are all at the Presidency, which they inform of it is your Lordships Pleasure I shall detain them up, when redemanded —

I have made you acquainted with every Circumstance relative thereto, & shall be glad to be honored with your Lordships further Commands

I am with Respect
Sir
Your
(Signed) Edwd Burleton
Lieut Comdt
Revenue

Chingleput
28th Sept. 1783

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From Consign.r Burrell, requesting permission to return to England, upon his resignation

29th Received letter from Consign.r Burrell as entered in M. B. N.o 1 enclosing a Certificate of ill health and requesting leave to resign this Service and permission to return to England

Minute thereon

Consign.r Burrell permitted to resign and return to England

To M.r Secretary Huddleston &c.a

Sir

From General Stuart Directing to see the General letter from England of 11th January 1781

By the incorrectness of my Clerk in writing in Captain Agnew's Duplicate of yesterday to the Select Committee, he has ordered a Mistake of the Date of the Captain General Letter which I wish to the Secret. the Gen.l Letter Jan.y 11.th 1781 - the his order it as stated Jan.y 11.th 1783 you will please correct that mistake

I have the honor to be
Sir
(Signed) James Stuart

27th Sept.r 1783

To Captain Arthur to give a passage to Bengal to two Lieut.s

Sent Letter to Captain Arthur of the Major & entered in M. B. N.o) directing him to accommodate Lieutenants M.r Gregor & Fleischman with a Passage

4272 Fort St. George September 1783

29th Passages to Bengal -

30th Dispatched the following Letters

To Colonel Fullarton

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to enclose you Lists of the Stores & Ammunition now forwarded from hence by Boats for the Use of the Garrisons of Madura & Palamcotah - The Stores &c are to be landed at Tondy the Select Committee desire you will therefore be pleased to send Word whether sufficient Conveyances be arrived there to the Garrisons for which they are destined as likewise such an Account as you shall judge adequate to ensure their safety -

To Colonel Fullarton with Lists of Stores sent for the Garrisons of Madura & Palamcotah & sundry Letters thereto and Cooly to Tondy for them

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St. George

29th September 1783

(Signed) Johan Huddleston
Secy

To Colonel Fullarton

Dear Sir

Enclosed is a Duplicate of the Select Committee

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To Colonel Fullarton informing him of the arrival of Tippoos Vakeels who appear disposed to Peace will give him the earliest notice if any alteration becomes necessary in the former instructions he has given him

30th Committees Letter to you of the 18th August to which I no doubt you will pay the strictest attention ——

Tippoo Saibs two Vakeels are here at present & give us the Strongest assurance of a Desire for peace & we are bound by positive Instructions from home to endeavour at terminating the War — Should any thing occur to occasion any alteration in our Instructions to you you shall have the earliest Notice from us. In the meantime the Letter of the 18 of August is to be your guide —

I have the honor to be
(Signed) Macartney

Fort St. George
30th Sept. 1783

To Lieut. Bulman
Chingleput
Sir

To Chingleput — the Bullocks lately taken to be immediately delivered up to the Owners —

I am directed by the Right Honble President to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th Inst. & to inform you that in conformity to this order you are to deliver to the owners the Cattle which you have taken upon yourself to depute
them

4274 Fort St. George September 1783

30th. Hour of — Whether they be Prawner or Lambadys

Merchant Shearbaun they Cattle dont belong

to you — His — depose are to express his hopes that

he shall not hear any further Complaints of the Same

heard —

Fort St. George

30th. Sept. 1783

(Signed) John Huddleston

Secy

To Captain Burnett

forwarding him to go

to England —

To Captain Burnett &c ordering him Ad

B (C) forwarding him permission to go to

England

To Barry Close Esqr.

at Major Genl. Stuarts —

Sir

I am directed by the President & Select Committee

to inform you that they had lodged the explanation

with regard to papers given in my Letter of the

27th. Instant to you for General Stuarts Information

which would have been satisfactory to him —

The Fortitude packet will be ready to

To Barry Close Esqr.
to Division of General Stuarts
Army with the Letters
of War & other Dispatches
any thing particular he
would wish sent on board
the Fortitude which will
be ready for sailing in
a few days

sail in a very few days, and as one more the General does not

foresee

4275 Fort St. George September 17

30th proceed in one of the Men of War now under dispat

It is the wish of Government to render his passage

on board the Fortitude as convenient to him as possi

I am to request you will obtain his Answer to that

parts of my Letter to you which relate to that subje

- Should he decline giving it His accommodation

may possibly for want of Government knowing

his particular inclinations in this respect be less

compleat than they sincerely wish it to be -

Fort St. George

30th September 1783

I have the honor to be

Sr

(Signed) Johan Huddleston

Secy

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Sir

To General Burgoyne

informing him that the

Committee will act as

they think proper whether

Dispatches arrive from

England or not -

We have received the Honor of your

Letter of the 27th Instant & can very truly assure you

that whether dispatches arrive soon from England or

not no Steps will be taken by this Government but

what may in its best Judgement be deemed proper &

necessary -

We are Sir

(Signed) T. Macartney

Select Committee

Fort St. George

30th Sept. 1783

1776 Fort St. George September 1783

30th Received the following Letters

To John Huddleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

Dr Gordon respec
ting Stores for the
Southern Army.

On my Arrival at Tondaimanpaly I wrote
you the Situation this Army be in for the Southward
for want of Stores Instruments & Medical
Stores of most Speedily Supplied But I find the
most favourable Opportunity (By Capt. Peacock)
has been Neglected Notwithstanding I urged the
Necessity of my being Supplied with all Speed;
But that the Sick may not Suffer
During the Rainy Season, for want of my Medical
Assistance, I beg you will Lay my Letter before the
Committee for their Inspection & Sanction, and
that Directions may be given to the Medical Store
Keeper to be as Expeditious as Possible in Dispatching
the Medicines to the Army.

His Majesties Surgeons, having applied
for Stores for Medicines Instruments & Medical
Stores

4277 Fort St. George September 1783

30th. Stores, Should it be one of the Board, they shall be
Supplied, it will be Necessary Mr. Bateman should
Augment the Quantities of every Article Indented for;
Be pleased to Acquaint Right Honble
Lord George Macartney and the Gentlemen of the
Committee That I have been Obliged to Establish
a Field Hospital at Dindigull, Under the Care
of Mr. Irvine Surgeon to the 101st. Regt. The
Number of Sick Having Encreased But now except
Bad Cases of those Unfit for Field Service are
Sent There, The Number does not at Present
Exceed Twenty four, But the Heavy Rains that Falls
Daily; may Oblige a Greater Number to be sent
sent from Camp, yet no Attention shall be wanting
on my Part to Prevent it.
I am Sorry I should again be Obliged
to Request you would Inform the Right
Honourable Lord George Macartney, and Gentlemen
of the Select Committee How Much I am
distressed for want of Money to Supply the Sick
&

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30th Received the following Letters

To John Huddleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

Dr Gordon respecting Stores for the Southern Army.

On my Arrival at Tondeimenpaly I wrote you the Situation the Army be in for the Southward for want of Stores Instruments & Medical medicines

Stores & most Speedily Supplied But I find the most favourable Opportunity (By Capt. Brock) has been Neglected Notwithstanding I stated the Necessity of my being Supplied with all Speed;

But that the Sick may not Suffer

During the Rainy Season, for want of my Medical Assistance, I beg you will Lay my Letter before the Committee for their Inspection & Sanction; and that Directions may be given to the Medical Store Keeper, to be as Expeditious as Possible in Dispatching the Medicines to the Army.

His Majesties Surgeons, having applied for Medicines Instruments & Medical Stores

4277 Fort St. George September 1783

30th Stores, Should it be mine of the Board, they shall be
Supplied, it will be Necessary Mr. Berman should
Augment the Quantities of every Article Indented for;
Be pleased to Acquaint Right Honble
Lord George Macartney and the Gentlemen of the
Committee That I have been Obliged to Establish
a Field Hospital at Dindigonte, Under the Care
of Mr. Irvine Surgeon to the 101st. Regt. The
Number of Sick Having Encreased But now except
Bad Cases of those Unfit for Field Service are
Sent There, The Number does not at Present
Exceed Twenty four, But the Heavy Rains that Falls
Daily; may Oblige a Greater Number to be Sent
sent from Camp, yet no Attention shall be wanting
on my Part to Prevent it.

I am Sorry I should again be Obliged
to Request you would Inform the Right
Honourable Lord George Macartney, and Gentlemen
of the Select Committee How Much I am
distressed for want of Money to Supply the Sick
&

42[illegible]

Fort St. George 30th September 1783

My Lord

Being Wounded with Mercury & Summons to do which I am
obliged to pay my Highest Instrument for Mercies Bonded
for that Purpose, and to Subsist My Family,

I therefore flatter myself the Commit-
tee will be Graciously Pleased to Consider of my
Disagreeable Situation, and Afford me some
Relief. Both to myself & Family. By Discharg-
ing my Accounts which are of a long Standing. That
I have now said & in my former Letter on this Subject,
will I hope with you, Plead my Excuse for being
so Troubling & Troublesome & Remain

Camp near Pondicherry
21st September 1783

Sir
&c
(Signed) Wm Gordon
Lieut. & Surgn. Genl Troops

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have received the honor of the Letter
of this days date, & can truely assure you I had not
the smallest expectation of receiving a satisfactory
answer to mine of the 21st Inst.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) J. Burgoyne
M. G. & Commanding Engr of the
Army at Fort St. George

From General Burgoyne
did not expect a satisfactory
reply to his letter of the
21st.

Gardens
30th Sept. 1783

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30th

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c

President & Governor &c. Select Comme

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Trichinopoly cannot supply the Army with Stores unless the Indents be complied with

I have the honor to transmit you returns of Stores for the months of July & August

The Indent which I sent your Lordship &c on the 23 ult.o (in Duplicate) will I hope be soon complied with, as frequent demands for Stores come in from the Army which I have not to supply

I have the honor to be

&c

Trichinaply

22d. September 1783

(Signed) Tho.s Path

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c

President & Governor &c Council of

Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Agents for the Captors of Tranquebar desiring payment for Ordnance & Stores taken there

Being well aware of the many and great Demands on Your Treasury during the late War, I have deferred till now to claim Payment on the part of

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To the Agents for the Captors of Negapatam

30th 30th August demanding payment of Pags Das 64007.33 "

would comply with their request until this Majesties pleasure is known

being the consent of your revocation of the Stipulary

Stores taken at Negapatam which form your claim

as Agents for the Captors for the benefit of your C.

Constituents

For the Interest of ours, we must inform

you that the East India Company are entitled of

Letters Patent granted by his late Majesty under

the great Seal are entitled to the whole of the plunder

and booty taken on Wars hostile to his or expeditions by

the Company our land or Sea forces, and by the same

Grant all plunder or booty taken on Wars hostilities

or expeditions where any of his Majestys forces by Sea

and Land shall be employed and commanded to act

conjunction with the Ships and forces of the Company

is intended for distribution in such manner as shall

as the King shall think fit

The Court of Directors on their Letter to this

Presidency dated 8th March 1768 observe that they

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30th all cannon, Ammunition, and Military Stores of all Kinds, are to belong entirely to the Company, and are not to be included in any decisions that may hereafter be allowed to their own forces as a reasonable encouragement and the Company repeat their former orders on this subject in their Letter of the 22d March 1771 directing due obedience to be paid to them, on all future occasions — Whatever proportion his Majesty may adjudge to the Company of the Military stores taken in India in co operation with his own forces cannot be now admitted by us to be decided on any proportion to the Officers and Soldiers employed by the Company —

In conformity to our Letter to Sir Edward and Sir Hector Munro of the 2d June 1782. on the subject of the Company's claims to their moiety of the plunder and booty taken at Negapatam, and to their positive orders before sent to this Presidency we do not think Ourselves authorized to pay your demand

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30th demanded as all Plunder and Booty and the produce

there of should be kept entire till his Majestys

pleasure be known —

After the above letter written to Sir Edward

Hughes and the Commanding Officer of our forces at

Negapatam relating to the evacuation of the Dutch

Stores taken in that place and likewise the Report

of a Committee of Officers on the Guns and Iron Carriages.

Fort St. George

29th September 1783

We are

&c.

(Signed) Macaulay &c.

Select Committee

To Arthur Oakley Esqr.

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 20th last

Month advising your having on the 22d of your Garrison

Fort St. George September 1783

30th The Captains of Trincomaley of the Scan of Star Pagodas, 33,398: 17: 20 being as you inform us the Net amount on a Valuation not signed of the Ordnance & Militarey Stores captured there & delivered over to the Ord Commissary Capt. Sutcliffe.

We beg leave to refer you on this Occasion to our Letter of yesterday addressed to you & Messrs Balfour & Rose in which we have delivered our Sentiments upon Similar application.

We are
&c
(Signed) Macartney &c
Select Committee

Fort St. George
30th September 1783

Received the following Letters

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

Sir

From Govt Long has ordered that Hercamalo from Negodatt to permitted to pass unmolested

I request you will inform the Right Honble the President & Select Committee that
that in Obedience to their commands signified to me

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30th ane in your letter of 27th instant I have given orders that Vessels or other Vessels from Tayed Sahib towards Madras be permitted to pass without Molestation —

I have the honor to be

Head Quarters
29th Sept.r 1783

&c.
(Signed) Ross Lang

The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

My Lord

From the Madras Standard
has examined the General
Matthews Pattamar &
finds her in very bad con-
dition

Having examined the General Matthews Pattamar, I find Her sides and Bottom so much Worm Eaten that it is necessary She should go to Bengal for a thorough repair —

I beg leave at the same time to suggest that Her repairs will be attended with great expence, and that She is a Vessel no ways calculated for the Service of this Port both as Construction, and for the want of Guns &c.

I have

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30th I have the Honor to be

Madras
30th Sept 1783

(Signed) &c
John Thomson
Master Attendant

In consequence of the above Report made
by the Master Attendant of the Condition of the
Minute thereon General Matthews Pattamar - Agreed that
he be directed to dispose of her to the person who has
offered Pags 400 provided no greater Sum can be
obtained & the amount carried to the Credit of the
Bombay Presidency

Received Letter from General Stuart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord &c

From General Stuart concerning his not having had information respecting the proceedings against him - sends copy of a Note from his Lawyer desires all his Letters & Papers may be sent to Bengal & England together with all orders given regarding him &c

I have repeatedly wrote to you to say that
expecting the Presidents Minute of the 17th Sept.
communicated to me the 25th / I have had
no sort of Information or Extract from the records
connected

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Sir, acquainted with your proceedings towards me, from the

Time of the outrage committed by your Orders on the

Country house the Evening of the 17th To the present

hour of the Thirteen Days close Confinement, in that

it can Leave no pleasure for me to give The Honble

Court of Directors the Trouble to read any Abstract

from me, and Leave to endeavour that they may

know the facts;

And on this Ground, I hope, the

desired favour, you will on duty to that Honble Court

as well as to the Board of Bengal transmit the

Official Copys of the Orders you gave To the

Fort Adjutant Said Gunnard and to L. Staunton

on the 17th Sept. last for the violent Arrest of

any person who the Orders you have at different

times Given to the Town Major, Captain

Lydenham, or to the Officers who have been on

Duty on one whose Names are on the Margin,

what has fallen to my Share is

Officers on Duty on the Morn. of Sept. 17th
Lieut. Magee
Capt. Hughes
Capt. Polyon
Capt. Lee
Capt. Brooke
Capt. Dunbar
Capt. Crawford
(Signed) L.L.

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30th probably to full the Effect of your Orders, because to

to this hour I have never seen any charge against me,

neither any Order or writeing from you directing to

me or to Those, you have employed there to Seize

and confine me —

Note for Mr Bromley —
Attorney at Law —

You have My Lord Sir, not only depri-

ved me of Liberty, but so far as in your power of every

means regularly to obtain it, by the Laws of our Country.

My Ledger Mr Charles Bromley

Sunday 28th Sept. 1783
Mr Bromleys Compliments
to Major Genl Stuart and
acquaints him that
Bromley is not permitted
to attend on the General,
unless Mr Bromley
will Give his word of honor
not to engage in any Mat-
ter or Party which relates
to this Government or to
the persons Employed
by them or their Disput-
es with Genl Stuart,
Mr Bromley finding
himself much engaged
on the tender, Mr Bromley
begs Leave to with draw
any further attendance
on the General —
Copy'd
Sign'd Sa L.

is not permitted to See or to visit me; — I have write

on the Margine the Copy of the Note he sent me

two Days ago,

What there is left for me to do but to

Suppose for the present unfortunate Moment,

that I am in Turkey or any where, except under the

Government of the Representatives of the East India

Company.

I have nothing now to add, further than to

reiterate my Entreaties, That every thing concerning

me may be sent to Bengal, for whence I look for

immediate

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Letter & paper from the Govr & Council to the Secret Committee of the 17th 1783

Paper in Cont.n to ditto from ditto Sept.r 17th

Ditto Ditto 18th

Ditto Ditto 19th

Ditto & Cons.n 20th

Ditto & Cons.n 22d

Ditto & Cons.n 25th

Ditto & Cons.n 26th

Ditto & Cons.n 28th

Ditto & Cons.n (Two Letts) 30th

(Signed) S. S.

immediate relief, and also to the Honble Court of Directors.

The Letters which I have addressed to you since Sept.r 17th were on the Morgiana and Suffered they are dispatched by the first Occasions to the Coast, & there may be other papers which I do not recollect.

In regard to what is said touching Charges in the Minute of the 17th September, the principal Cause of the Increase will be by a Standing reference to the records & papers already sent and referred home by the Pondicherry and Mr Torin sent home by the Medea Frigate.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St. George
30th Sept.r 1783
10 forenoon

(Signed) Lord Stuart

The preceding 21 from Page of Fine & necessary, were in my own hand, on the occasion of offer, for the dispatch by your Packet, my home to accord.

Signed S. S.

Read

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From Permacoil respecting 30th. ing the behaviour of Sayed Saib

Received a letter from Permacoil (entered in M. B. N.o) with returns & respecting the behaviour of Sayed Saib

From Ditto Sayed Saib marches to Dyapoor

Received a letter from Ditto (as entered in M. B. N.o) informing that Said Saib had marched towards Dyapoor

To Master Attendant respecting the General Matthews, Pattamar

Sent Letter to the Master Attendant as entered in M. B. N.o) with the Minute respecting the General Matthews, Pattamar

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney Gov.r
Anthony Sadleir Esq.r Alex.r Davidson Esq.r

October 1st Lieutenant General Lang absent upon Service
Morgan Williams Esq.r Do. Do.

The Minutes of the last Committee read and approved

General Letter prepared to be sent by his Majestys ship Magnanime under the care of Major Maule Read and signed

Mr. Sadleir delivered in the following Minute

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Mr. Sullivan's Minute
recording the General
Letter by the Hayswarren

In Committee 1st October 1783

I subscribe to this Letter so far as facts are Recorded
recited by the Records of the Select Committee of those
are done home the Right Honble the President will
favourable the Necessary information or Support to such
Assertion as have not that Authority the Shortness
of time for unusual closing of the packet will not allow
of further remark With Respect to the Condition
of the Forbidden Packet Should Proper Stamps not
be ordered previous to his dispatch as contain herein
for the performance of a Voyage to Europe.

closing

Ordered that the depositations be Laid

her

Thus President Says before the Committee the
following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

the 1st October 1783

Sullivan pursuant to
the Orders of the last
Committee for the
future Dispatch of

In consequence of the above Report
Survey of the Ship Sullivan Resolved that she be

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allowed to proceed to Bombay, but the President
acquainting the Board that there is a large Quantity
amounting to 400. or 500. Tons of military Stores
for the Use of the Southern Army & Garrisons which
the Select Committee have no Means of transporting
to Negapatam Agreed that the Latham be put
under the Orders of the Select Committee for the
Performance of that Service.

A true Extract
Signed Tha.s Irvenian
Secy

Sent the following Letter.

To Peter Michell Esqr.

Sir

From the very short Notice given us of the
departure of the Ships and the great quantity of Cur-
-rent Business during the last 3 Weeks I am very appre-
-hensive that many inaccuracies will be found in our
present

To P. Michell Esqr
requesting he will a-
-pologize to the Court
of Directors for the
inaccuracy of the
present Dispatches,

Inaccuracies

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Several Dispatches — in that case Sir, I request that favor
of you to mention the above circumstances to the Hon.ble
Court.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

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