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2 Thereof requesting that you will be pleased to peruse
the above mentioned Letter of the Honorable Thomas
Abbestie and this present to the Representations —
already made relative to the Debt of His Highness
and that no Resolution may be taken on this
Matter before you receive further Explanations if
necessary to the Object

The Detention and Loss of the Snow
of Mr Peter Bettgen a Danish Subject and the
Detention of a Danish Dony the Property of the
Honble Danish Companys Factor Mr Lynne. being
now in Court I have nothing at present to add. but
I am in Hopes that every Justice and Equity will
procure every Satisfaction to the Danish Subjects who
have been Sufferers here by the Circumstances of the
late War.

Regarding the Danish Ship of Mahmoud
Cofreem taken of Negapatam in 1781 under
Danish Flag and Passport and not yet restored
I cannot now enable to state the Proceedings held here
concerning this Ship but refer myself to what has
already been written on the Subject and request
that you will be pleased to order Inquiries to be

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made and cause your Promises of delivering
the Ship to be put in Execution and Damages to be
paid

I need not repeat to you My Lord & Gentlemen
the Sincere and friendly Behaviour of the Danish
Government during the critical Circumstances under
which our Settlement has laboured I flatter myself
that you are sufficiently convinced thereof & expect
therefore that the matters in Question may be settled
to the Satisfaction of all concerned -

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Madras
the 1st October 1783.

Signed Tho.s C. Walters

To John Huddleston Esqr.
Secretary Select Committee

From Barry Close General
Stuart means to reply to
the Letter addressed to him
the 30th ultimo —

Fort St George

Sir

Yesterday at noon being at the Pavilion
I had the Honor to receive your Letter dated 30th ultimo —
upon making Major Genral Stuart —
Acquainted with the Contents of that Letter as also
he told me that he should write himself an Answer

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Three to the Right Honble the President and Select

Fort St George — Committee — I have the honor to by Yr. &c.

October 2d 1783 —

Morning

/Signed/ By. Close

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

&c. &c. President and Governor &c. Select Committee

of

Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Two General Orders having been

received by Captain Chesshyre addressed to him or Officer

Commanding the Troops in the District of Masulipatam

we think it necessary to mention to this circumstances to

your Lordship &c because those orders cannot be pub=

=lished throughout our Garrisons no General Orders

having yet removed General Jones from the Command

of the Troops in this District & appointing a Successor

and by an Express Order from the Presidency under

date 22d of December 78 no Officer is to be considered

as Commandant of the Troops in the District

without a Special appointment for that purpose

When General Jones was ordered by

Fort

Masulipatam

Le G. O sent to Captain

Chesshyre cannot be

published in the absence

of General Jones all

Orders should be sent

to him

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your Lordship &c on the Cuddapah expedition he dir
the different Officers Commanding Garrisons in the Di
to obey any directions they might receive from the
Board during his absence When any General Or
came in the Tappy directed to him or Officer Com
manding the Troops in the District we opened th
and having taken Copies that they might be circu
lated in the different Garrisons by us without lo
of time we forwarded the Original Copies to General
Jones until he informed us that there was no reason
for our putting ourselves to this trouble as he received
other Copies immediately from the Adjutant General
We therefore beg your Lordship &c will be
pleased to give the necessary Orders to the Adjutant
General to Continue the usual direction that the
business of this Department may not be impeded
as no General Orders can be issued in the Out
Garrisons but from our Authority during General
Jones's absence: and while they continue to be directed
to Captain Kyd Hyde they cannot be circulated
We have received thro' your Secretary a
General order of the 19th September Copies of which

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Shall immediately be sent to the different Officers Commanding Garrisons and Cantonments in this District with directions to publish it without delay -

Masulipatam
5th September 1783.

We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) James Daniell
James Hodges
Thomas Barnard
Alex.r Pringle

Sent the following Letters

To Mr. John Thomson

Master attendant

To the Master attendant
to take proper persons
over the Lists on board
the Fortitude Survey

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire you will proceed on Board of the Fortitude Packet and take with you proper persons for your Assistants to examine into the State and condition of that Vessell & that you will report the same to the Select Committee as soon as possible -

I am &c &c

Fort St. George
2d October 1783.

Signed John Huddleston Jun.r

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To Captain Robinson

Commanding the Honble Company's Ship

Latham

To Capt. Robinson of the Latham to be in readiness to proceed immediately to Sea & receive Officers & Stores on board.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire you will hold yourself in readiness to proceed to Sea at the shortest notice and that you will receive on board of your Ship a Number of Officers and a Certain Stores which may be tendered to you

I am &c &c

Fort St George
Octr. 2d. 1783.

(Signed) John Hudleston Sy

To James Daniell Esqr.

Chief & Council at

Masulipatam

To Masulipatam enclosing a Complaint from the Palnaud Renter & desiring them to redress the grievances complained of.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Hble the President and Select Committee to enclose Copy of a Complaint from the Palanaud Renter

T

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2d

The Committee desire that you will cause redress to be given to the Merchants who have been injured and that you will prevent a repetition of the Grievance by giving the Strictest Orders to the Pruzampatam Renter not to buy more than the established duties

Levy

Fort St George
2d October 1783.

Have the honor to be &c &c
/Signed/ John Huddlestone Secy

To Charles Oakely Esqr
&c Members of the Committee of
Signed Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Signed Revenue to ascertain the numbers Persons in Chundergurry &c to enquire concerning the allowances to the Family of the Rhundar of Rodolapatty.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters to them of the 8th & 16th Inst.

The Select Committee desire that you will cause the number and expence of the Peons now in Chundergurry to be ascertained that the proper orders may be given to have them paid by the Deputy Renter who will intimate the allowance

of

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2d of Batta to such as may be absolutely necessary for the Garrison of Chundergurry and for the Security of Trepetty Collections

I am also directed to desire that you will make further enquiry concerning the allowances to the relations of the late Phousdar of Cuddapah and particularly that you will ascertain how many and which of the persons mentioned in the List of Pensions are now living It will likewise be necessary to ascertain what were the Nabobs intentions regarding them before the Committee can consent to continue these allowances

The Committee have agreed that a Dustuck be granted to Mohomed Hussein Cawn the Aumil of Setwar forbidding all Officers to Seize or take Bullocks by force and directing them to make Application to the Aumil for the number required and to pay ready money for them

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Hudleston

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2d October 1783.

3d agreed that a Set of Bills be drawn on Bengal in favour of Mr William Ross for four thousand (4000) Star Pagodas at the Buzar Exchange to be carried

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3 to the head of Agents for Victualling the Troops.

Received the following Letter -

To John Hudleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Fort St George

Sir

I beg you will do me the favour to Inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee That a Guard of Sepoys Detached by me from the Port of Kellinore to apprehend a Setchmiah / the Man I formerly Complained of / In consequence of Enormities Committed by him and his People near Vellipuram and Complained of by Lide Sait / Have returned with him a Prisoner and a man we had Confinement This man tells me that the Prisoner Setchmiah with Some Peons went to Sinvaladoo a Village belonging to Vellipuram and under the manage- ment of Lide Saibs People broke him and a nother man Prisoner & Kept this man as Security for the Payment of 20 Pagodas -

the

em Pt macnl —

Setchmiah a man who

as caused the complaint

om Lide Sait latter

will be directly sent

Madras under a

rd -

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he

3d the Demanded they have also Brought 2 Horses The Prisoners lately took from Side Sahebs People Killed one of the Horseman and wounded the other

Honors

I shall Send the Man off this Day Prisoner to their Houses &c under a Guard that goes to Madras with Bullocks to Bring up rice.

The Man He had in Confinement is Released and I shall Send him with the 2 Horses this Evening accompanied with a Letter to Side Sail to Convince him that as far as lays in my Power He may expect every march of Friendly attention –

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Nath: Dawes Lt Comg

Permacoil
29th Septr 1783.

4th

Lord Macartney –

From the Paymaster of Nellore has received 5000 Pagodas from the renter informing that four Puttys of Paddy sent on fire by accident were consumed

My Lord

This Day the Renter paid five thousand (5000) Madras Pagodas into my hands –

I am concerned to inform your Lordship that four Puttys of the Honorable Companys Paddy which I issued to some of the Inhabitants to be beaten into Rice for the use of General Joneses Army

be

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by some Accident caught fire Yesterday morning

at

at breack of Day and notwithstanding Their Over-

Exertions joined to the Assistance that was afforded

Them the whole together with five Houses were consumed

Vellore

4th Sept. 1783 -

30th

I have the honour to be &c &c &c

(Signed) Francis Lind

Received a Letter from Vellore with

From Vellore with Returns

Returns of Troops - entered in N B N.o

Received the following letter from Gen.l

Stuart -

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney

From General Stuart desiring to know if he may deliver a Packet sealed to Rear Admiral Hughes in presence of any Person named by the Committee -

K. B President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord &c

I am to desire to know whether it be your

Good pleasure I have permission to send a Gentleman

in presence of any body you choose to name to deliver a

Sealed Packet addressed to Vice Admiral Sir Edward

Hughes K. B Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's

Ships in India - upon His Majesties Service

I have the honour to be &c Signed J. Stuart

Fort St George

Oct. 4th 1783 -

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minute thereon

agreed that the Town Adjutant do attend

at the delivery of the Packet to Sir Edward Hughes

The following Letter was accordingly sent to

Lieutenant Gomond -

To Lieutenant Gomond.

Fort Adjutant

To the Town Adjutant to attend at the delivery of Genl Stuarts Packet to the admiral -

Sir

Major General Stuart having this day made an application that a Gentleman might be named to be present at the delivery of a Sealed Packet to the Admiral Sir Edward Hughes I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will attend the General for that purpose

I am &c &c

Fort St George
4th October 1783

Signed John Huddlestone
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From Gunjam with Returns

Received letter from Ganjam enclosing Returns of Stores as entered in A B 8

From the Commissary of Stores to the Army with Returns

Received letter from the Commissary of Stores to the Army enclosing Returns entered in A B 9

From Ongole with Returns

Received letter from Ongole with Returns of Stores entered in A B 4

Received a letter From the

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From Bengal with
Lr of French Prisoners
sent to this Presidency -

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Lr

To the Secretary to the Governor General and Council enclosing a list of French Prisoners sent to this Presidency as entered in the Ft St Geo Bks

Received the following letter from Tanjore

To Thomas Kingscote Esqr

Deputy Military Secretary

From Wm Huppesley
Esqr his endeavours
meet with the approbation
of the Committee -

Fort St George

Sir

I have this day honored by the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant communicating the Satisfaction which the Right Honble the President & Select Committee have been pleased to express on the subject of my little Exertions for the Supply of Lieutenant Colonel Elphinstons Detachment and of the Garrison of Chellumbrum

A testimony so truly flattering and distinguished must necessarily excite every sentiment of gratefull acknowledgement and I must request Sir that you will do me the Favor to intimate to the Honorable Board how deeply I feel those Sentiments impressed & that it will ever be my ambition to merit the Countenance of their approbation by most Scrupulous Services

I have the Honor to be &c.

Signed Wm Cox Hippesley -

Tanjore
27 Sepr 1783.

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At a Select Committee on Military

affairs present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

K. B. President

Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Lieutenant General Lang absent

upon Service

Morgan Williams Esqr. Do.

The Minutes of last Committee read and

approved.

Read the following Letter from the Govern

General & Council

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartn

K. B. President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Bengal ordering the Purposals of Cessation of hostilities made to Tippoo thro' the medium of Mons. Peybe as disgraceful & impolitic positively forbid any Seperate Treaty being entered into with Tippoo authorizing a Cessation of hostilities only request to be furnished with constant & early Information of all Transactions with Tippoo

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have received your Letters of the

5th 11th & 15th Instant with the several Enclosures

contained in them and observe agreeable to your repeated Demands

Monday 6 Oct. 1783

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Demand That we will furnish you with Those Instructions which you have so often Solicited and the want of which you say leaves you under an Embarrassment that may greatly tend to the Prejudice of Public affairs at this critical Juncture -

We Acknowledge That you have repeatedly applied to us for Authority and Instructions to treat with the late Hyder ally and his Son and Successor Tippoo Saib. on the 11th of September last you desired to know our Sentiments of that State of Government or necessity which might warrant you in the Adoption of Measures of your own Judgement without a Special Authority and You requested our Instructions to guide your Conduct towards Hyder Ally in the Supposed Event of the Ratification of the Maratta Treaty as you proposed immediately upon an Embassy to Him In Reply We informed you by our letter of the 19th October that "till Hyder ally was compelled to "Solicit Peace or to move for an Accommodation "from some Change in his affairs We imagined "every advance to a Negociation with him would be attended

Tenour of

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"Encouragement to him to persist in the War" We
therefore declined granting you any Instructions
for that purpose and added that "I should be by
"the Aid of his new Allies and Through our
"Misfortunes press you to a Situation of immoment
"necessity that necessity and your own Judgement
"must at once determine your last Refuge and
"dictate your Instructions" The Maratta Treaty
was not at that time finally interchanged and it
was a matter of great Doubt whether the
Opposition raised Against it might not preclude
it altogether We are confident that any Advances
made to Tippoo at such a Season would have
been converted by him into the means of adding
Force to the Opposition which he supported
against the Treaty The advantage which
he would have been ready to seize of any
Overture for Peace cannot be more strongly
exemplified than in the Instance now before
us Tippoo certainly inferior to his Father both
in Forces and Abilities deprived of his European
Allies

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As this by the Preliminaries with France compelled
to retire from the Carnatic in Order to save or recover
the most valuable Part of his own Possessions the
Revenues of a considerable Part of which have been lost
to him threatened with a War from the Mahrattas
and his Resources of Men Money Stores and
Provisions greatly diminished from his Long and
continued Operations in the Field has received the
Invitation of your Deputies to accede to a Peace: How
has he treated it and what has been the Consequence?
Presuming upon your Weakness he has assumed a
Degree of Consequence to which his Father never
pretended in the Height of his Prosperity he has
dictated the Terms of a Treaty the particular Articles
and Objects of which we are unacquainted with
and has left no Alternative for a qualified &
admission of his Demands on your Part but requiring
you implicitly to affix your Seals and Signatures
to them and informs you that after a Meeting
has been held and the Terms Programma understood

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/ by which Term of the Translation we suppose to
be meant concluded / Letters will be written from
the Presence to the Governor and Council a Khelaut
&c will be given and the English Prisoners of the
Circar will be sent with his Minister and Orders to
the Talookdars to deliver up the Forts of the English
to them

Although Tippoo has left nothing for a
negociation but the Acceptance or Rejection of his
Demands even for this undignified Intercourse with
you he or his Agent for him has required you
to depute your minister to attend the Presence of
his Minister

Thus much occurs in Proof of the Promptitude
of our Determination on the 19th of October last to
withhold from you the Power of treating in any
Shape with this Enemy In your letter of the 18th
February 1783. you again desired our Consent &
Approbation of a Treaty to be concluded by you
with Tippoo Said on the Terms of that which has
been made respecting his Father with the
Marattas and you request that we communicate

to

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"To your own Sentiments on the Propriety of your

"waiving so much of the Clause relative to his comm

"and entire Evacuation of the Carnatic as may relate

"the small Posts and Districts of Padeweda & Tholepa

"or other small Posts and Districts of little Value

"Importance but contiguous to and bordering upon

"Dominions of Tippoo Saib in case a Treaty could no

"otherwise be concluded with him"

With respect to the diminishing

applied to these Places they have a double Edge.

"They are Small Posts and Districts of little Val

"or Importance" They are equally so to both P

and Tippoo should be as indifferent in regard

as We in ceding them If he insist on them and

Treaty can not otherwise be concluded with him

which is the Condition on which you desired Pow

to cede them it proves them not to be Districts

of little Value or Importance: but You add as a

further motive for our Compliance that they are

contiguous and border upon the Dominions

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Tippoo Said They can only be convenient because they may facilitate a future Invasion and if they border upon the Dominions of Tippoo Said in their present Dependance on the Carnatic. They would equally border upon the Carnatic in their Dependance on Tippoo Said and in this State are equally convenient to either: besides if that were an Argument for yielding them it would apply with equal Strength after they were ceded to the next small Districts of little Value and Importance. and so on ad infinitum

We replied to this Letter from on board the 11th of March when the final Interchange of the Treaty with the Peshwa had recently taken Place: We repeated our Sentiments with Respect to any Overture which might be made to Tippoo for Peace and We desired you carefully to avoid any Infraction of the Article of the Treaty which relates to the Carnatic and which constitutes the Peace with Tippoo Said on the only Footing on which we are now at Liberty to accede to it" But before

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Letters expressed our entire and marked Disapprobation
of your commencing by any advances on your Part
any Negociation with Hyder Ally or his Successor
Tippoo Saib -

If the ill Disposition towards your
which you have repeatedly accused us in your Letters
or the vindicating Style of our Correspondence could
influence us to your Prejudice the unwarrantable
and disgraceful management of your late
Negociation opens an ample Field for Censure and
Reproach To propose a Cessation of Hostilities to
Tippoo Saib in Conjunction with or through the
Mediation of Messrs Bussy was at once both
impolitic and disgraceful nor could it be supposed
to be enjoined by the Preliminary Treaty with France
by the 16th Article of which it is titled with Messrs
Bussy only to have invited Tippoo as the Ally of
France to accede to the Pacification on Terms
Such as you offered could neither have been
expected nor favourably received from the Power
immediately at War with him but by condescending

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to make it you naturally thren the negociation into the Hands of Mons.r Bussy who will raise his own Importance by dictating to Tippoo the Terms he Should demand from you and by making himself the Umpire between you Here we beg leave to remind you of the Caution we gave you in Our Letter of the 11th of March last written before Mr Bussys arrival in the Carnatic and expressed in the following Sentence "We request you to consider the Use to which "Mons.r Bussy might turn your Instructions to the "Tanjore Vakeel (deputed to Tippoo) if Tippoo Sait mo "them known to him which would probably be the ca

Had Tippoo been in Expectation of Speedily reducing Mangalore when your proposal for a Cessation of Hostilities reached him is it probable that he would have Suspended his Operations against it But distant as that Event may be it does not appear that he has suspended his Operations or even agreed to a Cessation of Arms in any Place but where the Inferiority of his Force must have yielded to our Arms we mean in the Carnatic yet from this partial agreement We venture to pronounce that he will expect an unbounded

observan

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Observance of your Request for Pamps Masures to the Companys Settlements on the Malabar Coast and will vehemently complain of any Succours of Men or Stores which may be thrown into Mangalore your Commander in Chief's Minute on this Subject contains many round and reverberating Arguments which if we wanted any others would confirm us in these Sentiments

Although you have compelled us to take this View of your Conduct We will suppose that a Negociation has taken place with Tippoo Sait in Consequence of your Overtures to him and that he is willing to accede to a Pacification on the Basis of the Mangalore Treaty and in Conformity to the Preliminaries settled with France or even if he should absolutely refuse to accede to the Peace on these Terms if by ceding to him the Forts and Countries of Carur Dindigul Coimbatore Dharapooram in the Coimbatore Country and the Province of Cumbum which have all been taken by your Forces You can obtain the Release of our Prisoners

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Prisoners who are in his Hands We Shall think it a most desirable Accommodation indeed w.ch like the Sufferings of our Fellow Subjects in his Possession are so severe as they are represented to be, We would Willingly make These and even greater Sacrifices to preserve their Lives and recover their Liberties: for although the Places we have named are numerous and of lofty Sound We believe them to be of no material Value and such as a superior Force may at any Time enter and secure.

But you desire a more general Authority from us. that is You require our Consent to treat with Tippoo on the Basis of the Maratta Treaty and the Pacification which has lately taken Place in Europe By both these Authorities Peace is already formally concluded with Tippoo if he will accept of Peace and by the former the Peishuah is bound to compel him to it if he shall refuse Therefore We cannot consent to any direct and independant Treaty with Tippoo nor to any conclusive Agreement -

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Agreement whatsoever which you may make with
him except for a Cessation of Hostilities or the Recom=
=mendation recommended in the preceding Paragraph
neither of which require a written Instrument to effect
them In the present situation of Affairs there can be
no Danger in the Delay of referring to us his Proposals
there may be an Advantage in it

Respecting your Claim on Tippoo for a
Reimbursement of the Expences of the War and a
Compensation for the Losses sustained by the Invasion
of the Carnatic we can only express our Astonishment
at your making it the Subject of a Serious Proposal
and of Serious Reproach to us for omitting it in
our Treaty with the Marattas but in Short had it
been ever practicable your mode of proceeding would
have effectually defeated every Chance of obtaining
it - To solicit Peace in order to Claim a Reimbursement
for the Expences of the War is a new Doctrine in
Negociation which will not answer in India If
We dwelt of its Efficacy in any Country

For

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From the Purport of this Letter you will clearly understand that we positively restrict you from making any seperate or definitive Arrangement or Treaty with Tippoo Saib and that we mean only to vest you with Powers to treat for a Cessation of Hostilities or, for the Release of our Prisoners or both It is not necessary for us to negociate for more general objects. as You have already commenced a Negociation with him without waiting for our previous Sanction which You guardedly assure us was unnecessary: and as We have remarked in the former Part of this Letter You have gone further You have yourselves invited Tippoo Saib to accede to the Peace concluded in Europe instead of leaving this Advance as it ought to have been left and where the Wisdom which dictated to the Superior Administration this Provision of the Treaty had fixed it with the Representative of the French Nation in India: and You have proceeded to yet greater Lengths: You

have

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have of yourselves ordered us but we conceive ought only
to have been the Effect of a reciprocal Engagement a
Cessation of Hostilities on the Part of our Forces while
Those of the Enemy remain in Liberty to continue
Their Operations Against us For Those Acts and their
Consequences Of you are alone accountable

We have only again to repeat that
We will not consent to your making any direct Treaty
of Peace with Tippoo Saib that being already concluded
on other Grounds and with other Sanctions of much
Stronger and Surer Reliance, which we cannot
agree to forfeit for an immediate Engagement with
Tippoo himself That is one which will be irrevocably
binding on the Company, but will be no longer
binding on him than whilst he shall find it
convenient to observe it

We request that you will furnish us
with early and constant Information of the Event
and Progress of your Transactions with Tippoo
Saib that we may also take such Measures as
may appear necessary to us to avert the Consequences
of

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Of his Refusal to accede to the Peace

We are with Esteem &c &c

Fort William
30th August 1783

(Signed) Warren Hastings

John Macpherson

John Stables

Read Letter from Tippoo Sultaun / as entered on Country Correspondence / dated the 20th Showal or 18th September and received yesterday by a Camill Sircarrah representing that he had received two Letters from the President the contents of which of course his Pleasure stating the Rise & Progress of the present War with the motives which induced his Father to the prosecution of it. Mentioning That he had given Orders to Meer Moheen ud Deen Cawn to send immediately to Madras Appagee Ram & Shreenevas Row for the purpose of terminating the War and to convince the President of the Sincerity of his Intentions he / Tippoo / assures his Lordship that he feared Hostilities before Mangalore on the receipt of Mr Saddlers Letter altho' he had greatly

From Tippoo Sultaun consents to a Cessation of Hostilities & have issued orders in consequence to all his Cordars to desist from war has also Ordered the English Prisoners to be treated with Civility

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the advantage of that pacific Orders had been given
Sent to his Troops to stop all offensive operations
with Directions to treat the English Prisoners with
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The President delivers the following minute

In Committee October 6 1783.

The President has the honor to inform
the Committee that in several Meetings held with
the Vakeels or Agents of Tippoo it appeared that there
will not be much Difficulty in making an
Agreement with their Master on the footing of a
mutual surrender of Places taken by both Parties during
the war and that such restoration on the Part of Tippoo
includes the Territories belonging to a usually governed
by the Rajahs of Tanjore and Trivancore and the
Nabob of the Carnatic as immediately protected by &
dependent upon the Company The Demand of Tippoo
of Dhagar mellore and other Places as a Jaghire
proves as was foreseen by the Committee to be nomore
than the Precaution of oriental Policy to have a
Balance against opposite Claims and to have the

appearance

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appearance of Yielding as well as the advantage of gaining something in the course of the Conferences held upon the occasion and is now acted merely on the footing of Friendship from the Company towards Tippoo Sooltaun for the restoration of the Prisoners taken by Tippoo or his Father it appears that Tippoo is very anxious that Ayan or Ryat Boy, who governed Bednore and whom he Stiles a Faithful Slave of his Family should be delivered back to him To this Desire it was opposed that such Person was not in the Custody of the Company to our Knowledge that he had ever been a Prisoner That it was even known where he was that on the Capture of Bednore there were probably Engagements made with him for the Security of his Person which were not to be broken and that if he only claimed Hospitality the Promise of it by Englishmen was to Sacred to be infringed that Such a Regard to Hospitality would not appear Surprizing in Indostan where it is recollected that Same a Deserter from

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the Company's Service who was principally concerned in the Patna & Naghaur was so far screened by the Country Powers in where he had taken Refuge that the Justice of the Company has not been able to overtake him These Observations made in consequence of the Demand for Hyat Bey equally applied to those Persons whom the Agents in their Demands call the other Traitors protected in Tellicherry — Tippoo's Agents seemed likewise anxious for defensive and offensive alliance or in other words That if Tippoo should be engaged in any Troubles that the English must aid him with a large force and that on a similar occasion he would afford a like Assistance to the English

On this Occasion it may be proper to remark that in Treaties made in India a Clause is frequently introduced similar to that Perpetual Friendship in European Articles of Peace That the Friends of one of the contracting Parties should be the friends of the other and the Enemies the Enemies such a Clause was inserted too lightly to ensure and was in itself

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too extensive to admit on all occasions an inviolable adherence to it But the Breach of it was sometimes as in the very instance of Hyder ali a Pretence for a Renewal of Hostilities and Experience taught the necessity of confining subsequent Engagements as in the case of the late Treaty with the Marattas to that of not affording Assistance to those with whom they might be at War Such a Clause however Should have provided the Exception of the Territories abovementioned under the Protection or the Dependance of the Compa and with an Exception of that nature Such a Convention with or Even such a Declaration to all the Powers of Hindostan might be coincident with the Views and maxims of the Company against meddling in their intestine quarrels or Ambitious Projects It is by a Steady Pursuit of such Maxims that those quarrels and Projects which so often agitate the Country Powers and involve them in Danger & Distress may exist without affecting the Tranquility or welfare of the Company or of those immediately connected with it There can be no Objection in applying Such a Declaration

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particularly to Tippoo and inserted in a Treaty of
mutual Conditions It previously approved by the
Presidency of Bengal If Tippoo might think it his
Interest to adhere to it towards us in order to ensure our
Adherence of it towards him To the plan of such an
Agreement so restricted It may be the Duty of this
Presidency to recommend to the Superintending Power
of Bengal to signify its Consent

The President proposes that Answers be
made to the Demands of the Agents of Tippoo agreeably
to the above Observations that it may be proposed
to them that a mutual Restoration of Places as already
mentioned Shall immediately take place agreeably
to the instructions from Europe as well as of the Prisoners
respectively taken on both sides and that the Plan of
an Agreement not to assist each others Enemies may
be prepared Subject to the Ratification on the one
Part of Tippoo and on the other to the approbation of
the Presidency of Bengal That they be informed
that only the entire Evacuation of the Carnatic shall
take place within four Months from Tippoos Reception
of the Invitation to Peace the Cessation of Arms or Hostilities
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on the Second of August at Mangalore will be followed by Hostilities which may recommence from the Second of December being a Term of Four months allowed by the late Treaty in Europe for the Determination of the Powers of Indostan to accede to the Pacification that in the meantime no Troops belonging to Tippoo are to remain in the Carnatic besides those which were init when the Cessation of arms took place with the Marquis de Bussy on the Second of July including those Troops that every Precaution must be taken for avoiding all Difference between the respective Armies followers and Subjects of both Parties during that Interval.

The President proposes if the Committee approve of the opinion and observations stated on the foregoing minute that the following answer be returned to the propositions from Tippoo Sultan

The President proposes that the following Answer be returned to Tippoo

Articles delivered to Appajee Ram Vakeel now Vackeels of Tippoo Sultaun October 8th 1783 in consequence of the resolution of Committee 7th October 1783

As all Engagements to be made by the Company are to be held sacred, and to be punctually fulfilled by its Servants, all such Engagements must be made in the name of the Company only as its Representatives cannot answer for those made in the name of any other

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1st The Company's Representatives at Fort St. George in consequence of Conventions made in Europe will on the entire Evacuation of the Carnatic, and such other Countries as may have been taken during the War from the Rajahs of Tanjore & Travancore and the Nabob of Arcot, withdraw their forces from Coimmum, Dindigal Maroor and other Places taken during the War and now in their Possession

2d The Company's Representatives at Fort St. George are not empowered to give even as an act of Friendship or as a Ransom to Tippoo Sultan the Fort of Thangar the Country of Colourchie, or any other Fort or Country not possessed by Hyder Ali before the War

3d The Company's Representatives at Fort St. George will deliver back to Tippoo all such Prisoners taken by them during the War, as are still in their Custody and desirous to return, the all such Prisoners as are in the Custody of Tippoo & desirous to return, must in like manner be immediately sent back — With regard to Hyder or Hyat Boy who is claimed as a Slave by Tippoo together with the Money and Effects he carried with him it is answered that he was not a Prisoner, that he is not in the Custody of the Company, that it is not even certain where he is, that besides, it is possible that on the Capture of Bednore Engagements were made with him for the Security of his Person which it is impossible should be broken, that if he were had only

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only claimed Hospitality the Promise of it by Englishmen would be too sacred to be infringed, which could not appear Surprizing in this Country when it is recollected that Somro a Deserter from the Company's Service who was principally concerned in the Massacre of the English at Patna was so screened by the Country Powers where he had taken Refuge, that the Justice of the Company has not been able to overtake him —

4th The above Observations apply to such Persons as may have taken Refuge in Tellicherry, or other Places be-=longing to or Dependent upon the Company, and in pursuance of this Principle the Company makes no Demand of any Deserters from its Service, who may be unwilling to return to it The Instant Rule is that which thus applies respectively to both Parties If Particular Circumstances should hereafter require an Alteration in this respect, it must be the Subject of fu-=ture Negotiation and Agreement —

5th Beside the above to which the Company's Representa-=tives at Fort St. George will immediately agree as conformable to the Treaty made in Europe. and to the Instructions reciprocally communicated to the Representatives in India of the Contract-=ing Powers. it will be recommended to the Governor General and Council of Bengal, to give their Consent and approba-=tion to an Agreement, to be in such case entered into between the Company and Tippoo Sultaun that in case of the Com-=pany being at War With any Indian or European Power

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in India, or of Tippoo being at War with any such Power excepting the Rajahs of Tanjore and Travancore, and the Nabob of Arcot who are under the immediate Protection of the English, no assistance whatsoever directly, or indirectly, shall be afforded by the Company, or by Tippoo to their respective Enemies —

The Vakeels of Tippoo are informed that the Company's Representatives at Fort St. George, are willing that the abovementioned Restoration of Places and Prisoners shall immediately take place on both sides without waiting for the abovementioned Convention of Neutrality which requires the previous approbation of the Bengal Presidency

The Vakeels of Tippoo will also please to take notice, that unless the Entire Evacuation of the Carnatic by his Troops shall take place within four Months from his Reception of the Invitation to Peace, the Cessation of Arms as settled on the 2d of August at Mangalore will be followed by Hostilities which may recommence from the 2d of Dec. and not before, being the Term of four Months allowed by the late Treaty in Europe for the Determination of the Powers of Indostan to accede to the Pacification. That in the mean time every Precaution must be taken for avoiding all Disputes between the respective Armies Followers, and Subjects of both Parties during that Interval

(signed) Macartney

A true Copy
(signed) W.G. Macrae
Deputy Secretary

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Ordered that the above Papers remain for consideration untill to-morrow when the Committee will meet again to Determine upon them

Read

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Received the following Letter from the Admiral.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB
President & Governor &c. Council of
Madras

From the admiral proposes sailing to Bombay on the 10th Inst. will perform any Service pointed out to him for the Interest of the Company on the Malabar Coast

My Lord & Gentlemen

I think it proper to inform you that it is my intention to sail hence for Bombay on the 10th of this Month with the remaining Ships of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command if any means occurs to you by which the Company's Interests and the Public Service can be benefited on the Malabar Coast by His Majesty's Ships you will be pleased to point it out and every Thing in my Power and consistent will be done

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

Superb in Madras
Road the 3d October 1783.

/Signed/ Edward Hughes

The President informs the Committee that the Admiral agreeably to his letter has offered to give in his way to Bombay in any manner that may be Suggested to him for the public Service and inasmuch as thought necessary to call at Tellicherry —

The President informs the Committee that

The President informs the Committee agreeably to his letter the admiral has offered to call at Tellicherry & perform any other service suggested to him

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The President informs the Committee that Sir John Burgoyne has requested some private Conversation with Genl Stuart -

agreed that the following Letter be written in answer

That he has received a Note from Sir John Burgoyne desiring to know if he might have some private Conversation with Genl Stuart on his Majesty's Service -

agreed in Consequence that the following Letter be written to Sir John Burgoyne -

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne

To Sir John Burgoyne the Committee do not approve or will allow secret Communication between Sir Genl Stuart all matters concerning His Majesty's Service must come through them as Genl Stuart is no longer employed -

Sir

As His Majesty's Service and the Service of the State are in India immediately connected with the Service of the Company & that the Troops which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to send here are intended to be for the immediate Service of the Company in the manner which its Representatives shall think best we apprehend that nothing conducive to his Majesty's Service here is necessary to be kept a Secret from us who represent the Company & your Communications therefore with Major General Stuart now no longer employed here which you say are to be for his Majesty's Service must be made to him tho' our Channel We do not think that Secret Communications between you and him are necessary or expedient at this time

We have the honor to be &c.

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Lord Macartney &c. &c. &c.

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The President acquaint the Committee that the liberty allowed General Stuart of writing has been testified upon by the General Stuart having privately sent Letters to the admiral which were returned unopened and proposes that the Permission be withdrawn from him unless the admiral should request it —

The President informs the Committee that Yesterday having heard from the Report of the Officer on duty with General Stuart of Sealed Letters passing from General Stuart to the admiral and also of a packet being returned by the admiral to General Stuart upon the next application of General Stuart to send another Sealed packet to the admiral the President attentive to of the circumstances and situation of the times & of General Stuart himself desired the Fort Adjutant to wait on the Admiral and to request to know whether the Correspondence was of a public or private nature that the Admiral answered it was of a public nature and that he had no objections of desired by the Committee to communicate to them the Contents — adding that it was a Correspondence unsolicited by him and he should be well pleased to see an End to it that after hearing this from the admiral the President desired it to be signified to General Stuart that as to the delivery of any further packets he the President could not authorize it without communicating the Subject to the Committee but that nevertheless he has

Thereupon

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Strong reason to believe that a note or Letter was

Yesterday secretly sent by General Stuart to the

Admiral and that it was returned unopened - The

President thinks therefore that the Liberty granted

General Stuart has in this Instance been Improperly

upon and is of opinion that the Correspondence from

General Stuart should not be permitted unless the

admiral himself should particularly desire it

The Committee concurring in opinion

The Committee agree with the President & it accordingly resolved that no Letter be allowed to pass from General Stuart to the Admiral unless by the desire of the latter -

Read the following Letters from

General Stuart -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George -

From General Stuart complains of certain Letters & Proceedings denied him from the Office no Ship Accommodation can be procurable to him

Lieutenant Conway and de Camp and Secretary for safety &c as you are pleased to say I have received a Note from Mr Secretary Hudleston dated Yesterday the 30th Ult. but as Post had per

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been delivered only yesterday afternoon -

The Contents are by your directions to acquaint him (Lieutenant Close) that you hoped the Explanation about the Communication of the papers given the 27th ultimo for my Information would have been Satisfactory

And to Say that the Vessel will be ready in a few Days and your attention about the accommodation &

Lieutenant Close is in the service of the Honble Company and it would be as I think highly Dangerous for him to be even (vehicle of Communicating to you the most indubitable Truths and Facts with any Commentary Concerning me Considering the powers you exercise to dismiss the military Officers

Therefore I shall answer for myself the only parts of your Secretary's Letter realy mariting = a Serious notice seeing that no Ship accommodation can be suitable at present to me after what I have so often wrote to you -

I have therefore only to observe -

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upon what your Secretary says by your direction
Concerning the Communication of papers: That after
five or Six times asking for the Records of your
proceedings at and since September 17th except the
minute of that Day / your Lordships neither furnished
them nor ever gave me the perusal repeatedly &
Requested of the Company's General Letter January 11.
1781 nor of their Orders & Instructions Concerning
the sending away from the Settlement any &
description of the most Vulgar Licensed persons &
after being once warned: indeed the act of Parliament
is public on that Head.

The Sight of these Lost papers is no
complex request & yet it is denyed me as well as the
Sight of the Dispatches you may have sent by his
Majesty's Ships.

How is it possible then My Lord &c
you can think the Secretary supposes I can be Satisfyed
except in one point as repeatedly before observed
namely that you are Acting towards me Contrary
to the Act of Parliament and to Justice & directly

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in opposition to the Clearest written Orders and Instructions of your Superiors.~

I have nothing more further to add;

and you must excuse me if I do not consent to my friend Close Committed himself in my Business with your Lordship &c or your Secretary, I shall bear the whole myself I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed/ James Stuart

To the Right Honble

Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c Lieut

Committee

Fort St George

My Lord &c

Yesterday about

Seven hours after His Majesty's

Ships were sailed for Europe

I received this the Deputy

Secretary Mr O Wavell the

General letter from the Honble

Court of Directors to this

Government dated January 28

1784

Wednesday

October 2

1783.

From General Stuart with Extracts from the Co Company's General letter 11 Jany 1783 with his Remarks & Strictures complaining of Secretial Papers being withheld from him

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11th 1783 which paper with others of equal Consequence I had waited almost daily ever since the time I have been in close Confinement by your orders I shall leave others to judge of your Conduct in keeping back until now this Essential paper and how far it corresponds with the candid proceedings expected from the Representatives of the East India Company's

From this General Letter at last, tho' the late obtained I have made some Extracts & placed them on the margen from whence the following clear Deductions or Inferences are drawn

Extracts from the Company's General Letter to Fort St. George January 11th 1783

Para 13th If our Select Committee shall think fit to suspend any person or persons from the Company's service such person or persons shall not be restored

And First - In any case whatever the word dismission is never mentioned by the Court of Directors but only of suspension of the Company's servants until their pleasure shall be known and

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restored except by the said
Committee or by order of the
Court of Directors -

Para 15 Incase of Vacancy
by the Death or removal of
any members of our select
Committee we have given the
like authority to the present
Committee to chuse such a
member to a temporary seat
in the said Committee as shall
appear to them best qualified
for Discharging the Duty's
of that office as was given
by the Court of Directors in
their letter of 17th March 1767
Para 53d and 3d of January
1770 and the person so
chosen shall continue a
member of the Select Committee
until our further pleasure
be known -

and for this wise and just
reason well known to your
Lordships &c that by an Act of
Parliament a Servant of the
Company once dismissed can
not be replaced however
just his pretensions unless
by the voices of two Thirds
of a Court of Proprietors

By the Paro. 15 in this
General letter in Case of death
or removal of any member of
the Select Committee the
remaining members are to
Chuse his Successor - The
Successor to the late Commander
in Chief Sir Hector Munro
who removed himself to Europe
was and is the identical person
now General Stuart who
now writes to you from
Close Confinement after you
have not only removed
him from his seat in the
Committee but dismissed him
from

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From the Honble Companys
Service without waiting for
the pleasure of the Honble
Court of Directors and indeed
without hearing what he
had to say for himself

Para 50th We have established
it as a Standing order that before
any person in our Civil service shall
be dismissed or removed from any
office for misbehaviour or
misconduct he shall be
acquainted in writing with
the Accusation preferred against
him He shall also be summoned
to make his defence and have a
reasonable time allowed him
for that purpose and it is
our pleasure that you proceed
on all such occasions with the
greatest tenderness & circumspection
We further direct that all
charges or accusations made
before you against any of our
Servants in your Department
with all Proceedings thereon
be regularly entered on your
proceedings -

As to the Para: 50th
I have taken the Trouble to
Transcribe it at full length
purposely to Contrast the
humane equitable and just
Orders and Instructions of
the Honble Court of Directors
in Cases of dismission from Office
Concerning any Charges or
Accusations tending to affect
the Situation of their Servants
at Such distance from Home
which all of them acquire
with Such risk of health and
Constitution and in every other
respect & consequently how
much more Circumspection
must be requisite previous to
a total Dismission from the
Service I say that I place
the whole of this paragraph-

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proceedings and transmitted
to us for our observation and
the same Rules of proceeding
must be observed by our Select
Committee in all Cases which
shall come under their seperate
Consideration

in full view to shew the
Contrast in your Conduct
towards me — The Company's
Orders are not limited in the
respect to their Civil Servants
only, but as you see to all
their Servants in your
Department & lest there
should remain a doubt on
this Head and as if in the
present Case foreseeing and
preventing the power of
Quibble they added these clear
worded last words in the
Paragraph and the same Rules
of proceeding must be
observed by our Select Committee
in all cases which shall come
under their Seperate Consideration

But have you my Lord
& observed these equitable
Orders of the Honble Court of
Directors towards me and if
you have taken a direct
Contrary Line in the Act of
removing me from my Seat
in the Committee after
proceeding -

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Succeeding to act according
to their positive orders and
that you have not observed
towards me the appearance
of Such equitable rules
prescribed even in Cases of
Dismission from offices
held under Government
What can I say in Such
case other than that I look
upon the whole of your
proceedings towards me to
be arbitrary & partial and
altogether Contrary to the
Orders of your Constituents
as Such I appeal from you
decision and protest against
it holding you responsible
in every point of view for the
Consequences

I have not yet
been furnished with the
Company's Directions
Concerning the Lending
sums of British Subjects
who Originally Came to the

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this Country with their permission & protection But I have from another Quarter got information upon it & indeed the Act of Parliament gives public notice that in such Cases, one full opportunity allowed to settle their affairs in this Country. If therefore, after what has already passed and after the Orders I have given to enter into any Obligations you see proper to keep the peace and live as a good & member of Society. if I say my Lord & you proceed to further acts of violence now in seizing one disabled or you know I am and in such helpless State from the Settlement on Board of any Ship but more particularly on Board the Vessel you mention as the Portuguese Packet which from every information I find to be unfit for a Europe Voyage & the Commander Mr Bowden not regularly bred to the Sea if this to be circumstanced, I am only repeat again that I shall resist to the utmost of my powers such illegal or evil or cruel acts on your part.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed James Stuart

To

2 P M

Fort St George

October 3d 1783

I am to request that this Letter be sent to Bengal by the first Dispatches I shall be it (Signed) J. S.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c &c &c Committee

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From General Stuart
complains of the violence
& Injustice intended him
by sending him home in
his Ship which he considers unsafe & improper desires to
be sent to Bengal Bombay
or Trangueber where he
will engage to remain until
called from his retirement
by Government.

My Lord & Gentlemen

The additional outrage of any attempt on your part by your orders to force me from my Situation by the most violent acts on board a most unsafe and improper Ship such as the Vessel you have named to carry me to Europe on such short notice & contrary to the clearest Law and right of the meanest British Subject unprejudicial of adjusting my private Affairs in any degree and in the total unprepared unprovided State in which I am of this hour forbids a Voyage will I trust Gentlemen save that you have made me your prisoner: To Consent either to my going in one of his Majesty's Ships to Bombay or to Bengal or to Trangueber where I engage to remain until

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I Government has calls me from my retirement.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) James Stuart

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The Committee think it unnecessary to continue a Correspondence with Genl Stuart the Resolution for his proceeding to England is already taken and the necessity of it for the peace and good order of the settlement fully Stated the Committee being Still convinced of that necessity cannot relax from the Resolution as to the assertions of General Stuart regarding the Vessel provided for his Accomodation to England the President informs the Committee that in consequence of these orders he has Strictly Surveyed and he delivers in the following Declaration or Certificate of the persons who were employed on that Service.

The Committee think it unnecessary to correspond any further with Genl Stuart the Resolution for his departure is fixed and cannot be relaxed in contradiction to his Assertions respecting the Ship taken up for him the President lays before the Committee a Certificate of Persons ordered by him to Survey her —

These are to Certify that We the undermentioned Carpenters came on board the Ship Fortitude now a Packet in the Honble Companys Service and destined to Proceed to Europe & upon Surveying the said Ship find Her to be very fit & Capable of proceeding on her intended Passage Given under our Hands this 3d Day of Octr 1783 on board said Ship Lying — Thomas Upton Marine yard

Jas Hooper Carpenter
Ship Mayo

John Thomson
master attendant —

Certificate of Thomas Upton of the marine yard & James Hooper Carpenter of the Mayo that the Fortitude Packet is in every respect fit to make a voyage to Europe —

The Committee Confirm their Resolutions for General Stuarts proceeding to England in the Fortitude —

The Committee informs their Resolutions for General Stuarts proceeding to England in the Fortitude

Mr Sadleir is of opinion That if any

Vessel

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Mr Sadleir is of opinion that General Stuart should have it in his option to proceed in any of his Majesty's Vessel going to England —

Vessel of his Majesty's is going to England and General Stuart chuses to go in her it should be at his option

+ The President observes in Answer that 12 of his Majesty's Ships sailed for England a few days ago that General Stuart then had his option of proceeding voluntarily in either of them and did not chuse to avail himself of it and that none of his Majesty's Ships now here are bound to England.

Read the following Letter from the paymaster at Permacoil -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c &c Select Committee of

Fort St George.

From Park Benfield Esqr in the Return of Provision & Stores of Permacoil requests to know how the small Longwise Sum of 1500 Pr is to be applied hopes his present bad health and unsettled State of his affairs will have sufficient weight to be allowed to return to the Presidency —

My Lord and Gentlemen

In consequence of your orders I set off from Madras on Sunday afternoon about 5 O'clock and Arrived here early this Morning though not without eminent risk to myself the Commanding Officer at Permacoil wrote to me Yesterday on my way that though Syed Saheb seemed himself peaceably inclined yet his Horse were not to be trusted and that a man had that day come into Permacoil cut by them at Autchumaud the Place I was to pass through but at every hazard of Life and Fortune I have thought it my duty to submit to your Commands —

As Paymaster of this Place having succeeded me

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me Applied as a part of the army in May last that no regular payments could be made and of course that the Monthly accounts could not be made up: but for a general View of what concerns the Empty Sum to take Charge of, Lieutenant Dawes has sent me the accompanying Letter and Estimated account of what is owing in the several Departments amounting to Pagodas 17500 nearly. As my Charge I presume commences from the time of my arrival I am totally at a loss in what manner to apply the fifteen Hundred Pagodas furnished me for the expences of this place whether I am to advance it to the Commanding Officer on account of Arrears of pay sums due on various Accounts and former expenditures or if I am to begin payments on Account of the present Month under these Circumstances and Uninstructed with respect to your Intentions have no Alternative to keep me from error but to request the Honor of your Commands for the distribution of the Money as the Sum I am furnished with is so inadequate to the various demands Accompanying you have likewise the Commanding Officers returns of Provisions and Stores with his general Remarks concerning both in his Letter

My Health continues very bad and the unsettled State in which I left my Concerns at Madras will doubtless have weight with you to allow me to return to a Situation where I may be Assisted and Hope for the recovery of my Health and in some Shape attend to the Arrangement of my affairs that they may not remain abandoned altogether

I have the Honor to be &c.

Signed Paul Benfield

Pennacoil
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A Return of Provisions Stores in the Garrison of Permacoil the 25th September 1783

	Rice Seirs	Paddy Seirs	Hatchery Seirs	Combo Seirs	Black Gram Seirs	Green Gram Seirs	Gingly Oil Seirs	Lamp Oil Seirs	Ghee Wells	Salt allowed	Potts	Sticks of wood
1 September Remain in the Garrison	26728	11248	11355	16	84	288	4516	18 3/4	24	120	765	31700
25th September issued	13614	"	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Remain	13114	11248	11348	16	84	288	4516	18 3/4	24	120	765	31700

Post at Killinore

	Rice Seirs	Paddy Seirs
1st September Remain	1446 1/2	1511
25th September issued	395 1/4	1489 1/2
25th September Remain	1051 1/2	21 1/2

Signed

Nath Dawes
Lt. Commanding

To Paul Benfield Esqr.
Storekeeper

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Agreed that the 1500 Ps be made up Sufficient for one months Pay that Lieutenant Dawes be directed to furnish a Statement of the work already done & what he means further to do & that no further repairs be undertaken with any express permission

Agreed that Sufficient be added to the 1500 Pagodas already advanced to Mr Benfield to make up one months pay for the Garrison that Lieutenant Dawes be directed to deliver in his Accounts to the paymaster that he also furnish a statement of the work already done and what he proposes further Should be done at Permacoil and that in the mean while no further repairs be undertaken without orders from the Committee Letters to be Accordingly written to Mr Benfield & Lieutenant Dawes respectively

a Letter received from Captain Fenwicke requesting the protection of the Government against the Prosecution commenced against him for the Capture of a Vessel at Portonovo by orders of Sir Eyre Coote & Mr Dent.

A Letter having been received from Captain Fenwicke Commander of the Success Gally claiming to be defended by the Company from the consequences of a prosecution commenced against him for the Capture of a Vessel at Portonovo for which Capture he encloses the orders of the late Sir Eyre Coote and Mr Dent then Chief of Cuddalore -

The Committee do not think it incumbent on them to interfere

The Committee after due Consideration do not think it incumbent on them to to interfere on the matter — Agreed therefore that the Letter and papers be sent to Captain Fenwickes Attorney

and

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and that he be informed of this resolution

Read a Letter from Colonel Pearse / as entered in Mr B3 / requesting leave for Lieutenant Dorsett to proceed to Bengal for his health and enclosing the Surgeons Certificate -

Agreed He be permitted Accordingly

Letter from Colonel Pearce requesting that Lieut Dorsett may be allowed to go to Bengal for his Health -

Agreed to Accordingly

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Received the following Letters

Duplicate

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

President and Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Mr. Hepplesley acknowledging the Receipts of the New General Orders from Government, dated the 17th. September which have been issued in Gneral Orders.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of two General Orders with the Directions of your Lord-Ship &c. thereon under date 17th. Instant.

I have also the Honour to inform Your Lordship &c. that agreably to those Directions, I this Morning transmitted Copies of the Orders &c. to Captain Bruce, Commandant at this Garrison, who immediately caused them to be published, as directed by the Honourable Board.

I have the honor to be with great Respect &c

Tanjore 28th. Sept. 1783.

(Signd) J. Coxe Hepplesley

From Mr. Rob. Douglas, Requesting to serve as Apprentice on this Establishment.

Recvd Letter from Mr. Robert Douglas (as entered in Miscellany Book No 1) representing that he was appointed as a Volunteer to the Bengal Establishment, on the Expedition to Cuddalore, which appointment has been made void by the Board of Bengal

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7th Rd and requesting to be appointed on this Establishment.

Dispatched the following Letters.

To Lieutenant Nathaniel Dawes

Commanding at Bermacoil.

Sir

To the Commandant of Bermacoil: one Months Pay to be issued to the Troops in Garrison there; & desiring him to deliver in his Accounts to the Baymaster.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 27th and 29th Ultimo and to inform you, that in Consequence of the Representation made by the Baymaster of your Garrison, of the great arrears due to the Troops the Select Committee have been pleased to Resolve that one Months Pay be issued to them, and you will accordingly deliver in your Accounts to the Baymaster.

Mr. Benfield

The Select Committee desire you will furnish them with a Statement of the Work already done together with what you propose should be executed at Bermacoil — and they are pleased to direct that no further Repairs be undertaken without their express Orders.

I am &c.

(Signed) John Huddleston

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7th To Mr Paul Binfield

, Paymaster at Bermacoil

Sir

To Mr Paul Binfield, advising him of the Resolution of the Committee to advance him one Months Pay for the Troops in the Garrison of Bermacoil and that Lieut. Dawes has been Ordered to deliver his Accounts to him.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Presid and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter to them of the 25th Ultimo.

In consequence of your Representation of the arrears due to the Garrison of Bermacoil, the Select Committee have been pleased to Resolve that a further Sum be added to the 1500 Pagodas already advanced to you, so as to enable you to complete one months pay for the Garrison, and Lieutenant Dawes has accordingly been directed to deliver in to you his acct.

I am &c.

/ Signed / John Huddleston

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9th October 1783.

To Lieutenant Barry Close.

Sir

To Lieutenant Barry Close acknowledging the Receipts of Several of General Stuarts letters and that the Committee still maintain their Resolution of sending the General to England in the Portsmouth Packet, which has been Surveyed and found very fit for the purpose

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of General Stuarts Letters of the 2.d 3.d and 5th Instant and to desire that you will Signify to General Stuart in answer that the Select Committee complied as it is,

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7th wishes to avoid all unnecessary Correspondence that the Resolution for his proceeding to England was taken upon the fullest conviction of its necessity, and feeling still the same conviction they cannot relax from it.—

With regard to General Stuarts Assertions concerning the Depot provided for his accomodation I am directed to inform you that She has undergone the Strictest Survey by the orders of the Select Committee —

I have the honor to be &c

Fort S. George
7th October 1783.

Signed John Huddleston
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Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Doctor Davis requesting to be reimbursed for the Expences he was at, in accommodating the French Prisoners taken before Cuddalore.—

I beg leave to represent that after we stormed the Enemy's Lines before Cuddalore on the 13th of June, and again when the Enemy made a Sally upon our advanced works the 24th there fell to my Immediate care Twenty odd Europeans who were very badly wounded— These I accommodated in the best manner possible, not only with Dryness and all the

internal

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7th internal Comforts requesite but I cloathed them both
when they were first Recived, and again the Day before
I delivered them over the French Hospital, and that in
Such Such a manner as to give the Marquess de
Bussi the highest Satisfaction.

In accomplishing this, I incurred an Expence
of three hundred and forty Pagodas, as will appear by
my Bill for the Same approved by the Commander
in Chief upon the Spott - as I am very much distressed
for Cash, and as this Charge is for an Extraordinary occa-
sion, I humbly Request you will be pleased to Order the
Same to be paid - I beg leave again to repeat that my
Necessitys oblige me to Solicit payment of this Little
Bill - and as I have not charged a fanam beyond what
I actually laid out for the French Prisoners I have the
fullest Confidence in your granting my Request.

I am at the Same time to Observe that a
Mr. Henry Mort who was Surgeon to the Yarmouth
Country Ship, and who had been detained a Prisoner
by Monsieur Suffrain - was delivered up the 14th July -
and was employd by order of the Commander in Chief
in the Hospital before Cuddalore, and untill the 15th

of

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5th 15th of September, when I had no further occasion for
His Services as surgions assistant — His Pay and
Batta Shetts are Refused by the Commissary till it shall
be the pleasure of the Right Honble President and
Select Committee to order Payment.

I have the Honor to Subscribe myself with
the greatest Regard

&c

(Signed) Tho. Davis
Surgion Majr

Madras 7th October 1783.

The Honble Company Dr

On Account of the French Prisoners wounded before
Cuddalore in the Month of June, and taken Care of
by me till they were Delivered over to the French Hospital.

		No		
Vizt.	Badly wounded	No. 63	Total	80
	Sick and Slightly Do	17		
			Rs.	Fs. c.
To Country Medicins and Dressings			91	21 —
To Sagoe Wine &c			66	21 —
To Servants for dressing, Cooks, and Nurses			85	21 —
To Bedding and Cloathing both when received, and when sent back			97	— —
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Camp at Cuddalore
July 13th 1783.

(Signed) Thos. Davis
Surgion Major

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

My Lord &c

You have been pleased to Deny me all

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Assistance or advice of Attorneys or Law Council which I otherways would have employed regularly to take such Steps as the Law authorizes Every British Subject to also in Similar Situations with me.—

It is therefore now become Matter of Necessity to act as my own Lawer and being so nearly interested for for the party, I now take leave to Transmit to your Lordship &c Officially the State of the Case, including my protest in consequence with Addition this Day Made by me, It is not only for Records of the Honble Compy but Likewise for the Legal Information of the Right Honble President and of every Member of Select Committee Seperately whose Names are numbered on that protest.

And I am now to Request that a Copy of this protest be transmitted from the Company's Records by next Dispatches To the Honble the Court of Directors & to the Board of Bengal — I appeal to it in my Correspondence with Her Majestys Ministers.

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
October 7th 1783.

(Signed) Jam's Stuart

To all to whom these Presents shall come or be heard I James Stuart a Major General of His Majestys Troops, do on the Seventeenth of September Last aboard Three

From General Stuart protesting against the Proceedings of the Select Committee, on the 17th Septem'r.

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" been Employed, a time not exceeding ten or twelve Mi=
=nutes from the Beginning of the Seizure, the Said
Declarant further Says that he demanded of the
Said George Leonard Staunton under what Discrip=
=tion he appeared in this outrageous Seizure the
only reply that was made by the Said George Leonard
Staunton was, My Name is George Leonard Staunton,
the Said Declarant Says, he further required of Lieutenant
Gomond the Sight of the Authority he was invested with,
if in Writing. The Said Lieutenant Gomand Replied, he
had Verbal Orders only, and that they were Sufficient
for him, the Said Declarant Says, that he Concluded
his Speech with Saying that he would not resist the
Regular powers of Government, yet in that instance,
and under the then Special Circumstances of the
Case, he did not think himself bound to go Volun=
=tarily from his House where he was then doing
Business, and Should therefore be moved only by
Force, on this Speech the Said Declarant Says,
Lieutenant Gomand Seized him by the Arm, as he
the Declarant leaned on the Couch, and his Crutches,
the Declarant Resisting and calling all present to

Witness

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7th Witness the Force that was used against him Major General Stuart his Majestys Commander in Chief in India, and according to that days Orders of Govern=ment not in the Service of the Company, the Said declarant Says, Lieutenant Gomand took out two Sepoys and giving each an arm of this Declarant they carried this Declarant off to the Stairs placing him in a Chair, as this Declarant has but one Leg, he was conveyed down to his the Said Declarants Palanquin, in which State of Confinement, he was Escorted by the whole of the Party, Lieutenant Gomand, George Leonard Staunton, and Lieutenant Cooke, with the Sepoys to the Gates of the Fort, which he the Said Declarant found Shut Street, as if apprehensive of Surprize, though at the time of the Seizure of the Said Declarant no Orders had been Issued by him to the Kings Troops, nor a Single man of those Troops doing duty either as Sentinels or otherwise near this Declarant, the Said Declarant Says, that he was Carried in to the Fort, and to his House there where he was placed in his own Bed Chamber, deberred the

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use of Pen, Ink, and Paper. Centinels placed at the Door of his House, and put under the Charge of an Officer with orders not to leave this Declarant night or Day, and to no person whatever to hold any Correspondence of any kind, or permit any person to Speak, or come near the said Declarant without the leave of the President and Select Committee, first had and Obtained, in this Situation was said Declarant as a close Prisoner, Kept, and detained, worse than a Common Felon, deprived of every assistance untill the next day, when the use of Pen, Ink, and Paper, were allowed this Declarant for the purpose of Writing and Corresponding with the President and Select Committee only, the said Declarant further says that as a further hardship, to his misfortunes he addressed the President and Select Committee for their permission to have the assistance of some Attorney or Lawyer to assist him with their advice, and the same was granted him but upon Retaining Mr. Charles Bromley the Deputy Register of the Mayors Court, as his Counsil, Attorney, and Notary Publick, and on the First days advising and Consulting with him in the presence of Captn. Hughes the Officer then in waiting, he the said Declarant was on the next day

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7th surprized by an Address of his said Council and Notary, in the following Words "Mr. Bromley's Compliments to Major General Stuart and acquaints him that Mr. Bromley is not permitted to attend on the General unless Mr. Bromley will give his Word of Honor, not to Enquire into any matter or thing which relates to the Governor to the persons employed by them in their Despatches with General Stuart — Mr. Bromley finding himself much Embarrassed in the Tender, Mr. Bromly begs leave to with draw any further attendance on the General Sunday 28th. September 1783

So malicious and premeditated a hindrance to the Cutting off and depriving the said Declarant of this able assistance, entirely deprived him of every possible mode of Securing his Person Property Estate, and Effects and throw the whole of the said Declarants Concerns both private and Public in one continued Scene of Confusion and Desolation to the very Great injury of the Public Concerns under his Charge and Management, to the ruin of his Private affairs and of the several Interests that Individuals have in the Seperate Concerns of the said Declarant says, that this injurious Conduct of the President and Select Committee, in depriving him of the means of procuring aid from

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and adjudged to be Illegal and that if any of the said Subjects should be so Imprisoned, every such person and persons shall and may, for every such Imprisonment maintain by vertue of the said Act, and action or actions of false Imprisonment in any of his Majestys Courts of Record, against the person or persons by whom he or she shall be so committed, detained, imprisoned, sent Prisoner or Transported contrary to the true meaning of this act and against all or any person or persons that shall Frame, Contrive, Write Seal, or Countersign any warrant or writing for such Commitment, Detainer, Imprisonment or Transportation, or Shall be aiding, abetting or assisting in the same, or any of them, and the Plaintiff in every such Action, shall have Judgement to recover his treble Costs, besides Damages, on which Actions no Delay, Stay, or Stop of Proceedings, by rule order or Command, nor no Injunction Protection or Privilege whatsoever nor any more than one Imparlance shall be allowed, excepting by the Rule of the Court wherein the Action shall depend, made in the open Court as shall be thought in Justice necessary for Special cause, to be expressed in the said Rule, and the Person or Persons who shall knowingly Frame, Contrive Write, Seal, or Countersign any Warrant or Writing for such Commitment Detainer or Transportation

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Transport any person or persons, Contrary to this Act, or be
any way adviseing, aiding therein being Lawfully Convicted
thereof, Shall be Disabled from thenceforth from bearing
any Office Trust or Profit within the said Realm
of England or any of the Islands, Territories, or Domini-
ons thereunto belonging and Shall Incur and Sustain
the Pains Penalties and Forfeitures Ordained,
and provided in and by the Statute of provision and
Praemunire made in the 16th Year of King Richard
the Second, and be incapable of any Pardon from the
King His Heirs or Successors of the said Forfeitures,
Losses and Disabilities or any of them — The said
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of George the First Chapt 26 Sect 6th and 7th a Covenant-
ed Servant of the Company who has been Dismissed or
has resigned may have notice given him to quit India,
in Case he is not otherwise Lawfully authorized to Conti-
nue there, and if such Person shall refuse to depart
from the East Indies after reasonable time allowed
for Settling his Account and Calling in his Effects, he
will be liable to be Seized and Brought to England
and prosecuted as an Offender according to the provisions

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of the Statute." He the said Declarant says, he is debarred the Priviledge of this Statute, and also denyed relief from any of the Statutes made to preserve the liberty of the Subject, Wherefore I the above said James Stuart being deprived of the Council and advice of my attorney at Law, and deprived of the Assistance of my Notary. Have of myself, and as my act Protested, and by these Presents Do Protest against the Right Honble the President and Select Committee of Fort Saint George, as the Select Committee conjunctly and also against the members Seperately and Individually, namely George Baron Macarthey of the Kingdom of Ireland Knight of the Bath President and Governor of Fort Saint George, Anthony Sadleir, Alexander Davidson, and Morgan Williams Esquires, Members thereof and against Colonel or Lieutenant General Ross Lang, now acting as a Member of that Government, and all and every person or Persons whomsoever Concerned with him and them for his and their Illegal Transactions foresaid, and against all and every other person and Persons, whomsoever, who may be hereafter discovered to have any ways Aiding or a betting in the Seizing and Imprisoning of my Person and in the Continuation thereof, that they may be answerable Seperately for the Evil Consequences of the

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[illegible] to my Said Signature this fourth Day of October one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty three Years and being Doubt=full as to my Fate from the present and the expected proceedings, I shall endeavour to have this paper entered here and in every Court of Record in India so as the same may at all times be referred to according to Law

(signed) Thos Caldier witness (signed) James Stuart
Narss Rodrigues witness

G. O. By Government

By Vertue of power given to this Govern=ment as mentioned in the General orders published on the 19th March 1783, and Subscribed by Major General Stuart in his entering into the Service, the Said Major General Stuart has for disobedience to the orders of Government been this Day Dismissed from the Companys Service, and as his Rank in his Majestys Service Cannot operate in giving him Command over the Kings Troops unless Specially Employed by the King, and as he is not so Em=ployed but on the Contrary is only on half pay from the

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goyne as the Senior officer on his Majestys Service who is
now Employed upon this Coast is Consequently to take the
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Fort St. George
17th September 1783

(signed) J. Huddleston
Secretary

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and that my just claims for redress & recovery of Dammages will not thereby be affected. The preceding addition wrote in my own hand this Seventh Day of October One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Three years

/ signed / James Stuart

Tuesday 7th October 1783

At a Select Committee on Military Affairs present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. Presid
Anthony Sadleir Lieut.t General Lang.
Alex.r Davidson
Morgan Williams Esq.r absent upon service

The Minutes of the last Committee read & approved

Papers relative to a Peace with Tippoo Sultaun read

The papers laid before the Committee yesterday by the President, namely the Minute and proposed answers to Tippoo Sultan's propositions again read, together with the Company's Instructions of the 30th April 1782 and of the 6th March 1783 and the other papers received by the Secretary which relate to the peace - also the Correspondence with the Marquis de Bussy —

Minute on the above

The whole subject having been debated and matured

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The President proposes that his minute of Yesterday with other Papers relative to Tippoo Sultaun be adopted

Present and the answers proposed to Tippoo Sultaun's propositions be adopted by the Committee

Mr. Davidson absents

Mr. Davidson for the motion and will deliver in a minute upon the subject

General Lang for the Proposal

Lieutenant General Lang for the motion

Mr. Sadlier delivers in the following Minute as containing his opinion and vote on the motion

Mr. Sadlier Minute. of Opinion that their negotiation with Tippoo Sultaun should be conformable to the late Treaty made in Europe, and to the existing treaty with the Maratta Government

I am exceedingly happy to find by the President's report, that the result of different conferences with the Vackeels of Tippoo Sult indicate in him so favourable a disposition to peace, and as a preclude to it, that a Cessation of Hostilities do commence.

The Basis of such peace fortunately is prescribed to us by the late Treaty of Peace in Europe and the existing Treaty of peace and alliance with the Mahratta Government and our Negociation should in my opinion be conformable to these Treatys and the instructions we have received from the Governor General and Council of Bengal

The first Article of the Treaty with the Mahrattas establishes a perpetual alliance with those States

by

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by the 7.th Article the allies of both partys are included — and by the Ninth Article it is engaged on the part of the Peshwa that Hyder Ally shall within six Months after that Treaty was compleated, be made to release all Prisoners and to relinquish all Territories taken from the Company or their Allies since the 9.th of Ramzaun in the Year 1190 the date of this Treaty with the Peshwa —

Notwithstanding the above Article of the Treaty with the Mahrattas by which they are bound to compel Tippoo to a relinquishment of Territory &.c — within a certain time, which has long since expired — notwithstanding likewise the 15.th Article of the same Treaty by which the Governor General and Council, bind themselves not to permit the Gentlemen at Bombay Surat or Madras to act contrary to the Treaty — and the instructions from the Governor General and Council to treat with him for a cessation of Hostilities and a release of prisoners upon the footing of the pacification in Europe, and the Treaty with the Mahrattas, I do not find that it has been urged to the Vackeels of Tippoo to require of him to accede as a party in that Treaty, or that any use has been made of it in the late conferences with his Vackeels

The Advantage which the Treaty with the Mahrattas gives us, in our Negociation with Tippoo, now, that he is

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is situated from his French Allies, gives us, Too high, too commanding ground to be overlooked, and it will appear an omission, if that Treaty, which unites us to the most powerful State in Hindostan, was not made the Basis of Negociation. —

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Respecting the Articles contained in the proposed answers to Tippoo Sultan Mr. Sadleir agrees to the 1. 2d 3d. and part of the fourth and delivers in the following paper —

Mr. Sadleir gives his Sentiments on the proposed Propositions to Tippoo Sultaun. —

part of Art: 4th. If with respect to Beyt Bay the Presidency of Fort St. George in my opinion are not empowered to enter into any stipulation concerning the disposal of him — he accepted the protection of the Bombay Presidency who are acquainted with the engagements under which they are bound to him — and as a reference from both Presidencys must be made upon this Subject to the Governor General and Council of Bengal the decision ultimately must come from them —

The same observation applies to Article 5th

Instead of Art: 6th. To propose to Tippoo to accede to the Maharatta Treaty. —

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A new proposition for a Treaty of Commerce upon the grounds of mutual convenience and the Agreements which formerly subsisted between Hyder Ally and the Company and the Presidency of Bombay —

The motion carried and it is accordingly resolved that the President's minute and the answers proposed to Tippoo Sultaun's propositions be adopted by the Committee —

The motion carried & resolved Accordingly —

The President observes that he had hoped that what he has urged in the course of the present debate would have satisfied Mr. Sadlier on the several points alluded to in his minute, and have rendered any further discussion unnecessary, but for the satisfaction of the Committee he will collect and lay before them the several observations he has made on the subject —

The President intends laying before the Committee for their satisfaction, the several Observations he has made on the above subject —

The President informs the Committee that the Admiral agreeably to the sentiments before expressed by him as mentioned in the Minutes of yesterday, sent his Secretary to him this morning with the following Letter from General Stuart which the General had carried to be privately conveyed on board the Superb — the sealed Letter to the Admiral mentioned therein came enclosed —

The President delivers in a Letter & Enclosure from Genl. Stuart to the Admiral, which had been sent to his Lordship by the latter this morning —

Mr

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Vice Admiral Sir Edw.d Hughes K.t B. &c.a

From Genl. Stuart to Sir Edward Hughes; is obliged from the admirals caution to send the enclosed to him under Funch addrss at Cuddalore may then tempt him to open it & perceive contains a requisition to engage him to save his Life —

Sir

At the Time when I sent You yesterday the Inclosed Letter to Your Country house, by one of my Servants, I had supplyed unsuccessfully to have Leave of this Government to send a Letter Issued on His Majesty's Service to You — they said they would take it into consideration — it is three days ago, no answer has hither to come thereon Your very singular Caution should lead You to send back even the cover to that Letter now enclosed, I have been to make use of Funch Addrss to send it on board of Your Flag Ship Her Majesty's Ship Exeter From Curiosity I dare say You will read which I now say — That I look upon Your Answer to my Letter of the 4.th Inst.t to convey Your final Determination to give us no protection of any Kind or under any Description consequently the Inclosed has no further Importunity of that sort to trouble You with

But it Contains an Engagement to Engage You to contribute in some way towards saving my Life, and for His Majesty's Service — tho' after this it is return to me unopened No Doubt no Answer from

You

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You shall on every point of view public & private - if I live, refer to it, and if you had now received it because both not were in your power. ——

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient &

Most humble Servant

(signed) Jam.s Stuart

Major General Commanding His

Majesty's Forces in the E. Indies

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Ordered that the enclosure continue sealed and be deposited in the Office

Minute thereon

Agreed that the Thanks of the Committee be returned to the admiral for this mark of his attention and regard to the public Service and as no benefit can arise to it from such a Correspondence as General Stuart is endeavouring to establish with him that the Admiral be requested to cause it to be discontinued in future

The admiral being about to proceed with the remainder of his Majesty's Squadron to Bombay and it being proper and necessary that that Presidency should be made acquainted with the Correspondence that has passed, and the Steps taken, respecting an Accomodation with Tippoo Sultan

Agreed that Despatches be prepared & sent to the Select Committee of Bombay by the Admiral who is about to proceed thither with the

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the remainder of his Ma=
=jesty's Squadron.

It is Agreed that the following Letter be written to the Select Committee at Bombay and dispatched with the several papers therein mentioned.

The Honble William Bromby Esqr.

President &c. Select Committee

of Bombay

Gentlemen

To Bombay communi=
=cating the Steps taken
in Relation to any Accom=
modation with Tippoo
Sultaun & inclosing
Proceedings with the
regard to that Business

We think it our Duty to com=
=municate to You the Sentiments we have formed and the Steps we have taken in regard to a Pacification with Tippoo, in pursuance of the Stipulations made in Europe and the consequent Instructions sent to us, after having been communicated to the Court of France, from whence a Copy has been trans=
=mitted to the Representative of that Nation in India. The Paper N.1 being an Extract of a Letter from us to the Governor General and Council of Bengal of the 14th. of August last contains our application for Instructions and Authorities from that Presidency before we had received those of the 6th. of March from the Court of Directors.

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The Receipt of these gave rise to the Reflections made in Committee on the 9th of last month, of which the Paper No. 2 contains a Copy. Our Correspondence with Tippoo and with his Vackeels now here, will give a full Knowledge of all our Proceedings. You will please to observe that a precise Date is fixed in our Paper to the Vakeels, for the removal of Hostilities, in case that Tippoo shall not conform to what is expected from him by the Instructions from Europe, but if he should, we rely that on the other hand, You will comply at once with what the same Instructions require from the Com=pany's Representatives, as far as relates to the Cession of those Places taken from Tippoo, which are under Your immediate Government. So ready a Compliance with the Directions of our Mutual Employ=ers is indeed so much the more desirable in the present instance, that there is a Possibility of suffering by not complying with them; When our Commissio=ners wrote to the Officer Commanding the Kings or Company's Forces, in the Neighbourhood of those belonging to the Enemy and desired in our name

that

that they should consent to a Cessation of Hostilities, it was added that Precautions should be taken against Surprize, it is possible however that the Places in our Possession, which were lately taken from Tippoo on the Coast of Malabar may have been so closely besieged, as in case of a sudden Renewal of Hostilities, to be retaken by him together with the Garrisons that defended them. In the Agreement made for a Cessation of Hostilities by Lieut: Colonel Campbell at Mangalore we do not perceive any Claime ascertaining its Duration, or any Notice to be given previous to its Termination, we have therefore declared to the Vakeels that in case Tippoos Troops shall not entirely evacuate the Carnatic, and our Prisoners be restored within the Period of four Months after his reception of the invitation to Peace, Hostilities may recommence on the 2d of December, and not before, which forms a like space of four Months from the Day of Cessation of Hostilities settled at Mangalore. Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes who has required to be informed whether he can be of any Service to the Company on the Coast of Malabar in his way to Bombay will be addressed by us to call at Tellicherry and if proper at Mangalore to confer with the Company's Civil and Military

Servants

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Servants, there and to render whatever assistance in his Power which the Circumstances of Affairs may render necessary at the time of his calling at those Places. —

We think it proper to inform You that in consequence of a series of misconduct & disobedience to our Orders on the part of Major General Stuart We have judged it our indispensible duty to dismiss him from the Service of the Company & agreeably to their Orders that on the Death or coming away of the Commander in Chief, a Commission of Brigadier General should be given to the Infantry Officer next in rank or such other Commission as would preserve the Command of the Army in the Company's own Officers. We have appointed Col: Ross Lang to the Command of the Army with the rank of Lieut.t General until the pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors shall be known.

We have the honor to be

&c.a

(Signed) Macartney &c.a

Select Committee

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Agreed that Copies of the above Letter and dispatches therein mentioned be sent to the Admiral with the following Letter

Vice

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Vice admiral Sir Edward Hughes

To Sir Edward Hughes. purpose to avail themselves of his Offer of rendering any Service to the Company, in his way to Bombay: by requesting him to call at Tellicherry or Mangalore & there cooperate with the Company's principal Servants enclosing Copies of their Dispatches to Bombay, for his Information

Sir

We have had the honor of receiving Your letter of the third — instant and avail ourselves of Your ready Offer to be of Service to the Company on the coast of Malabar, in Your way to Bombay, to request You will be pleased to call at Tellicherry, and if proper at Mangalore for the purpose of conferring with the Company's principal Civil and Military Servants there, and to render whatever Assistance in Your Power which the Circumstances of Affairs may render necessary or expedient at the time of Your calling at those Places. We have the honor to enclose to You a Copy of our Circular Letter, with Enclosures to the President and Select Committee at Bombay, to the Chief and Council at Tellicherry, and to Brigadier General Mathew or Officer Commanding on the Malabar Coast, which Papers may be of use in forming a Judgment of the best measures to be taken there. We are the most sensible of the Importance of the Service You are willing to render to this Company on this

occasion

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occasion, that we are not without Apprehension, lest not only the Places lately besieged by Tippoo should in case of a sudden Removal of Hostilities by Him, be obliged, for want of Naval Assistance in conveying Troops Stores or Provisions to them from Tellicherry, to be Surrendered to him, but that the Kings and Company's Troops in Garrison there should also fall into his hands, Events which we doubt not You will endeavor to prevent. —

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

Fort St. George
October 18th 1783

P.S. As it is necessary that the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry should be made acquainted with the situation of the Company's Affairs on this Coast We request You will communicate to them our Dispatches to Bombay with the several Enclosures — of which We have already mentioned our having enclosed Copies to You

Copies of the Dispatches to Bombay, to be sent to Genl Macleod.

Agreed also that Copies of the Letter and Dispatches to Bombay be sent to Brigadier General Macleod

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts

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

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From Mr. Jackson requesting to know what kind of a Receipt he is to take from the Bengal Paymaster, in case he delivers over the Indents for the Grain Accounts of the Bengal Detachment

My Lord Gentlemen

Having adjusted the Grain Accounts of the Bengal Detachment, from the 1st. of January 1781, to the 31st. of December 1782 inclusive, I find, after deducting the Money paid to myself and to the different Grain keepers, that there appears to be a Balance due to the Company of one Million, nine hundred and Sixty thousand, three hundred and forty eight Fanams, nine Cash /1,960,348..9/ or Forty three thousand, five hundred and Sixty three Pagodas thirteen fanams, and nine Cash /43563..13.9/ the Indents for which I propose to deliver over to Mr. Anderson the acting Paymaster to the Detachment who will be able to settle the same with less Loss to the Company, than is in my Power to do, owing to several Officers having left the Field, and gone to Bengal, and other distant Places without Settling their Accounts. Should Your Lordship &c. approve of my delivering over the Accounts and Indents to Mr. Anderson I request You would inform me, what kind of a Receipt I am to have from him. whether as so much Money paid by me for the Use of the Detachment, or a

Receipt

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Receipt purporting, that he has received the Indents of Rice and Gram from me to such an Amount, which he promises to be accountable for to the Company, when he can settle the same with the Persons concerned.

I have the Honor to be

with Respect &c

(signed) W. Jackson

Superintendant of Grain Accounts

Camp
7th October 1783

Minute on the foregoing Letter.

Agreed that Mr. Jackson be directed to deliver over the Indents to the Bengal Paymaster. and that the latter be informed that he is held responsible for causing the Amount for the Company - agreed also that the same be communicated to the Governor General and Council that they may enforce it.

Same

Read the following Letter from the Commander of the Ship Latham

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

From the Captain of the Latham, desiring to be furnished with 16 - nine Pounders. -

My Lord

I shall Esteem it a very Particular favour. Your Lordship being pleased to direct Mr. Scotney. Military Store Keeper to furnish my Ship

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Ship with 16 — 9 Pounders Iron Guns which Captain Bedford Commissary of Stores Informs me can be spared from the Garrison. I will with the greatest Pleasure pay for them and —

I am
&c.
(signed) Edward Robertson

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Minute thereon

Agreed that Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Committee of Stores and with directions to deliver the Guns to Captain Robinson he paying for them.

Bills on Bengal granted to Bryan Heatley Esq.r

Ordered that a Set of Bills be drawn on Bengal in favor of Bryan Heatley Esq.r for one thousand (1000) Star Pagodas at the Company's Exchange of 375 Arkot Rupees for 100 Star Pagodas & that the same be carried to the head of Military Stockkeeper —

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Diary

7th Received the following Letters (as entered on the Miscellany Book No.)

From Capt.n Robertson on Want of a Surgeon Mr. Thomson will proceed if permitted by the Committee.

From Capt.n Robertson Commanding the Lathaan - representing the want of a Surgeon, & mentioning that Meawell Thomson is willing to proceed with him as Surgeon to Europe, if he receives the permission of the Committee for that purpose -

From Ensign Strahan for Commission to proceed to Bengal -

From Ensign Strahan - requesting permission to proceed to Bengal to settle some private Concern -

From Mr Wynne assigning that his Accounts may be discharged.

From Mr Wynne - soliciting the Committee to be pleased to order the discharge of his Accounts for an Hospital at St Thome.

From Lieut Macintire requesting leave to go to China

From Macintire - enclosing the Surgeon Generals Certificate of ill Health, & requesting permission to proceed to China for his Recovery -

Wrote the following Letter to Brig.r General M.cLeod

To

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To Brigadier General Macleod

Commanding the Troops

on the

Malabar Coast

To Genl Macleod with Copies of Dispatches to Bombay respecting Tippoo Sultaun

The departure of Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes for the Malabar Coast having afforded us an opportunity of writing to the Government of Bombay on the subject of the present state of our Affairs under this Presidency We have the honor to enclose for your Information Copies of those Dispatches by which you will be made acquainted with the Steps We have taken and our Sentiments respecting an accommodation with Tippoo Sultaun.

We have the honor to be

(Signed) &c.

Macartney &c.

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Wrote the following Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

To Chas Oakeley Esqr

&c. Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President &

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To Com.r of Accounts & Revenue with a Complaint from the Surgeon General

7th I Select Committee to enclose to you a Copy of a Letter addressed to them by the Surgeon General, & to desire that you do cause the matter complained of to be settled agreeably to the Orders therein referred to

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obed.t Hble Servt

(Signed) John Huddleston

Sec.y

Fort St. George

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8th Received the following Letter from Lieut.t Close.

To John Huddleston Esq.r

Secretary Select Committee

Sir Fort St. George

From Lieu.t Close acquainting that the General's Letter of the 7th was not acknowledged to as received by the Committee

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of this Date communicating for the Information of Major General Stuart that you had the Directions of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee thereon to acknowledge the Receipt of their Letters to them of the 2d 3d & 6th Inst.t &c. &c.

On communicating the Contents of this Letter to the General he observed that according to his Last of Date

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8th Dates he had addressed the Committee on the 4th Instant beginning with the Words "Yesterday about Seven hours after" &c. also that the Committee have not acknowledged the Receipt of his letter to them of the 7th Inst. delivered by me on the same day to the Right Honble President with the paper inclosed.

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6th October 1783
6. P. M.

I have the honor to be
&c.
(Signed) B. J. Close
Lieut.

Received the following Letter from the Chief & Council of Masulipatam.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have received your Deputy Secretarys Letters of the 15th & 17th Instant enclosing Lists of Military Stores sent for the use of this Settlement on the Vansittart Indiaman which have been delivered accordingly

From Masulipatam have received Stores by the Vansittart respecting the Charge made by Surgeons for Country Medicines, some French Men arrived in the Circar object to paying the Customs

On

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8th On a reference to the General Orders of the 2d Sept.r it appears the intentions of your Lordships that Surgeon's Bills for Country Medicines should no longer be paid, but as it will necessarily be some time before the Surgeons belonging to the different out Garrisons in this District can be supplied with Country Medicines from the Stores at the Presidency we are apprehensive least this should furnish them with an excuse for charging them in their Bills as usual, unless an Agent were immediately appointed in the District with directions to supply them with the necessary Articles - We beg leave therefore to recommend that a proper Person to be appointed for this purpose -

We beg leave also to remark to your Lordships &c. that a Copy of the above mentioned Orders respecting the Surgeons have never been forwarded to us and indeed few Copies of any Generals Orders to the Military Department -

We take this opportunity of informing Your

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your Lordship & that several French men have
arrived at Yanam and at Mostapallie a Sea
Port in the Guntoor Circar for the purpose of Trading-
Those who have arrived at the former have objected to
payeng the usual Customs which however we shall
insist on receiveng until we are honored with your
Commands on this Subject—

Yanam

Masulipatam
3d October 1783—

We have the honor to be
&c
(Signed) { Sr. Daniell
James Hodges
John. Peter. Bodeau

Received the following Letter from
Lieut. Dawes Commandeng at Cornacoil

To John Huddleston Esqr.
Military Secretary.

Sir

From Cornacoil will agreeably to the Orders here to prevent any Cause of Complaint by the Enemy, will observe the Directions respecting the Mercantile

I am this Day favored with Your Letter of
the 28th Ult. Informeng me by desire of the Right
Honble the President & Select Committee concerning
the Disorders committed & the Inhabitants agrieved by
Peopls

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People belonging to the Port at Villenore, & deserving me
to Write to the Officer Commanding there to Prevent
it in future — to restore the Effects Horses &c. and
Punish the guilty also that I will Observe a Ri-
similar Conduct with respect to the Troops under
my Immediate Command —

I am happy that not the smallest
Shadow of Complaint from Side Side, or any other,
has been made to me of any one under my Command:
It were has, & shall be my Care to observe a Degree
of Military Discipline there by to Prevent —

I beg you will do me the favor to Inform
the Right Honble the President & Select Committee
that I am totally unacquainted what Port is
established at Villenore, whatever there is that
been formed by the Aumildar of Tanjore of whose
Irregularities & Misconduct I before had Cause
to Complain of to you, and it is His People Informed
Their Honors & before that had committed such Disorders
as

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8th at Trivedy & Villepooram, of which I do Solemnly Complaind also that they Plundred a Frenchman of the Name of Compore, of Grain to the amount 63 ¾ Pags.

I Shall as far as is in my power, prevent any thing of the kind in future, and as far as Possible get restord what has been Plundred.

I have Also been forwarded with Their Commands of the Same Date respecting Camell & other Hircarrahs Passing unmolested. I shall be carefull to observe them.

I have to acquaint Their Honors &c that Sheveriah, The Aumildars agent for the Villages of Villipooram & Vicherivandy Mentioned in my Letter of Yesterday went from Hence & Passed Pettiware on the Evening, this I am Informed of by my Offr. Commanding at that Post.

Pennacoil
3. October 1783

I have the honor to be
&c
(Signed) Nath.l Dawes
Lieut Comg
Wrote

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8th Wrote the following Letter to Vice Admiral Sir Edwd Hughes agreeably to the Resolution in Committee of the 7th Inst.

To Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships in India

Sir

To Sir Edwd Hughes expressing much satisfaction at his Attention in sending the Letter addressed to him by General Stuart to Government

Our President has laid before us a Letter which you were so good as to send his Lordship from General Stuart directed to you in the French language and which it appears he had caused to be privately conveyed on board the Sceptre the Letter also inclosed another to your Prosperadores

We beg you to be assured that we entertain a just sense of this mark of your attention to this Government and of your regard to the public Service,

As General Stuart has on this Instance abused the Liberty granted him we have resolved that no further Letters shall be allowed to pass from him

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To him unless at your particular desire, and as we
conceive that no benefit could arise to the public
Service from his continuing a correspondence with
you we hope you will approve and acquiesce in our
which to prevent it in future.

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We have the honour to be
Sir
(Signed) Jno Macartney &c
Select Committee

Wrote the following Letter to the Chief
& Factors of Tellicherry

To Mr William Freeman
Chief & Factors at
Tellicherry

Gentlemen

To Tellicherry, the Admiral
the Contents of the Dispatches
sent by him for Bombay.

We have embraced the opportunity offered
by the departure of Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes
for the Malabar Coast to advise the Government of
Bombay of the State of our Affairs under this Presidency
& that the Admiral from a knowledge of your Intentions
may be thus better enabled to render the Company every
assistance

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8th assistance in his power. We have furnished him with Copies of our Dispatches to the Select Committee of Bombay which We have requested him to communicate to you.

We are &c.

Fort St. George
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Macartney &c.
Select Committee

To the Military Storekeeper, to supply Capt. Robertson with 16 nine Pounders if they can be spared,

14th Wrote Letter to the Military Storekeepr (as entered in M. B N) directing to deliver to Capt.n Robertson of the Pattiam Sixteen 9 Pdrs upon his paying for them & provided they can be spared from the Stores.

9th Received the following Letter

To John Huddleston Esqr
Secretary Select Committee

Fort St. George

Sir

From Lieut. Col. the Committee have not acknowledged the Receipt of the General's Letter of the 9th Inst.

I have been honored by the Receipt of your Letter of this Date and having communicated the same with its enclosure to Major General Stuart he repeated his observation of yesterday "That the Committee have

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9th. have not been pleased to acknowledge the Receipt of

his Address of the 7th Inst.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George

9th October 1783

(Signed) &c

E. Close

Lieut.

From Capt.n Wadsworth

a brief Search shall be

made on Board his

Ship for Deserters

Received Letter from Capt.n Wadsworth

as entered in the Miscellany Book N.°) mentioning

every Search shall be made on Board the Sandwich

for Deserters that are supposed to be secreted

there or in some other Ships in the Roads.

To Tellicherry. with

an Account of Articles

shipped on board the

Prince of Latham &

Indiaman for their

Settlement.

Wrote Letter to the Chief & Factors

at Tellicherry (as entered in M.. B. N.°) Jn-

forming them that 200 Casks of Beef, 100 Casks

of Pork & 20 Leaguers of Rum have been shipped

on board the Prince of Latham Indiaman, for the

use of their Settlement—

Sent the following Letter & Enclosure to

Lieut. Barry Close—

To Lieut.t Barry Close

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

to

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To Lieut. Close with List of Articles put in board the Fortitude for the use of Genl. Stuart —

9th to enclose to you a List of the Articles put on board of the Fortitude for the accommodation of Major General Stuart during his passage to England — The Right Honble the President desires you will communicate to the General the particulars of the enclosed List, & that you will at the same time acquaint him that the Dispatches to the Honble the Court of Directors by the Fortitude Packet will be closed on three Days — If any other articles should appear necessary for the General's accommodation they will be procured

I have the honour to be
&c
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
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Articles put on board the Fortitude Packet Captain Bowden, for his Voyage to England for the use of Major General Stuart, &c

Liquors —

Claret	Half a Leaguer	Dozens	60
Madeira		Do	60
Arrack			
Brandy		Dozens	18
Hock		Do	12
Porter		Do	24

Numbers

Bullocks		12
Sheep		60
Fowles and Capons	Dozens	30
Ducks	Do	12
Turkies Turs & Geese three	Doz. Total	5
Hogs and Pigs		30
Sows with young		2
Milch Goats		6
Hams		15
Tongues	Cases	5
Cheese		6
Two Rice	Bags	12
Two Biscuit	Do	30
Flower	Casks	3
Tea	Chest	1
Sugar Candy	Tubs	10
Butter	Firkins	5
Candles	Maunds	8

Salt

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Salt fish, Curry Stuff, Peace, Spices, Pickles Lime
Juice Onions &c. &c

Cabin Furniture, Table Linnen & Towels
Glass Ware, China &c

Standing and Swinging Cotts with Bedding and
Curtains Compleat - A Couch - Also a great Number
of Small Articles of Provision Care having been taken
that nothing material should be omitted -

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Town Major

Recd Letter & Enclosures from Mr Swan
which are sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue,
with Orders to report their Opinions thereon

Wrote the following Letter

To Vice Admiral Sir Edw.d Hughes K.B.
Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships in
India

To Sir Edwd Hughes send
him Packets for the Malabar
Coast & request he will
communicate the Contents
his own Packets to the Chief
& Factors at Tellicherry

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President & Select Committee to forward to you a
Packet from them under your Address - as likewise others
directed

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9th directed to the President & Select Committee of Bombay.
— to Brig.r General Macleod; & to the Chief &
Factors at Tellicherry — of which they request you will
be pleased to take Charge; — With respect to the Letter
under the address of the Government of Bombay, I am
directed to inform you, that it is the particular wish
of the Select Committee that it should be forwarded
by the first Ship that you may dispatch thither; —
The Large packet to yourself you will please to
communicate in full together with all its Inclosures
to the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t humble Servant
Signed John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort S.t George
9th October 1783

10.a

To Mr. Tho.s Davis
Surgeon Major to the
Army

Sir

To the Surgeon Major,
Accounts of Field Hospitals
referred to him for his
Report thereon —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President &
Select Committee to inform you, that they have thought
proper to refer to you, the accounts of the several Field
Hospitals

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10th Hospitals, as the Surgeons who attended them were appointed by you to take charge of the sick of the Army: The Select Committee accordingly desire that you will examine all such Accounts, & report to them your opinion thereon.

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I am &c
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Received the following Letters

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

Fort St. George

My Lord &c

From Genl. Stuart with his State of Facts & Proofs complains that the Committee have not

In presenting to you, as I now do, the State of Facts and Proofs in Two parts from page 1. to 2. & the appendix from page 1. to 15 and Index, Fact more ingenuously & fairly towards you than your Lordship &c have done to me, from whom you have kept back every communication upon such material personal Concern which you have been pleased to transmit either to the Hon.ble

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10th Hon.ble the Court of Directors or to the Board of Bengal-

But as I had promised to you in Some of my

Letters of Sled a few days, to overturn the base Life Fabrick

of the Right Hon.ble Presidents minute Sept.r 17th I

I thought it proper religiously thus to keep my word -

Take all this advantage, only let me be

assured that the State of Facts & appendix now Com-

-municated to your Lordship &c Shall be transmitted

to the Hon.ble Court of Directors & to the Board of

Bengal by the next Dispatches I will C on that Confidence

appeal to those papers -

And as on the delivering as Sled my declaration

& Protest under cover To the Select Committee on the 7th

Instant, in the forenoon on to the Hands of the Right Hon.ble

President, by my friend Mr. Close, so I shall in like man-

-ner take care that this letter and the Essential accompanying

papers be delivered Certainly on to the same hands, this day

before Noon

I have the honor to be

&c

Fort St. George

19th October 1783

Signed Sam.l Stevard

The

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10th The foregoing Letter having been sent on Circulation with the accompanying Papers, entitled a State of Facts &
Appendix it is agreed that they go Numbers on the present Dispatch, agreeable to the Generals Request.

To go Numbers in the Packet as request

To Lieut.t Barry Close

Sir

I have been favord with your Letters of the 8th 9th Inst.t & am in consequence directed by the Right Hon.ble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of two Letters to them from Major General Stuart dated the 2d & 7th Inst.t — which acknowledgement you will be pleased to communicate to the General — I beg leave to observe that the Letter from General Stuart to the Select Committee, beginning with the words Yesterday about seven hours after &c is dated on the 3d of October Inst.t on the 4th as mentioned in your Letter of the 7th Inst.t

To Lieut.t Close acknowledging the Receipt of sundry Letters with the State of Facts &c. the Fortitude will sail on the 14th Instant & General Stuart is requested to prepare himself for to go on Board at or before that time.

You will please to signify to General Stuart that as the Season is now advancing they judged expedient to dispatch the fortitude Packet for England without delay

I

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16th. That it is the Intention of the Committee that she

shall sail from hence on Tuesday next the 14th. Instant

for that — The Genl. will therefore be pleased to hold

himself in readiness to go on board hopes that time —

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Sam

Jr.

(Signed) John Huddleston

Secretary

P.S. In addition to the Letters from General

Stuart of the 3d. Inst. 7th Inst — I now likewise beg

leave to acknowledge the receipt of the State of Facts

and Appendix delivered in to the Select Committee by

Major General Stuart —

From Ganjam have received the General Orders of the 4th. Instant which have been published —

Rec'd. Letter from Ganjam (as entered in M. B. No.) advising of their having received two G. O.s of the 17th. Sept. which have been issued,

From Permacoil desiring to know the Authority if any given to a Man to manage that District

Received Letter (as entered in M. B. No.) from Lt. Davies — advising that a Man had waited on him & informed him that he had been appointed to the

Management of some adjacent Districts & desiring to know whether he has any authority for such declaration

Sent the following Letters as Entered in the M. B. No.)

To

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10th

To Mr Wynne his Accounts referred to the Surgeon Major —

To Mr Wynne, the Surgeon Major has received Directions to examine the Accounts of the several Field Hospitals & to report his Opinion thereon —

To Col. Pearse Lieu. Dorset permitted to proceed to Bengall —

To Col. Pearse Lieu. Dorset permitted to proceed to Bengal, for the Recovery of his Health —

To Capt.n Bowden to receive Medicines on Board the Fortitude —

To Capt.n Bowden, directing him to receive on Board the Fortitude whatever Medicines may be tendered to him by Mr Joh. Bulman —

To Capt.n Wordsworth to receive two Men as Charterparty Passengers —

To Capt.n John Wordsworth, directing him to receive on Board his Ship as Charterparty Passengers two Men, who have been discharged from the Co.s Service —

To Lieut Maxwell, has Permission to go to China —

To Lieut.t W.m Maxwell, is permitted to proceed to China for the Recovery of his Health —

To Ensign Strahan with Care to proceed to Bengal

To Ensign Strahan has Permission to proceed to Bengal on his private Affairs, & to remain there six Months —

To Mr Thompson, has leave to act as Surgeon on board the Latham,

To Mr Maxwell Thompson Assistant Surgeon, has Permission to proceed to England, and to act as Surgeon on board the Latham, but to return to his Station on this Establishment within a reasonable Time —

To

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10th

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

President and Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Soons.
wishes for a reinforcement
& that it should be sent
immediately.

Notwithstanding I have every reason
to think my self troublesome in giving Your Lordship
& the Gentlemen my ideas as they arise - I am persuaded
my intention will be sufficient excuse - I am informed
the Enemys Camp has advanced Eight Cos & that they
intend to come into the Nasapore Country on account of
provisions, as well as to be nearer as Every Effort possible
has been made since our Arrival here to get in the grain
which will fall considerably short of our expectations
the quantity I shall be able to ascertain in a few days
from Mr Gardener. Your Lordship & the Select Com-
mittee will please to Observe that there is almost
a months elapsed since our Arrival here & that as there
have no orders been given for a reinforcement, should
War

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10th War be the result of your Negotiations I will be at least five Weeks before one can Arrive, which will so lessen Our Stock, that I am afraid that when the junction is made the Army will be delay'd on Account of the want of Rice. As soon as Mr. Gardiner acquaints me with what Paddy he has got - I will calculate the consumption & inform Your Lordship, & the Gentlemen with both, so that you will be able to judge as well as I. Not A Grain has been Sent out but by chet since our coming to Cuddalore. I must also take the Liberty to mention to you that in all probability there may be a difficulty in forming the junction with the Reinforcement, the Enemy being so very Near us - & the Necessity of having a Sufficient Garrison to protect our provisions, will reduce our little Army to a Force Unequal to the Meeting. My reason for making this remark is that your Lordship & the Gentlemen may perhaps think it proper to order such an Addition Force as will make this Step Unnecessary - There has nothing

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10th nothing extraordinary happened since I wrote last.

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

Camtoor
26th Sept. 1783

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Jones, the Enemy have attacked Cotah Otah - he cannot go to its relief does not think the Enemy know of the Operation.

One of our Horse arraks returned last night with intelligence, that the Enemy had advanced within three cos of Cotah a Cotah a Fort belonging to one of the Polygars & this day further intelligence has been brought, that they have attack'd the said Fort, and carried the ditch of the advanced Work. & that it will be Obliged to Surrender in two or three days.

Your Lordship & the Gentlemen will see the impossibility of our being of the least use to them, unless I left my present encampment with all my force, which might be attended with many bad consequences. as I could not

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10th not remain there for their protection, nor should I think of leaving any part of my force by way of Garrison; This place is but ten Cos off I suppose, as they have broke the Cessation of Arms they mean not to stop but proceed to extremities, such as cutting off our communication with Pongole &c which may be easily effected so that it will be difficult to make Your Lordship & the Select Committee acquainted with particulars as regular as I could wish - I do not imagine that Hove Said can have been acquainted by Tippoo Said with the cessation of Arms having been agreed to by him, as their Polygars have fired upon our Sentries & have thrown some Rockets last night - & the Night before tho' without Effect - I hear their Vakeels are at Fort St. George - it May be easily known.

In a few days I shall be able to ascertain the quantity of grain laid in upon the Company Account as well as that belonging to them in consequence of the Capture of Cotiam -

I have

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10th Have the honor to be

Quebec
29th September 1783

&c.
(Signed) Tho.s Jones
Major General

To Captain Robertson
Mr. Thompson to go as
his Surgeon,

To Captain Robertson, informing him that
Mr. Maxwell Thompson, has permission to proceed
to England, as Surgeon of the Ship Latham,

To Mr. Job Bultman,
with Orders to send a suffi-
cient Quantity of medical
Stores on board the Portlidge

To Mr. Job Bultman directing him to
send on Board the Portlidge Packet, a sufficient
Quantity of Medical Stores as may be necessary for
a Voyage from hence to England.

To Mr. Ramsay, Capt.n
Fenwickes Letter returned
to him, with Minute
thereon —

To Mr. Geo. Ramsay Attorney to Captain
Fenwicke, here return to him a Letter which has been
received from Capt.n Fenwicke with an Extract from
the Minutes of the Select Committee thereon —

11th

To John Hudleston Esqr
Secretary Select Committee

Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. Clow, the
General desires his papers
may be copied on the reverse
& will be sent home —

Yesterday Having had the honor to deliver
on to the Hands of the Right Honble President a
letter with a number of papers Accompanying from
Major

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11th. Major General Stuart to the Select Committee, and the President on Perusal there of having expressed some doubt whither the General wished to have such papers kept for Record here and Copies of them transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors I thought proper on my return to report the same to Major General Stuart, who in consequence desired me to acquaint you for the Information of the Select Committee that it is doubtless his intention and wish that agreeably to the usual form of Office the said papers be detained here for the Records and Copies of them Transmitted to the Court of Directors by the first Dispatch.—

The General could wish me also to remind you that he has no acknowledgement for his Address of the 7th Inst. nor for the Letter and papers above alluded to.—

I have the honor to be
&c
B. Close
Lieut.

Fort St. George
11th October 1783

Receive

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12th Received the following Letter

To John Huddleston Esqr

Secretary Select Committee

From Lieut Close has informed the General of the Contents of a Letter of the 10th Instant —

Fort St. George

Sir

Yesterday I had the honor of receiving your Letter dated 10th Inst. the Contents of which I immediately communicated to Major General Stuart.

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October 12th 1783
J. A. M.

I am &c
Sigd, E.J. Close
Lieut

Wrote the following Letter

To Brigadier Genl. McLeod

Tellicherry

To Genl. Macleod with Papers respecting Tippoo Sultaun, for his Guidance

Sir

We have the Honor to enclose to you for your Information & Guidance a Copy of the papers which have passed between us & the Vakeels of Tippoo Sultan Bahader.

I We have

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12th & We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George &c.

11th October 1783 (Signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

These

There to go by Tipsoos Camel Hircarrahs which

sd out this day.

From Lieut. Hughes for leave to go to Bengal

Rec'd Letter from Lieut. Hughes (as entered in the M. B. No.) requesting leave to proceed to Bengal

To Lieut. Hughes, has Permission to go to Bengal

Sent Letter to Lieut. Hughes (as entered in M. B. No.) informing him that he has Permission to proceed to Bengal.

To Lieu: Dawes, with Letters to the Agents of the Arcot Renter

Wrote Letter (as entered in M. B. No.) to Lieut. Dawes — enclosing two Letters from the Arcot Renter to his Agents with direct to them to act according to Lieut Dawes's Advice

ons

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

Monday 13th October 1783

Anthony Sadleir Esqr Lieutenant General Serv

Alexander Davidson Esqr

Morgan Williams Esqr absent upon Service

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved,

The

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The President informs the Committee that the Fortitude is perfectly ready for Sea

The President informs the Committee that the Fortitude packet is now perfectly equipped, and ready to sail, and as the Season of the Monsoon is now very near at hand the President submits to the consideration of the Committee whether she should not be dispatched without further delay

Minute thereon

The Committee concerr in opinion with the President and it is Resolved unanimously that the Fortitude packet be dispatched to England tomorrow the 14th Instant

Resolved that the necessary Instructions be given to the Captain of the Fortitude

Resolved unanimously that Captain Lawrence Bowden Commander of the Fortitude Packet be furnished with the following Instructions for receiving on board Major General Stuart and conveying him to England and that the said Instructions be signed by the Secretary and sent to him immediately

To Captain Lawrence Bowden
Commander of the Fortitude Packet

Sir

Instructions to Captain Bowden of the Fortitude

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee having been pleased to appoint you

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You to be Commander of the Honble Companys packet
the Fortitude, you are hereby required to obey the following
Instructions —

You will receive on board the Fortitude
Major General Stuart and convey him to England
with the utmost Expedition and safety affording General
Stuart the best Accomodation your Vessel can possibly
and treating him with all the respect and Attention
due to his rank.

Enclosed is a List of provisions and other
Articles Ordered for General Stuart which you are
to receive on board and appropriate to his use.

You are to receive on board the Fortitude and
accomodate with a Passage to England Mr Acheson &
Maxwell who will have under his charge the present
Dispatches for the Honble Court of Directors —

Having received General Stuart on board and
Mr Maxwell with the dispatches for the Honble
Court of Directors you will proceed directly to Engld
without touching any where on your Way unless
compelled

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compelled to it by some Accident happening to your Vessel or by the want of provisions in which case you are not to suffer General Stuart to go on shore unless indispensable for his Health nor to continue in any port you may put in at a moment longer than shall be Absolutely necessary—

You are to proceed to Portsmouth if practicable and on your Arrival there you will permit General Stuart to land with his Servants and Baggage and proceed himself forthwith one of your principal Officers with Mr Maxwell and the dispatches to London where you will immediately wait on the Chairman or in his absence the deputy Chairman of the Honble Court

Should you be under the necessity of putting into any port in Ireland Mr Maxwell will land them with the dispatches & proceed to England and you will leave it in General Stuarts option to land there or continue his passage to England in the Portland.

In case of the death of Mr Maxwell the charge of the dispatches is to devolve on you and you are to Execute the Orders herein mentioned regarding them.

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

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Abstract

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Abstract of Imprests for the Ships Company for Six Months of the Honorable Company's Ship the Fortitude Packet — Madras 1st October 1783 —

Mens Names	Stations	Pay pr Month		Sum advanced —
Lawrence Bowden	Commander	300 Rupees		18.00 —
Ralph Walton	1st Officer	150	Do	900 —
Thomas Franklin	2d Do	100	Do	6.00 —
George Robinson	3d Do	70	Do	4.20 —
— Walters	Surgeon	120	Do	7.20 —
Henry Mort	Surgeons Mate	50	Do	3.00 —
Daniel Thorn	Cabbin Steward	60	Do	3.60 —
Richd Matthews	Boatswain	26	Do	1.50 —
William Hunt	Carpenter	25	Do	1.50 —
James Bright	Seamen	20 Rupees each Man		1.20 —
John Symmiston				1.20
Richard Stewart				1.20
George Adams				1.20
John Cochran				1.20
John Travers				1.20
Mich.l Cochran				1.20
Joseph Croom				1.20
John Habbart				1.20
Robt Jones				1.20
Enos Joseph	Ships Steward	12	Do	72
Samuel Gould	Cook	18	Do	1.08
				67.80 Rupees —

Recd the above

(Signed) Lawrence Bowden
Commander of the Fortitude Packet

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Abstract of Imprest for the Ships Company for Six Months of the Honorable Company's Ship the Fortitude Packet.

Madras — 1st October 1783 —

Mens Names	Station	Pay P. Month	Sum advanced —
Nanna	Sirang	25 Rupees	150 —
Ingan	Tindal	15 Do	90 —
Lagaries	Do	15 Do	90 —
Esub	Caffab	12 Do	72 —
Belodo	Lascars	10 Rupees each man	60
Mamanyaume			60
Abdulla			60
Palia			60
Shaviosin			60
Francisco			60
Joseph Baptist			60
Augustine			60
Ennus			60
Antonio			60
Granada			60
Cleetus			60
Principa			60
Vannaty			60
Mahamid			60
Jaffa			60
			1362 Rupees

Received the above

Lawrence Bowden
Commander of the Fortitude Packet.

Resolved

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Resolved that orders be sent to the Town Major

Resolved unanimously that the Town Major be furnished by the Secretary with the following Orders for conveying Genl Stuart on board the Forfeiture packet

To Major William Sydenham

Town Major of

Fort St George

Sir

Orders to the Town Major respecting the embarking General Stuart on the Forfeiture

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to signify to you their Orders that you wait on Major General Stuart to morrow morning, and inform him that the Forfeiture packet being perfectly equipped and ready to sail the Select Committee desire that he will immediately embark for England on the said packet agreeably to the notice given him the 10th Instant and in several Letters before that period; and if General Stuart shall absolutely refuse to embark, and shall resist the orders of the Select Committee for that purpose, I am further directed to signify to you

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you their Orders that in such case only you have recourse to conceive means to convey General Stuart or cause him to be conveyed on board the Portlinde packet but you are on no account to make use of such means unless General Stuart shall by his Resistance render it absolutely necessary; and what soever resistance General Stuart shall make I am further directed to signify to you the Orders of the Select Committee that you be careful that no Insult be offered to his person, but that you proceed with the utmost tenderness that can be made compatible with the effectual Execution of these Orders.

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By Order of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

Signed John Huddleston
Secretary

The President delivers in the following Minute and papers.

Fort

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President's minute Woman Affidavit of one of the Company's Hircarrs respecting the behaviour of the Amen

The President has the honor to communicate to the Select Committee that the Town Major a few Days since had shewn him the annexed Note N.o 1. from His Highness the Nabob containing a Complaint against one of the Company's Hircarrahs named Soobra. In Consequence of which the Town Major was directed to make inquiry into the Matter. The result of which is the Affidavit N.o 2. of the Hircarrah himself which the President lays before the Committee for their Information. He believes the Committee will be of Opinion that considering the Temper of the Durbar and the situation of things at present it is sufficient to know the real State of the Fact, without taking any further Notice of it.

(Signed) Macartney

His Highness the Nabob Wallajah Bahauder presents his Compliments to Major Sydenham and

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and Sends here two Men who were found lurking about his Highness's Garden Walls and whom his Highness suspected to be Hircarras of the Enemy; tho upon Interrogation they denied, asserting they were not Hircarras, but at last confessed that they were Hircarras of the Company and placed by Order of the Governor.

His Highness cannot avoid expressing his astonishment at Hircarras of his Friends being placed about his House and that of his Son: He therefore requests Major Sydenham will be so good as to examine the Men, and Investigate the cause of their being so employed, and inform his Highness of the Result; though he cannot believe after a Residence of so many Years in the Settlement of his Friends the Company that they could be sent there with Intention to pry into his Conduct or the Affairs of his Family, and what induced his Highness to believe them to be Hircarras of the Enemy was the repeated Change of their

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their Cloaths as they almost constantly appeared in

different Dresses

Sheparck
12th October 1783

Town of Madraspatnam ss.

Be it remembered that on this eleventh day

of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven

hundred and eighty three and in the twenty third year

of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third of

Great Britain France and Ireland King and so forth.

that Soobiah on Hircarrah in the Service of the Honble

East India Company Personally appeared before me

William Michell one of the Aldermen of the

Honble the Mayors Court of the Town of Madraspatnam

and voluntarily maketh Oath and saith, That he

has been employed as an Hircarrah ever since the

commencement of the present War with Hyder Ally

and has been constantly stationed between St. Thome

and St. Thomas's Mount to gain and give information

of any parties of the Enemy that might come that way

and

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and such other intelligence as he could procure — That
he was setting in a Goldsmiths Shop near the Nabobs
Garden in Trepliccane about four of the Clock in the
afternoon of Wednesday the Eighth of this instant
October having his Brother named Syah Sawmy
along with him, that two Sepoys belonging to Ameer-
ul Omrah came and forcibly took this Deponent
and his Brother to a Subadar belonging to the
Ameer who went and called Moodoo Kistnah —
and afterwards took him before the Ameer who
threatened to cut of this Deponents nose and ears
and blow him away from a Gun for carrying the
News of his Durbar to the Governor, and said
if ever he was found near there again his Head should
certainly be cut off and advised him to leave his present
Employ After this Moodoo Kistnah took this
Deponent into a Room where he was surrounded
by Sepoys and desired this Deponent to sit down and
write as he should tell him on some Paper which
he

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he brought — he then dictated to this Deponent to [illegible]
that he (this Deponent) had for six months past constan[illegible]
sent intelligence to the Governor of all those who went
to the Durbar and the News of the Durbar This Depon[illegible]
not being able to write so much — he orderd this Depo[illegible]
to sign a blank paper, which (this Deponent being m[illegible]
intimidated) did, and some persons present signed to it a[illegible]
Witnesses — they did not write any thing on the Paper [illegible]
that time — Moodookistnah went to the Ameer and
brought a letter which he gave to a Jemedar & two Sep[illegible]
who brought this Deponent into the Fort to the Town
Major — Further this
Deponent saith not (Signed) [illegible]

Sworn to the Day and year above
written agreeable to the Custom of the
Cast. the Contents having been first
fully explained to the Deponent by
Davy Neigum Sworn Interpreter —
before me
(Signed) Wm. Mitchell
Aldn.

The

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Minute thereon

The Committee entirely agree with the President that it is not necessary to take any further notice of such unworthy and disgraceful attempts to mislead the Company and the public.

Read the following Letter from Colonel Horne.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

&c &c

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Col: Horne on his being superceded by Col. Pang from home

After an unfortunate Captivity of 16 Months, during which time I felt every thing that a Soldier who is ardeous to distinguish himself in the Service of his Country ought to feel at being deprived of the opportunity of doing it, I have the additional Mortification to find, on my return to my Station on this Coast, that the Honble the Court of Directors have thought proper to restore Colonel Pang to the Rank which he originally held over me. —

Astonished at hearing this Circumstance

after

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after the recent Appointment which they, on Mature Deliberation, had honored me with, — unconscious of any Demerit on my part — & uninformed of any extraordinary Services which Colonel Lang had rendered to the Public to occasion so Such a Supersession. I have been unable to guess upon what grounds So respectable a public body have so Soon Set aside one of their own Acts, adopted upon the fullest Information and knowledge, and founded upon concurring Representations from India, as well as from the Opinions of the most respectable Persons who have returned from hence to England, — Viz.t, that of Appointing an Officer to whom they Considered a fit, and proper Person to Succeed to the Chief Command of their Army on this Coast above Colonel Lang —

The Application which I made to the Court of Directors for that Appointment, clearly shews that I never desired to Supersede him, if they had Intended that he should Succeed to it and I beg leave here to

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to quote that part of my Address because Such that Lieutenant General Lang may See upon Record the the Conduct Observed on that Occasion respecting him. — It is as follows.

"In Consideration of all the Circumstances "which I have had the honor to lay before you, I am "emboldened to throw myself on the favor and let me "say the Justice of this Honble Court, and humbly "to request that you will be pleased to recompence "my long Service and Suffering by removing me "from the Corps of Artillery to the Infantry on Order "to give the Date of my promotion in your Army, "or by establishing me, at least on that Rank on my "profession, which I ought to enjoy, and which, if I "had not been unjustly Superceded; would now place "me, from my Standing in your Army next to Colonel "Fleet with the right of Succession by Seniority, to the "highest Military Rank on the East Establishment. "But as it has been deemed eligible by the Wisdom of this

Court

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"Court, to appoint a Second in Command who may be thought
"worthy to Succeed in Case of Accident to the Station of
"Commander in Chief and as Colonel Flint is Coming home,
"Colonel Lang will then be the only Person to stand between
"my Rank and that Appointment.—

"So it has often been thought proper to let
"that Gentlemen aside and to Appoint other Officers to
"Succeed to that Chief Command, I feel should now be
"also resolved that he ought not to Stand next in Succ
=ession to General Stuart, I hope that you will
"please to honor me with that Appointment=

In hopes of discovering, what could Induce
the Honble the Court of Directors to take this last
Measure against me, I applied to the Right Honble
the President to let me see that part of their Letter which
placed Colonel Lang again over me, and his Lordship
has been so obliging as to permit me with a Copy of
two Paragraphs (N° 48 & 49) of the Select Com=
=mittees Letter to the Court of Directors dated 1782
which

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which Contains - a Paragraph of a Letter from General Coote to them in favor of Colonel Lang, as also with a Copy of the 12th Paragraph of the Companys Letter in Answer. —

I Cannot find Words to express my Surprize on Reading General Cootes Recommendation of Colonel Lang above alluded to in the flattering and high Terms in which it is Conveyed, and this Surprize is excited by the perfect knowledge I have that the General himself greatly Contributed many years ago to Impress the Minds of many of the Directors with an Idea, that Colonel Lang was not a proper Person to have the Chief Command of the Troops on this Coast. — He knew also that it was on the Same Idea, that the Court of Directors had sent out Sir Robert Fletcher to Succeed to the Command tho Originally a Junior Officer in the Same Corps with Colonel Lang - afterwards Colonel Stuart, an entire Stranger on this Service. When

Colonel

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Colonel Munro, and lastly myself.—

I beg leave to ask on what Respect my being Sent Out over Colonel Lang was more cruel, or Injurious to him, than the Appointment of the others whom I have mentioned, and I also presume to add that of he was to be set aside no Man had a better Claim to the Appointment of Second in Command than myself.—

It would have been a Supercession infinitely More Cruel and injurious to many Officers of this Army had the Supreme Council of Bengal granted to Lieutenant Colonel Ewer,— the Rank which Sir Eyre Coote Solicited for him, who he well knew that his Standing on this Establishment was not higher than the Middle of the List of Captains.—

Being refused that Rank by the Supreme Council, who were Convinced of the Injustice of it, Sir Eyre Coote did not think he was Injuring a Number of brave Men when he applied for His Majesty's Brevet of Colonel in India for Mr. Ewer,

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at the Same time that he was Representing that an Appointment made deliberately by the Honble Court of Directors in my favor, was a most Cruel and injurious Supersession which he endeavored by every Influence in his power to Set aside.— I am warranted here to say that the Chairman of the Court of Directors at the time Colonel Owens appointment appeared in the Gazette thought it so deep an injury to many of the Companys Officers that he waited on His Majestys Ministers to request they would Solicit of His Majesty to grant Brevet Rank Senior to Colonel Owen to those, whom his having it would most Materially Affect.— But before this Application was Considered, the publick were deprived of the Services of that Gentlemen (the Chairman) whose bad State of Health obliged him to Resign and to go over to the Continent.

I have thought it necessary to Say thus Much to Shew how Consistently Sir Eyre Coote himself

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himself acted when at the very Time he was standing
forth as the Supporter of Colonel Lang, he was
essentially Injuring me in another Quarter without
the Shadow of Argument upon which to ground Such
an Imputation.—

With respect to Colonel Langs Conduct
in the Defence of Vellour, far be it from me to lessen
it in the Smallest Degree.—I am perfectly Acquainted
with the Strength and Importance of that Fortress,
and remember the length of time our Army was before it
and the Number of Men we lost, (who defended only
by Black Troops) before it Carried our Point.—

I believe it was never doubted that Colonel
Lang is a brave Officer, And I can also add that on
a particular Occasion I gave him Considerable Credit
as Such to the Committee of Correspondence. But
having Said this, I hope I shall Stand excused if I also
Say, that in my humble Opinion, the Service he
rendered in the preservation of Vellour, tho' important in

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in itself, was not of such Magnitude or of such a Nature as ought to have altered an Opinion of a great, and publick body, an Opinion formed from a true knowledge of the extent of Colonel Lang's abilities on every former Occasion —

I hope your Lordship's will excuse my having trespassed on your Time by this Address — which I request may be entered in the Records and a go a Number in the Packet now under Dispatch for England and beg leave to add that whatever my private feelings may be respecting this unmerited Change in my Situation, I shall, until the further pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors is known on this Subject act under Lieutenant General Lang with as much Alacrity and fidelity as I would do under any other Officer whatever, and support his Authority and Command to the Utmost of my power — The Zeal which I now feel, and have ever felt,

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felt for the Companys Service will at all times lead me to Sacrifice every private Consideration to their Interest, and altho their Sentiments has often operated to the prejudice of my private Fortune its force is still as undiminished. and I am sure that my Honor will never suffer while I am influenced by such Motives, I have the honor to be with great Respect

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(Signed) Mat.s Horne

General Lang's minute thereon

General Lang intimates to the Board his Intention shortly to deliver in an answer to the above Letter and requests the same may be mentioned in the present Dispatches to the honble Court of Directors and that they be requested in the mean while to defer coming to any determination on the subject agreed accordingly

Col. Hornes Letter to go in the Packet

that Copy of Col.o Horne Letter be sent a seperate Packet the packet and a paragraph is now added to the General Letter as requested by General Lang -

The General Letter by the Fortified Packet

Read and approved -

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From Mr. Ramsay is not Attorney to Captain Fenwick.—

Received letter from Mr. Ramsay as entered in MB No) informing that he does not act as Attorney to Captain Fenwicke.—

From Lieutenant Macentire for leave to go to Bengal.—

Received letter from Lieutenant Macentire as entered in Miscellany Book No) requesting leave to go to Bengal.—

From Vizagapatam with returns.—

Received letter from Vizagapatam as entered in Miscellany Book No) with Return of Troops for September.—

Received the following Letters.—

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

From Genl. Jones inclosing a letter to him from Meer Saib and his answer to it.—

My Lord and Gentlemen

I Send you inclosed a letter with its Translation, which I received this morning from Meer Saheb, as well as Copy of my answer which I flatter myself will meet with your approbation.—

I have the honor to be &c.

Combam 5th Octr. 1783.

(Signed) Thos. Jones
Majr. Genral

Translation of Meer Saib's Letter to Major Genral Jones.—

You must look upon this Letter as Petition.—

The Busines that happen'd some time ago, was

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14th was the fault of your people it appeard to me, that they came to take, and distroy my Country, and I was alarmed and I was alarmed - This happend in the day of my feast and tendays after I received Orders to remain quiet you must therefore do the Same, and give orders accordingly, and Stay in your own Country as I shall do in mine.

To General Jones Behauder -

To Meer Saib Behauder -

The Style of your other Letter to me was Such, that I never thought of writing to you again Now that you have got orders to remain quiet, how comes it, that I have been insulted with Rockets, and my Sentries fired upon, and but five, or Six days ago your advanced part of your force and redoubt Coltah Colah within ten Cos of my Camp? I have acquainted the Governor and Council with all this, and Suppose you will hear of it, as the Nabob Sippoo Saibs Vackeels are there. -

When you Release the Gentlemen taken Prisoners at Badamall, and order all your Looties back to your Camp. I Shall begin to think, that you mean to Keep the Cessation of arms - I have done.

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done you may depend upon my remaining where I am until I receive farther Orders, and that nothing shall be done on my part contrary to the meaning of our Masters.—

I have the Honor to be &c.

Cambam 5th October 1783.—

(Signed) Thos. Jones.
Major General.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Genl. Jones the Enemy pay little regard to the Cessation have taken Cotah Cotah enclosures receipt for Grain.

I am honored with your commands by a letter from your Secretary dated 20th ultimo by this mornings Tappy, and have every reason to think that the Enemy pay every little regard to any orders that they may have received as to the cessation of arms. they having contrary to every idea of one taken Cotah-Cotah within ten coss of this place, as I informed your Lordship and the Gentlemen would be the case in my letter of the 29th of last Month. In consequence of this act of Violence I have taken the Poligars belonging to that fort into the Company's Service, until your Lordship and the Select Committee approve or disapprove of it. They belong a Turm Reddy a Polygar that has never been Subdued

and

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14th and always inimical to Meer Saib; they consist of
126 or Thereabout. Sometime ago I must tired the
Cons furnished Bapaw Naik in consequence of Captain
Edmonds directions to him and found that half of them
allowed would have be accounted for so I fixd his
Number to One hundred instead of three. Those Round
for Dupard, and Jurmacoil are no more of course -
I agreed in conequence of your Secretarys letter of
this day to give Reddy's Men four rupees a Month
one with the other until I have further orders upon
that head - Inclosed I have the honor to Send you
Mr. Gardiners account of Grain. being 701 Pootlis
of Paddy which will amount to 350 of Rice, and
our present consumption is better then 100 per Month
So that your Lordship and the Gentlemen will be
able to judge the quantity we shall have - or near
it. Should you think proper to order us a Reinforce-
ment I have never corresponded with the Enemy
Since the letter I received - which was sent to the
Select Committee it being so ____ with insolence
that I might have answered him in a Style which
your Lordship, and the other Gentlemen might not approve
of So I thought it better to be Silent My Hircarrahs

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inform me, that Meer Saib has returned to Budwail and has left part of his force here and at Cotah Cotah The 100 Cabyggars employed on account of Capa Naig have been with me for pay - I told them that I understood they had collected either four or five and twenty thousand Pagodas - Arrears due to Meer Saib and that they might pay them out of that for until that was accounted for by Mr. Gardon I should not order them a farthing --

I have the Honor to be &c:

Cumbum 4th Oct. 1783.

Signed, Thos. Jones
Major Genl.

Recvd on Account of the Honble Company as their Moiety ---- } 562 Pooties

All present in My Possession on Account of the Captors ---- } 139 - Do.

701 Pooties

Cumbum 3d October 1783.

Robert Gardiner
Agt.

NB The above is Pootees of Paddy.

Recvd two letters from the Caymaster at Madena / entered in Miscellany Book No. / enclosing Indents for Stationary Medicines & Stores.

From Madura with Indents.

Recvd two letters from Colonel Fullarton / entered in Miscellany Book No. / enclosing Returns

From Col. Fullarton with Returns.

of the troops under his Command. —

From Vizagapatam have published the G. O.

Received Letter from Vizagapatam / as entered in Miscellany Book No. / advising that the G. O. of the 17th and 19th had been published.

From Mr Cockrane with intelligence. —

Received Letter from Mr. Cockrane / as entered in Miscellany Book No / enclosing intelligence as lodged in the Office. —

The following letter to Bengal having been read resolved that it be now dispatched and that a copy of it be sent a Number in the Packet by the Fortitude. —

To The Honble Governor General / Council

Bengal

Gentlemen

We have the Honor to acquaint you that two Vackeels or Agents from Tippoo having lately arrived here, they have delivered certain Propositions to us of which we enclose to you a Copy. Our President having been empowered by us, to confer with them on the Arrangements to be taken on the Event of their Masters willingness to accede to the Pacification made in Europe, agreeably to the Invitation he rec.d from our Commissioners, it soon appeared as was indeed

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14th foreseen, and as is mentioned in the enclosed Minute of our President, that the proposal of the Vackeels for any Opinion of a Jaghire from the Carnatic to Tippoo in his present Circumstances, arose from that Precaution of oriental Policy to have a Ballance against opposite Claims, and to have the Appearance of yielding, as well as the Chance of gaining Something in the course of the Conferences held on the Subject of such Propositions. A mutual Restitution of Places and Prisoners which forms the Substance of our final Answers to Tippoos Vackeels, as far as depended upon ourselves and of which Answers a Copy is herewith transmitted to your Board, is conformable to the Instructions from the Court of Directors of the 6th of March last, of the Scope of which those Vackeels must have had already sufficient Intimation, Mess. the Marquess de Bussy to whom from the Court of France they had been communicated. Tippoos Vackeels have been likewise anxious for a Defensive and Offensive Alliance with the English, or in their words, if Tippoo should be engaged in any Troubles that the English should aid him with a large Force, and that the English in a Similar Situation should receive from him the like assistance A Clause

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ended similar to that of perpetual Friendship in European Treaties is frequently introduced in those of India, purporting that the Friends of one of the Contracting Parties should be the Friends of the other, and the Enemies the Enemies But such a Clause was inserted too lightly to insure, and was in itself too extensive to admit on all Occasions an inviolable adherence to it Yet the Breach of it was sometimes as in the Very instance of Hyder Ali a Pretence for Complaint or Reveal of Hostilities Experience has taught accordingly the necessity of confining Subsequent Engagements, as in the case of the late Marotta Treaty, to that of not yielding assistance to those with whom they shall be at war. With an exception in favor of the Territories under the protection of the Company Such a Convention with or when such a Declaration to all the Powers of Hindostan might be conformant with the Views and maxims of the Company against meddling in the intestine Quarrels, or ambitious Projects of those Princes, It is by a steady pursuit of Such Maxims, that those Quarrels and Projects which so often agitate the Country Powers and involve them in danger and distress may exist without effecting the Tranquility or welfare of the

14 Company, or of those immediately connected with it.
There can be no objection therefore in applying such
a Declaration particularly to Tippoo, — Inserted in
a Treaty of Mutual Conditions he might think it
his Interest, as it would be in reality, to adhere
to it towards us, in order to insure our adherence to it
towards him The Knowledge of such a subsisting
Convention might damp the future hopes of European
Enemies to stir him up against us, and restrain their
attempts to Shake the English Power in India. It is
possible on the other hand, that without such a Con-
vention Tippoo might think that to accede to the
Pacification made in Europe, as far as relates to the
Mutual Restitution of Places and Prisoners, and the
consequent Evacuation of his Troops from the Carnatic
might be only to enable the English the more effectually,
all with less hazard to themselves to assist the Marattas
and Nizam Ali of whose Designs to strip him of a
considerable part of his Father's former Conquests,
in their respective Neighbourhoods he seems sufficiently
aware In such a Situation, and under such Alarms,
and after his invitation to a Strict Alliance offensive
and Deffensive, to refuse him even a Convention of

14 of Neutrality to decline agreeing that Assistance will
not be given to his Enemies, is likely to be construed
by him into a desire of taking opportunities to give
Such Assistance. and those opportunities he may en-
deavor to prevent by refusing a nominal Pacification
with Us, by detaining that Part of our Troops now
in his Possession; by endeavouring to Surprize others
in the Neighbourhood of his Army by occupying a
part at least of our forces in our own Defence by still
keeping a footing in the Carnatic, the Recovery of which
from its present desolated State may be impededby
the Sudden Movements of a few irregular Horse and
Consequently by impeding our Resources for Maintain-
ing a War all these Considerations Jointly have led
us to recommend to you, and to require from you, which
we hereby do, your Consent and approbation to a
Treaty or Convention with Tippoo, purporting that
in case of the Company being at War with any
Indian or European Power in India, or of Tippoo being
at War with any Power accepting those under the immedia-
te Protection of the English, No Assistance whatsoever
directly or indirectly shall be afforded by the Company,
or by Tippoo to their respective Enemies. We desire to
assure you from the Observations made in the

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14 Conferences with the Vackeels of Tippoo, that of a Declaration of this Disposition on our part to enter into a Mutual Engagement had continued to have been withheld from them, they would have imputed to the English no other design than that of withdrawing their Prisoners from the Custody of their Master, and of Joining his Enemies as soon as he had entirely evacuated the Carnatic. We therefore beseech you, as Beacon is the obvious Means of the welfare of the Company and is the object towards which our Sovereign by his Treaty, and our Employers by their Instructions have directed our common Efforts, that you will not in this instance withhold or delay your Consent and Approbation from the Treaty we Recommend, as necessary towards preventing the continuation of the War.—

We request you to reflect on the Prolongation of Misery to which you have exposed this part of the Company's Possessions and dependencies, and the Consequent general Danger to their affairs, by withholding your Consent on former occasions to the Successive Propositions We made to you, that had a Tendency to remove the Subsisting Evil or impending Danger. When in June

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11 1782 Intimation was given to us thro the Governor
Genral, that a treaty of Peace was concluded and
exchanged with the Representative and Plenipotentia-
ary of the Maratta State, that it was executed on
the 17th of May proceeding. that the last from only
remained, and that We might rest assured that it
was Merely a form; We immediately informed You
that we had directed Naturally our Minds to the
Consideration of what Measures if any might be
them fit to take in consequence of Such Event towards
putting the most speedy Period to the War and to the
Distresses which still continued here, that a Vackeel
or Messenger from Hyder Allie, was at the General
Sir Eyre Coates quarters, that it was not Impossible
but that Such a Circumstance Might furnish us
an opportunity of proposing an immediate Cessation
of Hostilities, or Some other Measure productive of
that Relief, which as you foresaw, our Situation in
fact required. It occurred to us indeed as observed to
you, that it might be thought due to the Court
of Poonah to give to Hyder Alie, its ally notice of the
Stipulations concerning him in the Maratta Treaty,
and to Require his acceptance of them. It was added
likewise,

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Committee of Fort S.t
George to Gov.r & Council
of Bengal June 30th
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14 Likewise, that the appearance of a Negociation with him on our part might encrease the mistrust entertained already of him by the French, which Redound to our advantage This Negociation requires, except in special Cases not then absolutely existing your previous Consent and approbation. We Should probably have ventured to have immediately proceeded on this occasion, in the Conviction of the ability of doing so, and under the Shatter of the discretionary use you left us to make of our knowledge of the Treaty, if Sir Eyre Coote had not accompanied his opposition to our Intentions with an Intimation of Seperate Transactions on his part, in relation to this Business Strictly conformable to directions as he wrote to us, from your Board, — which indeed had already desired he Should be gratefied with imparticipated Command on this Coast to the utmost extent of his Wishes. We wrote to you therefore on the 30th. June 1782 on this Subject in the manner we have now expressed in regard to Sending to Hyder Alie and wailed with anxiety for your Answer In yours of the 5th. of August following, you acknowledged among other Letters from us, the Letter We now quote; but of its Interesting contents

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14 you took no Notice We therefore on the 25th of that Month of August took the Liberty of renewing our Application to you and mentioned that We proposed on receiving from you an account of the ratification of the Maratta Treaty (which had been declared to be merely a form,) to send to Hyder Alie for the purpose of knowing his Determination, whether he would accede to that Treaty in which he was included, and to which we should wish to dispose him, or whether by a continuance of Hostilities and Offensive Alliance with our European Enemies he would manifest his Designs of persisting in the Contest, and thereby force us to continue in the exercise of those Hostile Means which might contribute to the Termination of it in our favor; We expressed our hope to be favored with your Instructions on this Subject, declaring that we should take no Step without them, except what imminent Necessity might warrant us in the adoption of the Measures of our Judgement, but that in the Idea of that necessity, or in the Propriety of those Measures, We might equally err, and wished therefore to be honored as quickly as possible, with your Sentiments on both Subjects, as far as you could Judge of such future

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14 Prospects. We quoted our late Request for your instructions in relation to Hyder Ali, in the Case of the ratification of the Maratta Peace, after which Event We proposed Sending him an Embassy, that We might learn whether he meant to accede to a Treaty in which he was included by his Allies, or whether he meant to seek for better Conditions in the Continuance of the War, and We desired to know from you, whether the Accession of Strength to our European Enemies might incline you to reside, or how far recede in favor of a Peace with Hyder Ali from the precise Terms of the Maratta Treaty, which event to his entire Evacuation of the whole Carnatic without any Equivalent, and if by any Accident the Ratification of that Treaty should meet with Difficulty, what Steps as to Peace or War, we should attempt with Hyder. Tho you declared your selves much pleased with the Tone of firmness amidst distress, and the general turn of Deliberative Attention to our Situation, which distinguished this Letter; yet it had not the good fortune of gaining from you, those Instructions or Authorities which that Deliberative Attention had found to be Necessary. A simple Notification to Hyder Ali of the Maratta Peace being

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14 one object of our proposed Embassy to him, as due to
an Ally of the Contracting party to that Treaty, and
a Demand of his Determination to accept, or to reject
its Stipulations which was the other object of such
Embassy must have appeared to you in the alarming
light of advances to a Negociation with him, as in
opposition to our Proposal You observe that until
Hyder Ali Should be compelled to Solicit Peace, or
be disposed to move for an Accommodation from some
Change in his Affairs, every Such advance would be
but an Encouragement to him to persist in the War
as if the Ratification of the Maratta Treaty which
was to precede Such a Negociation, depriving him
of So Powerfull an Ally and who might turn to be
his Enemy - and leaving at least our Strength freer to
act against him: and the Checks he had Received from
the Strength which had already been opposed to him
and also his Disappointment in the degree of Co-
operation from the french and other Allies, and
the continued drain of his Treasure without conti-
-nuing draw adequate Profits from His Conquests,
might not in, themselves have operated that Change
in Hyders Affairs and prospects which you thought

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14 might have disposed him to Peace, or as if he had not
Intelligence of our Strength or Situation independently
of any Conjectures that Could be drawn from any
guarded advances on our Part to Such a Negociation.
The Instructions which on all events were demanded from
you, were in no event Afforded by You. It is not impos-
sible but that if Hyder foreseeing the Demunition
of his Friends, the increase of his enemies, and the
encreasing Improbability of effectuating the permanent
Conquest of the Carnatic had Assurances of future
Friendship, or at least Neutrality with the English
he might have Acceded to reasonable Terms of Peace
and the Miseries of the Carnatic might have ended;
but you persisted in refusing to give us either Au-
thority or directions to Negociate, and Hyder persisted
in the War.—

In February last We communicated to you
the first Accounts We had Received of the Arrival of
part of the Armament of Monsr. de Bussy at
Trincomalley; We Observed to you that Monsieur
de Suffrein's Squadron continued to hover incontrolled
upon the Coast and to prevent or intercept our Supplies
of Money and Provisions, and that from Such a

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a Cause our Distresses might be accelerated by the menace of the Force intended to defend us, that it was our Duty to attend to the menacing Prospect of such a Misfortune combining with other Projects of powerful Opponents; that it was obvious that the Necessity of which the imminence authorized our own Resolves must be the well grounded Apprehension of imminent Evil rather than the Actual Pressure of existing Evil of which it might be too late to attempt the Removal, that the Prospect of it appeared to be approaching, and that unless a Communication by Sea should be again soon open for the Reception of Supplies, We should be two well grounded in our Apprehension of Mutiny among the Troops, and Famine among the People. — That when his Majestys Squadron had been last at Bombay, it had been detained so late, that it did not Arrive here till near the end of May, tho a French Fleet had appeared on this Coast in the beginning of February, that by delaying to Treat with Tippoo Saib until the Actual arrival of Monsr. de Bussy on this Continent, the Officers of that able and experienced Officer and Statesman might be too dazzling to be Afterwards

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Counteracted by any reasonable Terms which you might authorize us to propose to him (Tippoo Saib) that by a proper employment of the Interval which might precede the Junction of Monsieur de Bussy with Tippoo, we could succeed in detaching the latter from an Alliance which forebode lasting Mischief to the Company, The French forces opposed alone to our Strength must yield to Our Superiority and then our hopes on the Continent would be Allerly extinguished, and that the Opposite Events of Prosperity or Misfortune might thus happen with equal Probability as the opportunity of attaining the one, or shunning the other were taken, or neglected. We repeated therefore with anxiety for your Compliance, our Request to be favored with your Instructions for terminating our Differences with our Indian Enemy in the Carnatic, and added, that the Motives operating upon the Company to prefer the Governor and Council of Fort S. George in Negociations with the Nabob of Wallajaw applied to the Choice of the same Persons for Negociating with any other Powers existing in the Carnatic We desired your Consent and approbation of a Treaty to be concluded by us with Tippoo Saheb on the Terms of that which had been made

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Made respecting his father with the Marattas, and we Requested that you would communicate to us your Sentiments on the Propriety of our waiving your Sentiments on the Clause relative to his immediate and entire Evacuation of the Carnatic, as might relate to the Small Forts and Districts of Coodicotah and Palipady, or other Small Forts and Districts of Little Value or Importance but convenient to, or bordering upon the Dominions of Tippoo Saheb. incase a Treaty could not otherwise be concluded with Him, adding that so trifling a Sacrifice to Tippoo for Renouncing the extensive Conquests of the Carnatic, and for abandoning our National Enemies, and for the Benefit of Peace bore every Small Proportion to the Terms offered by your Board for acquisition only towards procuring those advantages.

In favoring us with your Sentiments on this last Subject, You would be pleased to inform us whether you approved, or disapproved compliance with our Request in Relation to it whether your approved, or disapproved the Proposal mentioned, You would have equally complied with our Demand by declaring your Opinion on it. Our application for your Opinion might have warranted the Supposition of some uncertainty in our

14 in our own Minds But we were in fact inclined to the Proposal Merely as a last Resort if Peace could not otherwise be obtained It would have been a Relaxation of part of a Condition Made in favor of the Company by the Marattas, and which they undertook entirely to fulfil They and the Company were the only contracting Parties, Such a Relaxation could not be a Subject of Complaint from them, nor be considered as an infraction of the Treaty. And the eventual Power of agreeing to it in favor of another, Might on Our Part be an indulgence but not a Breach But it was Very possible also that a Treaty Might be Obtained without even the Condition, for which Such a Power would have been Necessary. We had expressly given you our Reasons for Supposing that Tippoo Might be willing to accede to Terms of the Maratta Treaty, of which we thought the Death of Hyder Might facilitate the Ratification

We observed to you that we were informed, and that the Interest of Tippoo gave Credit to the Information, that he was inclined as soon as he could retire from the Carnatic with Safety and Credit to himself, to return to his own Dominions in Order to prevent, or Stifle the internal Disturbances, which were apt to arise, and

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to prepare against the Encroachments which were apt to be attempted by Neighbouring Princes in a New Reign in Hindostan and we thought that the Measures we had taken for carrying the War in our Turn into the Country of our Enemy, might be an additional Argument with him against continuing to be so. What therefore actually we asked for you, was your Consent and approbation of a Treaty, to be concluded by us, with Tippoo Saib on the Terms of that which has been made respecting his Father with the Marattas

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These were our exact words. They were even so quoted by you. Yet in Order to refuse your Consent to our Conclusion of a Treaty on those Terms, you tell us in the Same letter that we ask for powers to conclude a Treaty which would in essential Points be contrary to the Maratta Treaty. A Brahmin who happened to have occasion to go into the Neighbourhood of Tippoos Army, and being a Vackeel of one of the Country powers (the Rajah of Tanjore) was acquainted with the Vackeels of others, was empowered by us if he had an Opportunity of Conferring with any of the Confidential Officers or Servants of Tippoo Saiby to mention the Distresses of our Prisoners, We were expected that they would be alleviated under his

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(Tippoo's) human auspices, that the habits and wants of Europeans differ in many instances from those of the Natives, that the former would feel several Hardships that might not be observed by the latter unless Attention were paid to their Demands; that if he would allow Remittances to be made to them, they would be able to supply themselves with such articles of Food, and other Necessaries as might be suitable to their Customs and inclinations, that Tippoos Indulgence in this Respect would be to us a Confirmation of the favorable Character he bore, and an Indication of his Disposition to put an End to the present Troubles, so unprofitable on both Sides; that nothing however would be so likely to protract the war, as any measure on his part towards yielding to the Solicitations of the French who were our Natural Enemies for a Cession to them of any forts or

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Territories whatsoever. That it was to be hoped, he would as his father did, avoid Making a Common Cause, or engaging in any permanent Connection with a Nation, whose Alliance had hitherto been so prejudicial to the Princes of India, who had accepted it, and which Nation had no Solid footing Remaining in the Country,

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it was possible that this Discourse might lead to the discussion of the Terms on which Peace and Amity might reign between him, and the English Confessedly the first European Power in the East, that Justice might indeed warrant a Demand of the Expences of the War against him as the Successor of his father who begun it, as in case of its Continuance Retaliation would necessarily point out the Attack of his Dominions in our turn, but that the Company had no desire of Conquest, and they were desirous of Such a Peace as would leave Satisfaction in the mind of all the Parties to it, and which Consequently would not be liable to interruption by fresh disturbances that the Company therefore agreed to the Muratta Treaty when no Indemnification was required for the Expences which the war had occasioned, that tho' those Expences had Since that Period been encreased, Hyder might Still avail himself, if he would declare without delay, of the favorable Terms of that Treaty, that it Secured to him his own Dominions, and our Friendship, that let him therefore declare his acceptance of Such Advantageous Offer before the Events of war and the Arrangements of other Powers in Consequence of the Death of his father, Might force us into Engagements Contrary by his permanent Interest This Warning to

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to Tippoo to avail himself of the Stipulations of the Mangalore Treaty, before the Events of war and new Arrangements should deprive him of the Opportunity of doing so, You have been pleased to term an act of Soliciting Peace from Tippoo — You condemn the willingness which I did indeed imply on our Part to consent to Peace, as if it were an unworthy Sentiment and Required to be concealed, as if it was not the Sentiment proclaimed by our Employers and dictated to us to declare to the Belligerent Powers of Indostan, and to Carry into Practice towards them, as if a Desire to obtain Peace was not in itself to be laudable as to Exhort a Declaration of it from those who do not feel it. and finally as if your Board did not acknowledge Your wishes to be

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united with ours on this Respect Yet You express Your Surprize that the Representations we thus had authorized, should receive our written Sanction You leave us to Reflect on the fairness as well as Policy of those Declarations Your Request us to consider for a Moment, the use to which Mr. De Bussy might turn our Instructions, if Tippoo Saib made them known to him, which would probably be the Case, and You observe that Your were very fortunately guarded against the Effect which

14 they might have produced at Bonah by the final Ratifi-
=cation and interchange of the Maratta Treaty. But
=ichat were the Grounds of your Surprize at those Instruc-
=tions or ichat you Self could have been the Result
of Reflections on their Purport as well as Policy or
to ichat use Monsieur de Bussy might turn them,
if made Known to him as was probable, or ichat
was the Effect at Bonah against ichich you par-
=ticularly were guarded, — You have not judged expedient
to disclose. You have left to the imagination to Suggest
Instructions answerable to your Description, and to
ichich your Observations might be applicable; and
You hazarded the Assertion of their being applicable to
ours, rather than any Argument to prove they were so.
But ichat might have been really the Effect of those
Instructions if you had empowered us to proceed to a
Pacification at that time appear from the Testimony
incontrovertible in the instance of Sippoo Saheb himself.
ichether Observance of the Intercourse ichich followed these
Instructions, that the Intercourse of Friendship was
set on foot on both Sides and was nearly being ac-
=complished Your Refusal to Suffer this accomplish-
=ment by withholding your Consent and Approbation
to the Treaty ere proposed, even on the Terms of that
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the Marattas which was made under the immediate
Direction of your own Board, left the Carnatic still
plunged in those Miseries and the Company's Affairs
exposed to those Difficulties and Dangers, which require
every effort for their Speedy Extrication. You forwarded us
by Such Refusal from making the proper Employment
we had mentioned to you, of the Interval which preceded
the Junction of Monsieur de Bussy with Tippoo Saheb,
in Order to detach the latter from an Alliance with the
former, that forbade Mischief to the Company, and
without which and the Resources if Yielded to the French
force's the latter must have Yielded to our Superiority,
and their hopes of Power on this Continent be utterly extin-
guished From the utmost Efforts of Such an Alliance, We
have in the first instance been preserved by the bold and
successful Invasion of Tippoos Dominion by General
Matthews to recover which Tippoos Sudden March to Bednore
is supposed by him to have alone interrupted that Intercourse
which however was prohibited besides by your Commands
The Peace in Europe has suspended in the second instance the
Hostile Effects of Such an Alliance. On the Occasion of the
Steps which that peace Required to be taken by us, we find
Likewise by a Letter which we had the Honor to Receive from
you on the 2d. instant, but which is dated the 30th of
August.

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14 August that our Management has appeared to you unwarrantable and disgraceful, and opened an ample field for Censure and Reproach In this attack upon our Conduct, you must have thought Yourselves more usually Secure from any Contradiction In Animadverting on our former Intercourses with Tippoo. Your Act not, in Express Terms accuse our Management of the want of Dignity or Address. Satisfying it Sufficiently to be understood, by observing that from the Specimen we gave of both, it was would not think it proper to give us Plenary Powers. In the present instance our Demand appears not merely by implication, It is absolute and unqualified; It might be within Possibility That our former Conduct was warrantable and without Disgrace, or, if faulty it must have been in a less Proportion. But the present accusation leaves The management so condemned consists, it Seems, in having proposed a Cessation of Hostilities to Tippoo Sahib in Conjunction with Monsieur de Bussy, which is at once declared to be both impolitic and disgraceful; and it is added that it could not be supposed to be enjoined by the Preliminary Treaty, by the 16th Article of which, it rests upon Say, with Monsieur Bussy only, to have

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invited Tippoo as the Ally of France to accede to the in-
Pacification By that Article of the Preliminaries it is
Stipulated by the Contracting Parties that their Respective
Allies shall be invited to accede to the Pacification According
to our humble Comprehension of the force of words, and still
of Negociations and of Treaties, an Invitation implies in
him who makes it, a Power over what he offers which he
might have with Rule, and which may be accomplished
with the Concurrence of him to whom the Offer is thus
made Monsieur de Bussy only inviting Tippoo to a Peace
might invite him to that which he could not give. The
Preliminary Article Meant that the Respective Allies of
the Contracting Parties Should have the Option of being
at Peace, but that option must depend on those with
whom they were at War, and the Invitation was therefore
a Declaration that they might cease to be so But Still
you Say to make it in conjunction with Monsr. de Bussy.
was at once both impolitic and Disgraceful The invitation
was not indeed the act of our Commissioners, and Monsieur
de Bussy jointly, but of our Commissioners only. It
was made with the knowledge and in the presence of
Monsieur De Bussy. It was necessary to do so, and was
not therefore impolitic or Disgraceful, Monsieur De
Bussy's assistance was not Stipulated to be with Drawn

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from his ally incase of his persisting in the war, until
after the expiration of four Months after such invitation.
depended on ~~on~~ Monsieur Bussy only, he never make
the invitation, and he might continue forever his
Assistance of our Invation unless he had Notice, he
was not bound by the Consequence, but, made thro' his
Medium he found himself bound to seperate immediately
the Troops of his Master from those of his Ally These
Considerations were indeed so Obvious that we can
Claim but little merit in anticipating on this occasion
the wishes of our Employers, who in their Instructions
to us as Settled with Administration, direct this &
Invitation to be made as speedily as possible, and &
declare that they apprehend that the Communication
to be made of the Terms of the Preleminaries, may be
best done in concert with the French Commander. To
Calm however your Alarms as to
falling into the Hands of Monsieur Bussy, it will be
Sufficient to observe to you our Determination, as &
Dulard at an Early Period of this Basings, that the
Indisposition of Monsieur de Bussy could not extend
beyond the Conveyance of the invitation from from us to
his ally, to accede to the Invitation, and his good Offices
to dispose him to it as Stipulated by the Treaty made

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in Europe, but that any particular Arrangements between the English Government and Tippoo for their Mutual Benefit and Security would be better discussed, and brought to a more Speedy and amicable Termination without the Interference of any foreign Power or Interest whatsoever Monsieur Bussy thus is not Suffered to be the umpire between us and Tippoo, and it is not likely that he dictated to the latter his proposal for a Strict Alliance with the English. That Proposal and Tippoo's last letter to us of which we have the honor to transmit to you a Copy, will likewise be Sufficient to Satisfy You that he has not mistaken the nature of our Invitation to him, that he has not presumed upon our weakness that he has not assumed a Degree of Consequence to which his father never pretended in the height of his Prosperity; that he had conceived no notion of dictating the Terms of a Treaty; that he had not presumed a qualified admission on our Part of his Demands, that he meant not to Require us implicitly to affix our Seals and Signatures to them; that he had left Something for Negociation and had deputed his most Confidential Minister to Negociate, and that Such a Deputation, and Such an Intercourse was indignified only in the Same Degree that the Invitation to him was unwarrantable and Disgraceful. You. You Seem indeed to Condemn our

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Proposal for an immediate Cessation of Hostilities,
tho' the only Power Tipoo chose to give us, is to
treat for a Cessation of Hostilities on the part of
Our Forces while those of the Enemy remained at
Liberty to continue their operations against us, tho
in fact the Orders of our Commissioners expressly
were conditional on the Non-proval Cessation of
Hostilities by the Enemy, and tho they formerly Ness=
=ted at Cuddalore the Solicitations of Monsieur
de Bussy and Monsieur De Suffrein for a Cessation
of Hostilities against Tippoo on the part of the
Carnatic Army, which had been employed against
the French, until such Cessation should be known
to have actually commenced on the Part of Tippoo.
To prove the ill Policy of our Proposal of a Cessation
of Hostilities, you ask if it is probable, had Tippoo
been in Expectation of Speedily Reducing Mangalore
when that Proposal reached him, that he would
suspended his Operations against it? The last
however is, that he was in expectation of Speedily
reducing it when that Proposal reached him, that
the Ditch was Ready to be filled up, and a
Breach already made at that time, and yet that
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he did suspend his operation against it The fact is
also that his Orders for a Cessation of Hostilities were
not confined to those Places, where the superiority of his
forces must have yielded to our Arms, but has extended
wherever he has Troops You appear indeed to have adopted
the Minute on those Subjects of the late Commander in
Chief of the forces on this Coast You think it contains
many Sound and Corroborating Arguments which would
if you wanted any others confirm You in Your Sentiments
You do not seem to have recollected how often already
Major General Stuart had led your Board astray in the
false information or false Opinion that he gave You
particularly Relative to the Guntoor Circar to Chulcham Jung
&c. &c. the Demolition of Negapatam But whatever
Error You may have been led, You must there perceive
that our Conduct has been Conformable to the Principles,
Instructions and Interest of our Employers that we
carried the Enemy at an early Period of this Advantage
in Making a Speedy Peace; that we afterwards when
Commanded did invite him to Peace; but at no time, or in
any fair Construction, did we Solicit him to Peace;
and Consequently that our Mode of proceeding could not
have afforded, as you appear on the Supposition of our

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Solicitation to the Enemy any Chance of obtaining
a Reimbursement for the Expences of the War; for
ever marking wherein besides the Subject of a Serious
Proposal, I can express at present your Astonishment,
tho' you equally expressed your Surprize when we
proposed a Peace with Tippoo without such Reimburse-
ment, at a moment when the Existence of a war
with France made it an immediate object of ours
to detach him from an alliance with that Power.
For the Purpose of obtaining so critical an advantage,
I am consulted You on the propriety of waiving so much
of the Cause for the Restoration of the Countries as
related to the Small Forts or Districts of Cuddapah
and Palygaudy, or other small Forts or Districts of little
value or importance, least Convenient to, and bordering upon
the Dominions of Tippoo, in case of Treaty could
not otherwise be concluded with him. This Request
for your Advice was made in February; it was
expressly applicable to the State of Things then
actually existing, to the Interval to elapse before
the Arrival of Monsieur Bussy on this Continent,
and for preventing an Union between them and our Indian
Enemy; it was while the War was still raging here
with our European Enemies; it was applicable to the

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14 Scenes of Difficulty than Subsisting, and the prospects of impending Danger. In the Month of March you rejected this, and every other Idea of Treaty on our Party Now in a letter from you dated the 30th August after the Peace in Europe had materially changed the aspect of Affairs in India to our Advantage and Security, after we had announced those Conditions to the Parties, and were proceeding to the Execution of them, you chuse to make observations to us on a question which would alter those Conditions, as if such an alteration could be now in our Contemplation. Your quotation from our former application is placed after your Mention of Tippoo's late Answer to our Invitation to accede to the Pacification Made in Europe as if the Subject of such quotation resorted forward to the present Negociation, called for your Precautionary Observations on the occasion which either are not Necessary Now, or were more Necessary when the Matter was in Agitation. The Size and Value of the Ports or Districts of Podicota or Colypady which are scarcely to be found in the Map, ceases now to be an Object of our Consideration. The Public can no longer be affected by the nature of the Epithets applied to those places, or by the Result of a Comparison of their Value to that of the Northern Circars and the Southern Province of Tinnevelly, proposed by your Board to be given merely

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14 for assistance against our Indian Enemy, when as yet
there was no European Enemy on the Continent. But
the application of your present Reasoning to other
Subjects may be Prejudicial to the Public. The Argu=
=ment drawn from your late Discovery of a Double
Edge in the Epithets applied to Bidiata and Poly=
=gudy appeared too acute to resist the temptation of
urging it tho' the Occasion of it was no more. It
may as reasonably and with equal Soundness of
Judgement be urged in other Matters, where also
a Double Edge may be discovered. If you inform us
that Posts of little Value or Importance must be
equally so to both Parties; that Pippoo should be
therefore as indifferent in Requiring, as we in ceding
them. If a Treaty could not otherwise be concluded
with him; it proves them you say not to be Districts
of little Value or Importance That if they border
upon his Dominions, they equally border upon
ours, and are equally Convenient to either; and that
the Argument would apply with equal Strength or
after they were Added to the next small Districts
of little Value and importance, and so an ad In=
=finitum. If your Argument would indeed apply with
equal Strength against every possible Transaction

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amongst Mankind. What is an Object with one man to demand ought equally to be an object with another to Retain But the objects Passions, Situations and Wants of Men do differ essentially from Each other and vary the Value of what is between them To Tippoo Saheb coming lately to the Throne and succeeding to a Men who entertained vast projects no less as you have observed them the Dominion of the whole Carnatic, it might have appeared dishonorable to have Retired from it at once on his Fathers death, & without being able to Retain the smallest part of his Fathers late Conquests It was an Object with his Father in the last War to Retain Canoor, which must in your estimation be of little Value, as together with the Countries of Dindigul, Avracourchy and Dorapooram, and the Province of Cumbam, you believe the whole to be of no material Value yet Neither did Hyder invade the Carnatic thro' the Country of Canoor, nor did he find any difficulty in invading it without having either Podicota or Polipady. It would be indeed a prudrile and might be a mischievous

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rule to follow, to suffer your Estimation of your
Own posession to depend upon and Vacillate with
their Estimation by other Men. The Edge might here
be turned towards you in observing that if Poducotah
and Palepady were of Value and Importance to the
Company, you must have known their Value and
Importance, and Should have measured thereby the
advantages, Such a Sacrifice would acquire, and if
they were not of value or Importance to the Company
the Tranquility of the rest of the Company's Possession,
and the Security of its Commerce Should not have been
left at Risque for the purpose of Retaining Them. In
the Arrangements of Peace the Respective Means of
Continuing the War do not fail to operate upon the
Minds of the Parties in their disposition to make
Cession or demands. The Rigid Rule or Specious difficulty
of a double Edge, does not prevent a political Balance
to be Struck with tolerable Exactness by Sensible
Negociation It did not prevent you from ceding to
the Marattas many districts, least they Should from
the Same Argument Require more districts, and so
on ad Infinitum. We hope that you will not in
pursuit of the Same reasoning which bears indeed

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14 resemblance to Scholastic arguments, than to the Business and experience of Life, be inclined to think, that if it be of importance to Tippoo to continue the War against us; it must be of the same importance to us to continue the War against him. We are not to imbibe the Possions, or be regulated by the Pursuits of Indian Princes; but to consult and promote the welfare of our Employers on the Principles in which they consider that welfare to Consist, and upon this Ground We revert to the request we have made you in the Beginning of this Letter to authorize us to execute that Convention with Tippoo, upon which much of that Welfare May depend.—

We are in anxious expectation of the arrival of his Majesty's Frigate the Crocodile from your Presidency, in the Confidence that you will have at length attended to the Representation of our distresses, and that you will have taken that Opportunity to Make Remittances for our Relief.—

We have the honor to be with great respect.

Gentlemen

Your Most obedient and Most Humble Servants

(Signed) Macartney &c.

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Dispatched the following Letters

To Mr. Acheson Maxwell

Sir

To Mr. Acheson Maxwell
with the Packets for the
Court of Directors to go
by the Fortitude

I am directed by the Right Honble the Presidt
and Select Committee to deliver to your Charge the
accompanying three Boxes containing the Dispatches
for the Honble the Court of Directors, and the Privat
Letters to be forwarded to England by the Fortitude
Packet; I am further directed to request Your Attention
to the disposal of the Packet in the manner Specified
in the annexed List of their Marks and Contents and the
You will be pleased to acknowledge the Receipt thereof

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.

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To Daniel Corneille Esqr.
Governor &c. Council of St. Helena

Honble Sir and Sirs

We have the Honor to inform You
that having been under the Necessity of Removing
Major General Stuart from this Settlement he
proceeds to England in the Fortitude Packet.

In our Instructions to the Commander
Captain

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14 Captain Lawrence Bowden he is desired not to touch any
where When on his passage but it is possible that accident may
oblige him to put into St Helena in which case we
doubt not that you will Shew General Stuart the
attention due to his Rank but we are to request that you
will not permit him to continue at St Helena nor to
Embark on any Ship that may be bound from thence for
India.

We have the honor to be &c.

/Signed/ Macartney &c.
Select Committee

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To Captain Bowden
Commanding the Honble Company's Packet
Fortitude

To Capt. Bowden of the Fortitude, to get under weigh immediately on Mr. Maxwell's going on board.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will on Mr. Maxwell's arrival on board of the Fortitude with the Packets for the Honble the Court of Directors immediately weigh another, and proceed on your Voyage Agreeably to the Instructions which you yesterday received from the Select Committee

I am Sir
your &c.
/Signed/ John Huddleston
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To Peter Mitchell Esqr.

Secretary to the Honble the Court of Directors

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you Copy of the Instructions to Captain Borodell Commanding the Honble Company's Packet the Fortitude, as likewise an Acknowledgment from Mr. Atherson Maxwell of the Receipt of the Dispatches from this Presidency which have been entrusted to his Care

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed)

To Mr. P. Mitchell. Secty to the Court of Directors with the Instructions to Captain Borodell and Receipt for the Packet—

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The Right Honble President

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14 his Minute of the 6th. October than literally carrying
the Instructions of the Court of Directors into effect, by
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restoring reciprocally the places and Districts taken
during the War - and renewing back; and delivering the
prisoners respectively willing to Return to their Service

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"and Countries of Canoor - Dindegull - Auracounchy - and
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"Province of Cummum, which have all been taken by

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To Peter Michell Esqr

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14 "your Forces, you can obtain the Release of our Prisoners
"who are in his hands, we shall think it a Most deserv-
"Accomodation" ____ and again- We mean only to
"invest you with Powers to Treat for a Cessation of
"Hostilities or for the Release of our Prisoners or both
For these Reasons, and because the Letter
from the Secret Committee of the India House of
the 30th April 1782 to the Select Committee of
Fort St George. ____ And the Seperate circular Letter by
the Crocodile from the Court of Directors of the 6th
March 1783 to the Respective Select Committees in
India are so particular and Special in their Instruc-
tions, I have no difficulty in Subscribing to the
Presidents Minute of the 6th Octobr- And to the
Articles drawn out by him of the Same Date.
(Signed) Alexander Davidson

Minute of the President for Committee
14th October 1783.

The President has the Satisfaction to
observe that the Principles on which Mr. Sadleir
consider that the Conferences for Peace should be
carried

The President Minute on the principles consid- ered by Mr. Sadleir as proper to influence the conferences held with Tippoo Vakeels on the Subject of Peace

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on with Tippoo's Vackeels are precisely those which have been adopted in those Conferences, as far as Relates to the Treaty of Peace made in Europe, and the Treaty with the Invanattas both Treaties were actually laid before those Vackeels as the basis of future Negotiations they could not indeed be precisely called upon to fulfil the Engagements made for Tippoo in the latter, because the Period in which they were to be fulfilled already had elapsed; but his Vackeels were made to observe the Obligation which the Marattas had laid themselves under to the Company to compel him to an entire Evacuation of the Carnatic; that his Continuance in it beyond a Stipulated Period, called upon their faith and furnished them with an Opportunity, to turn against him those Arms which have been so often formidable, and might Strip him of his most valuable Possessions; that in consequence of that Treaty the Company was indeed doubly entitled to the Carnatic, having in order to insure it by their Sacrifices to the Marattas in that Treaty, purchased in fact what they had already at a former Period conquered at an immense

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14 immence Expence of Blood and Treasure.

The President laying the Result of the Conferences

with Tippoo's Vackeels before the Committee, avoided the

Parade of relating the Means which led to it, but Mr.

Sadlier might have only been satisfied that Neither

the Mosatta Treaty, or any other proper Means had

been neglected; and he appears to have confidence in the

management to which it was entrusted. Mr. Sadlier

in thinking that this Presidency of Fort St George is

not empowered to enter into any Stipulations concerning

the Disposal of Hy at Beg, exactly coincides with

the answer as proposed by the President, which declines

all such Stipulations concerning him, or those who

have taken refuge in Tellicherry. Mr. Sadlier is also

no Doubt right in his Desire of a Treaty of Commerce

upon the Grounds of mutual Convenience with Tippoo

but Restricted as this Presidency is by the Instructions

of the Governor General and Council of Bengal to which

Master Sadlier appeals, it is enough to have Ventured

for the present on proposing that Argument which

appears essential towards a permanent Peace.

Signed / a Macartney

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Recvd the following Letters.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Having received your Orders,

From Major Sydenham giving a particular account of the manner in which General Stuart was taken on board the Fortitude.

thro' Mr. Secretary Hudleston yesterday, to wait upon
"Major General Stuart and inform him that the Fortitude
"Packet being perfectly equipped, and Ready to Sail
"the Select Committee desired he would Immediately
"embarke for England in the Sail Packet agreeably to
"the Notice given him on the 10th Instant and civ
"Several Letters before that period, and that if General
"Stewart Should Absolutely refuse to embark, and Should
"persist the Orders of the
"purpose, I was, in such Case only, to have Recourse
"to Coercive Measures, to Convey him, or Cause him
to be Conveyed on board the Fortitude Packet," I have
the Honor to acquaint your Lordships &c. that I ac-
=cordingly waited on Major General Stuart and communica
to him the first part of these Orders in the express Words

14 beforementioned, telling him at the Same time that I had
them in writing to which he Replied that they were the
first written Orders he had heard of Since his Confinment,
that he was totally unprepared for a Removal from
his present Situation, and that if he was to go on
board Ship it must be by Force and under a guard of
Sipoys with fixed Bayonets. - I requested to know if this
was his firme, and positive Determination, and being
answered in the Affermative, I told him that in such
Case, I was empowered to employ Coercive Means, but
that I had Received Strict Injunctions at the same
time, to do it with every possible Respect towards him
and therefore I beg'd he would pack up his Papers,
and every thing of Consequence and that I should wait
with great pleasure until it was done - He answered
that his Affairs were in the utmost Confusion and
Disorder, his Servants unpaid, that he wanted his
Attorney, Here desired Mr. Balfour to be sent for, and
that in an Hour he would be better prepared - But
Seeing that I was not authorized to grant him so long
a time He Said that I might if I pleased take him

14 away that Instant. Still keeping in Mind that the
Select Committee Intended that I should proceed proceed
in the execution of their Orders with great Delicacy &
Tenderness, I sent Lieutenant Gomand, Fort Adjutant
to the Right Honble the President to mention to him
the Time Major General Stuart had required to
enable him to pay his Servants &c. before his
Departure. Mr. Gomand Returned and Acquainted me
that the General might be allowed half an Hour for
the above purpose, which including the Time he was
absent, would be equal to what he had at first asked.
Upon going again into the Generals Room to Commu-
=nicate this Permission to him, I found him Ready
dressed in his Uniform, an Portmore and Bag, (apparently
Containing Papers) lying on the Table before him. He
told me, that he was as ready Than as he Should be
in Ten Hours, that Indeed he had got Some Baggage
prepared (perceiving that I looked at it as it was arranged
on the Terrace North of the Room) upon an Idea that
he might go Some where, and he Repeated that nothing
but absolute Force by Sepoys with Musquects Should
make

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make him Embark — When I found that he
would not go on any other terms, I directed Captain
Durand (the Officer on Duty) to Call in two Sergeants
who I had prepared in Case I should be obliged to
employ Compulsion. At the Same time the General
Sent for Messrs Close and Smart his late Staff Officers
and Mr. Balfour his Attorney, with whom he had
Some previous Conversation on the Subject of his
private Affairs, and the Sergeants entering, with
Captain Durand Immediately afterwards, he Said,
"But I do not See their arms" - and then turning
to me added - "They must have their Arms", having
then only their Swords by their Sides. I was deter-
mined to proceed Step by Step in the Business and
to Regulate my Conduct by the Disposition of the
General. He then took the Names of the Sergeants,
and Said to them, "My Lads go for your Arms" -
From these Circumstances and the Generals Repeated
Declarations that Force Must be employed against
him or the Manner beforementioned I saw that
nothing but Men with Arms could effect his

14 Removal and therefore went out, and Soon Returned with
four Sepoys with their Firelocks, upon which the General
Observed that they must lay hold of them, which two
of them did very gently, one at each Arm, He then
Rose, and Desiring the Gentlemen Standing Round to
take Notice that he was Carried away by Force, and
Contrary to his Will, went on his Crutches to the head
of the Stairs from whence he was Carried in a Chair
by his own Servants to his Plankeen. - It may be
necessary to remark, that once or twice as he was
going down, he said "the Sepoys must keep hold of
my Arms," When he got to the Palanqueen, he desired
the Pingeree (or Cover) to be taken off, and then getting
into it, he again Said. "The Sepoys must keep Close
to me" and Called to them, and the Serjeant to do
So, - In this Manner he proceeded to the Beach, and
being arrived there he Called upon the Gentlemen who
were Standing by to take Notice that he left this
Settlement against his Inclination, and by Force,
he was then Lifted into the Accomodation Boat,
and was attended on board by Lieutenant Gomand the

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14 the Fort Adjutant Captain Gee Officer on Duty
and Lieutenants Close and Smart, but there were no
armed Men in the Boat.

A party of Sepoys followed in other Boats
for the purpose of remaining on board the Ships
while in the Roads - The General on entering the
accomodation Boat, beg'd I would pay attention to
his Baggage which I did accordingly, and had it
all embarked Soon after him, It Consisted of about
59 Packages of different kinds

The above My Lord and Gentlemen is a
faithful Relation of every thing that passed and I
trust it will appear, that when I was Reduced by
the Generals Repeated Mandate to embark Voluntarily
to the necessity of employing Compulsion, I did it with
the utmost Moderation, Delicacy and Respect, for the
truth of which I appeal not only to the Gentlemen
and others who were present but to the General himself
who Cannot Refuse to do me this Justice

I have the honor to be &c.

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14 Octo. 1783

Signed Wm Sydenham
Town Major

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To John Hudleston Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

From the Committee of Stores, enclosing their Minutes and the General Indent for Stores for 1784 —

The Committee of Stores Request you will be so good as to lay before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee their Proceedings of the 25th. Instant, together with the General Indent for Stores &c. for the Year 1784.

I am Sir
your &c.
/Signed/ Cornish Gambier
Clerk Committee Stores

Fort St. George
26th. Sept. 1783.

Fort St. George 25th. September 1783.

At a Committee of Stores, Present

Lieutenant Colo. Patrick Ross,
Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy. Absent.
Bryan Scottney Esqr.

The Committee
take into consideration the
General Indent for Stores
&c to be sent to Europe,
and

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and agree that the Same be laid before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to gether with the following remarks on the Stores Received, Viz.t

15 of the 20 Hair Sieves brought out in the True Briton, are found unfit for Service, owing to their having been improperly packed.

They therefore Recommend that in future the Bottoms may be packed up Separate from the Hoops, and disposed of in a dry part of the Ships.

The Flints Sent out this season prove bad, not a third part of them prime.

and

approved — to be recommended in the next Letter. M

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And the Musket Pouches

Sent out for the last two

Years are deficient in

Bayonet Belts without

which they are not consi=

=dered Compleat for the

Soldiers wear.—

Read Letter from

Mr. Deputy Secretary

Kingscote inclosing an

Indent of Stores wanted

for immediate use for

Supplying the Troops

in the Field to the South=

=ward, and for the Gar=

=rison of Trichenopoly,

And another from Mr.

Secretary Hudleston with

an Indent of Stores wanted

for the Garrison of Madura.—

And likewise one from —

Poonamallee The Committee

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proceed to take them into

Consideration, and Agreed that

they be Complied with, &c.

Agreeable to the Commissary's

Remarks

The Commissary of

Stores delivers in a List

of Ordnance and Military

Stores Received from Cuddalore

by Sea from the 30th. of

June, to the 2d. of Septemr.

which it was not possible

for him to have Carried

to sea, the Ships Mooreton's

Rigging being so old that

the heavy Ordnance would

not be hoisted out until a

new Set was put up.

Agreed to lay the Same

before the Right Honble

the President and Select &

Committee, and to Recommend

that

Stores for Madura to be

sent to Tondy & the Country

boats.

To be sent in the Latham

the Stores for Trichinopoly

& Southern Army.

Agreed the Coromandell

Lord Sandwich to be sent the two

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It that the unserviceable part of these Stores in the accompanying List, be disposed of at Outcry, and Carried to their Credit, agreeable to the Orders of the Company, and that they will be pleased to instruct us, in what manner the unserviceable Kings Stores, as per accompanying List Should be disposed of, that the Room they now occupy, may be appropriated for the reception of Stores of greater consequence. —

The Committee proceed to examine 4 Ammunition Tumbrils received from the Contractors Yard, which they find finished according to the Master, and agree that they be received into the Company's Stores. —

[Signed] Patrick Ross
" Brian Scottney

2d. The Lift of the Stores unserviceable, Stores of the Hanoverians, being the Company's property by the Capitulation made with them, Should be sold for the Company's as agreeably to their Order. —

The unserviceable Stores of the 98th & 73d Regiment to be Kept till called for by their Respective Commanding Officers The Nature of these Stores is explain'd in the annexed Letter from the Commanding Officer of the 98th Regt Major Campbell. — It

approved. —

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List of Ordnance and Military Stores removed by Sea from Cuddalore from the 30th of June to the 9th of September 1783.

			Sable	Sable	Sable	Sable
Iron Guns	24 Pdr.				6	6
	18 D:				4	4
Brass Guns	12 Pdr.				1	1
Brass Mortars	8 Inch				4	4
	5½ D:				6	6
Field Carriages	24 Pdr.				5	5
	18 D:				4	4
	6 D:				1	1
Trail Carriages	24 Pdr.				3	3
	18 D:				1	1
Transporting Carriages					2	2
Beds for Mortars	8 Inch				5	5
	5½ D:				7	7
Limbers	24 Pdr.				5	2 7
	18 D:				4	4
	12 D:				2	2
	6 D:				1	1
Iron Round Shot	24 Pdr.				5702	5702
	18 D:				5000	5000
	12 D:				2361	2361
	12 D: French				300	300
Empty Shells	8 Inch				1228	1228
	5½ D:				2384	2384
	Hand Grenades				911	911
Quilted Grape Shot	24 Pdr.				127	127
	18 Pdr.				75	75

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			Stable	Field	Artillie	Total
Empty Cloth Cartridge Bags						
	24 Pdr.		4750	"	23	4773
	18 Do.		3350	"	286	3636
	12 Do.		400	"	2	402
Tin Tubes filled	24 Pdr.		1300	"	"	1300
Copper Tubes Empty	18 Dr.		1100	"	"	1100
Fixed Fuzes		8 Inch	1600	"	"	1600
		5½ Do.	2800	"	"	2800
Wooden Drivers		8 Inch	9	"	"	9
		5½ Do.	7	"	"	7
		for Hand Grenades	4	"	"	4
Wooden Setters		8 Inch	25	"	"	25
		5½ Do.	50	"	"	50
		for Hand Grenades	10	"	"	10
Quick Match			100	"	"	100
Gunpowder Bengal 100 ℔ Barrels			467	"	139	606
Madras 60 ℔ Do.			4	"	2	6
			℔	"	180	180
Meald Powder						
Musket Shotted Cartridges			45979	"	"	45979
Musket leaden Balls			4867	"	"	4867
Empty Musket Barrels			50	"	"	50
Empty Kegs			24	"	"	24
Gin Compleat			1	"	"	1
Blinds			18	"	"	18
Mantlets			4	"	"	4
Frontlets	24 Pr.		4	2	"	6
	18 Dr.		2	"	"	2

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			Sable	Rupees	Arcot	Sal.
Spunges with Ramheads						
	24 Pdr.		25	"	2	9/
	18 Do.		12	"	"	12
Spunges for Mortars						
	8 Inch		11	"	"	11
	5½ Do.		10	"	2	1
Ladles w.th Worms	24 Pr.		10	"	"	
	18 Do.		7	"	"	1
Purchasing Handspikes			145	"	"	14 5
Leather Haversacks				37	"	2
Leather Buckets			11	"	8	14
Gun Match Bengal		Sks.	100	"	23	123
Spunyarn		Rolls	12	"	"	12
Oakum		℔	40	"	"	40
Singles Yokes			13	"	1	14
Double Yokes Space			10	"	"	10
Do. With Swivels			271	"	24	295
Bars for doubles Yokes			15	"	"	15
Bullock Collars			6	"	"	6
Rope Collars			7	"	"	
Yoke Pins			172	"	27	17
Sunset	18 Pdr.	Balls	6	"	"	6
Canvas aprons			5	"	"	5
Field Scompions	24 Pdr.		6	"	"	6
	18 Do.		5	"	"	5
	8 Inch		4	"	"	4
	5½ Do.		6	"	"	6

tarpaulins

4500 lb.

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	Sizable	Small	Under	Total
Sanspaulins Large	16.	6.	18.	40
Small	9	"	1	10
Spunge Staves	46.	"	"	46.
Gun Wedges Upper	27.	"	"	27
Under 2	18	"	5	23.
Mortar Wedges 8 Inch Upper	11	"	"	11
Do Under	7	"	"	7
Do 5½ Inch Upper	15	"	"	15
Do Under	8	"	1	9
Linstocks	"	7	"	7
Powder Horns	12.	"	"	12
Buff Slings for Do	12	"	"	12
Brass Common Quadrants	1	"	"	1
Copper Funnel	2	"	"	2
Pioneer Tools				
Mamoties	602	32		991
Do Bengal	351	"	6	
Billhooks	58.	"	"	58
Hand Hatchets	25	"	"	25
Broad Axes	9	"	"	9
Felling Axes	27.	"	"	27
Pick Axes Bengal	7	"	"	7
Do French Small	622	"	"	622
Helves for Axes Bengal	31	"	1	148
Do Country	116	"	"	
Handles for Mamoties	663.	"	"	663.

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		Sett	Sick	Hosp.	Total
Iron Crows		52	"	"	52
Sap hooks with Staves		21	"	"	21
Spades English		81	21	19	121
French fixed to handles		28	"	"	28
Shovels English		107		16	123
French fixed to handles		59	"	"	59
Wooden Shod with Iron		6	"	4	10
Sand Bags Dungaree Small		420	145	18	583
Do Gunny Large		800	"	34	834
Do Gunny Small		715	"	54	769
Baskets of Ittehay		2509	"	1012	3521
Musket Cartridge Paper	2 Rs	500	"	800	1300
Tents Marquee Sleeping		1	"	"	1
Do Oblong		1	"	1	2
Do Common		9	1	"	10
Private		4	1	"	5
Bell		48	41	1	90
Fly for Common Marquees		"	1	1	2
Inner for Do Do		"	"	2	2
Wall for Do Do		1	2	1	4
Poles for Sleeping Tents	Set	"	1	"	1
Do for Oblong Do	Do	"	2	"	2
Do for Common Do	Do	"	12	"	12
Do for Private Do	Do	"	5	"	5
Do for Bell Do	Do	"	50	"	50

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	In Fort	Out Forts	Gun Boats	Total
Flint Guns	2000	"	"	2000
Flint Mallets	50	"	"	50
Muskets with Bayonets	"	45	"	45
Muskets	"	41	13	54
Bayonets Spare	"	"	4	4
Carbins with Bayonets	"	16	"	16
Carbine without Do	"	2	"	2
Ribs Carbine with Bibs	"	3	"	3
rs/ Buff Bandelies with Swivels	100	"	"	100
Buff Shoulder Belts	300	"	35	335
Shoulder Belts Country	1000	"	40	1040
Bengal Cartridge Pouches	700	"	"	700
Country Do Do	"	"	120	120
Cartridge Pouches Single	"	"	40	40
Scabbards for Troopers Swords	300	"	"	300
Bayonet Scabbards Europe	1400	"	"	1400
Leather Slings Europe	1000	"	"	1000
Saddles	"	"	131	131
Troopers	"	"	20	20
Buckets for Carbins	"	"	26	26
Plates Breast Plates	112	"	"	112
Holster Pipes Prs	"	"	10	10
Padds	"	"	10	10
Gunny Carriage Bags for Powder Barrels	130	"	25	155
Do Do for Shot	113	"	92	205
Tar Barrels half a Barrels	1	"	"	1
Empty Tar Barrels	2	"	"	2
3/4 Barrels	1	"	"	1
Grease 1/4 Do	1	"	"	1

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		Sable	Rifles	Cavalry	Total
Bengall Twine	Lbs.	58.	"	10.	68
Europe Twine	Do.	16.	"	"	16
Wax Cloth	Pieces	25.	"	25	50
White Cloth	Do.	254	"	76.	330
Europe Rope	Coils	"	"	5.	5
Europe Junk	Lt	9¾	"	"	9¾

Ordnance &c. captured from the Enemy

Iron Guns 16 Pr.		2
9 Do.		9
5 Do.		1
4½ Do.		2
Brass Guns 9 Pr.		
4½ Do.		
3 Do.		
2½ Do.		
Gun Carriages of Stores		1
Limbers of Sorts		
Carriages without Wheels		2
Wheels for Carriages		1
Ammunition Tumbrils		
Tumbril Body		2

NB English Carriages deficient of

Washers		1
Linch Pins		4
Cap Square	8 Inch	1

(Signed) W. Bedford Comm

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List of Unserviceable Military Stores received from His Majestys Regts

98th Regiment to be kept in Store.

Cartridge Pouches	248
Wooden Cartridge Boxes	575
Bayonet Scabbards	169

15th Hanoverian Regiment

Cartridge Pouches	74
Buff Shoulder Belts	59
Buff Slings	240
Bayonet Scabbards	200
Wooden Cartridge Boxes	487
Leather Slings	59

16 Hanoverian Regiment

Cartridge Pouches	774
Leather Shoulder Belts	74
Bayonet Scabbards	134
Leather Slings	308

73d Regiment

Cartridge Pouches	23
Cartridge Boxes	55
Leather Slings	20
Bayonet Scabbards	95

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William George Wasey Esqr.

Sir

I was favored with yours of the 11th

From Genl. Lang
Returns Col. Horne's
Letter which he has
perused.

late in the Night. I am much Obliged to the
Right Honble the President for the perusal of Col.
Horne's Letter, which I now Return you.

I am Your &c.
(Signed) Rols Lang

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to transmit

From Mr. Hippesley
forwards a packet
from Mangalore
containing the
articles of a Capitulation
of arms which he
has communicated
to Col: Fullarton.

to your Lordship &c. the accompanying Express
Dispatch, which arrived this Morning from Tellicherry
Concerning Myself as Virtually authorized
by the Instructions of your Lordship &c. to Mr.
Sullivan, I have taken the Liberty to break the Seal
of the packet, and judging it expedient that Colonel
Fullarton should be possessed of the earliest Official
Accounts of an Actual Cessation of Hostilities on
the Malabar Coast and tenor of the Articles, under
which it had taken place, I have ventured to

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Communicate to the Colonel, Copy of those Articles, in the Hope that I shall find my justification with your Lordship and the Honorable Board.

On the 2d Instant, I have the honor to transmit, viâ Negapatam a Dispatch From Col. Fullarton addressed to your Lordship &c. Duplicate of which I forwarded Express by his Excellency the Rajah's Tappal.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect &c.

Tanjore 4th October 1783.

(Signed) J. Coxe Hippisley

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Major Bruce intends joining Col. Fullartons army & leaving Captain Patterson in the Command of Tremenopoly.

Colonel Fullarton having Communicated to me a letter from your Lordship &c. permitting him to call me to the Field Should he think it necessary, and as he has liberty expressed his wishes those I should joyn him, by the true he arrives at Dindigull and it appearing that it is your Lordship and pleasure that I should do so. I shall proceed to joyn Col. Fullarton without loss of time being the Command, in My, in my

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11th absence to Captain Patterson a very able and excellent officer

I am My Lord and Gentlemen,
with the greatest Respect
&c.
Signed Tho Bruce

Seethenopoly 24th Sept. 1783.

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

My Lord

From Genl. Burgoyne representing the bad condition of the Quarters at the Luz.

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship that I have received a Letter from Major Campbell Commanding his Majestys 98th Regiment at the Luz, representing to me that the quarters occupied by that Regiment are so much exposed to the weather that he is of opinion during the approaching Monsoon the Troops will feel the bad Effects of it, also that a small expence will make most of the places now occupied Water proof and Commodious.

I should Report to your Lordship the arrival of the Grenadier Company of the 102d Regiment if I did not know the Officer Commanding it had already done so.

I am My Lord
Your &c
Signed J. Burgoyne
Genl. & Comm. in Chief of his Majestys forces in India for the time being.

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Dispatched the following Letter -

To Captain Robertson

Commanding the Honble Company's

Ship Latham

Sir

To Captain Robertson to proceed to Negapatam & land the Stores &c for that place & afterwards make the best of his way to Tellicherry -

You are hereby directed to repair on board your Ship and proceed with all expedition to Negapatam at which place you will land the Officers, Soldiers Cloathing and Stores embarked for the South-ward and that you afterwards make the best of your way to Tellicherry where you are to land the Stores and such other Ships as you may have in that place & then proceed for Bombay -

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

(Signed) J. Huddleston Secy

Port St George
14th Octr 1783.

Sent Letter to Mr Cockraine as entered in Miscellany Book No 1 informing him of the quantity of Stores &c Shipped on the Latham for Negapatam -

15th Received the following Letter -

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To John Huddleston Esqr.

Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir

I received your Letter of the 28th ultimo

From Capt. Cuppage will avoid giving the Enemy any pretext for a Complaint of an infraction of the Cessation, has communicated the Committees Orders to Tencatrow.

with the Right Honble the President and Select Committees orders to be carefull in preventing any disturbances in the Villages that are in possession of Tippoo Sultaums people, and to avoid on my part giving the Enemy the smallest pretext of Complaint against the Troops under My Command, which shall be Strictly obeyed.

I have informed Vencatrow that during the Cessation of Hostilities, he is not to molest those parts which are in possession of Tippoo Sultaums people.

I have the Honor to be &c.

Vellore 10th October 1783.

(Signed) John Cuppage

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George.

From Col. Fullarton hopes the exertion of his Army in the Tanjore Country will meet with approbation that the Situation of the Southern Forces rendered the division of the money taken at

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform your Lordship and the Honble Board of my arrival here this day and of my intention to proceed immediately

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At Candalam Country.

to Dindigull

Since My Letter of the third September
respecting the Reduction of Shungherry I have been
using every effort in My Power to forward Mr. Irwins
Exertions for the Companys Interest and for the
advantage of the Province I am happy to find,
My Lord and Gentlemen, that the Movement and
Operations of this Army in the Tinnevelly Country
have been productive of the most Salutary Alte-
rations in the Peace and Security now Restabish-
ing in those Districts — Every large Collection
of Peshcush, will be obtained from the Poligars &
Mr. Irwin has no doubt informed your Lordship
and the Honble Board of the very Considerable
augmentation of Revenue that will arise from the
Farms in Consequence of these operations, which
have also furnished the Means of setting out this
Army for any purpose of Service that you may be
pleased to Order — I therefore am hopefull My Lord
and Gentlemen that the few Weeks which this Army
has passed in the Tinnevelly Country, will not
appear to be Unproductive to the Publick. —

I had the honor to Mention in
My Letter of the 13th August from Pandalamcourchy

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15 that I should take upon Myself to Distribute among
the Troops upon the Spot, the money that Should
be found in the place The Sum Amounted to Some
what More than forty thousand Pagodas (Forty Two)
and was accordingly distributed agreeably to the usua-
-al proportions of Brazemoney (as it may appear regu-
-gular, that any Person in a Military Capacity Should
make a Dividend of Brazemoney, without a Specifick
Order for that purpose from the Power under which
he acts - I think it my Duty to inform your Lordship
and the Honble Board that in the Very Peculiar
Circumstances of the Southern forces I determined to
Expose Myself Personally to any Consequences that
might arise from an irregular Distribution rather
than give rise by a Contrary Conduct to dissatisfaction
among the Troops, that Might have been attended with
Public Evils beyond a Remedy - This as the Principle
of Service on which I have acted and it will be a par-
-ticular Satisfaction to me If your Lordship & the
Honble Board will be pleased to Signify, how far
in the present instance My Conduct is honored with
your Approbation

I am with great Respect &c.

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(Signd) W. Fullarton

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Col. Fullarton intends marching again to Darapooram. Has appointed some of his Staff to the Army which he hopes will be approved will be ready to move in any direction in a few days.

I have the honor to inform your Lordships and the Honble board of my Arrival at this place, and of the Junction of the Force Under My Command on the field, with the Detachments, &c. under Colonels Stuart, Forbes & Elphinston — I Shall proceed with the Army on the 29th for Darapooram in Order to Repossess Ourselves of that Country and to fullfill Such Orders as I have already Received, or as you may be pleased hereafter to transmit to me —

As the different Departments of this Army are so much increased by the Junction of the late Reinforcements I have been Under the Necessity of appointing a Number of Officers to act as Staff, for without Such an Arrangement it would be impossible to do Justice to the Services in our present Situation — At the Same time

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that I should take upon Myself to Distribute among the Troops upon the Spot, the Money that should be found in the place. The Sum Amounted to Some what More than forty thousand Pagodas (Porto Novo) and was accordingly distributed agreeably to the usual proportions of Batta money as it may appear Regular, that any Person in a Military Capacity should make a Dividend of Batta money, without a Specifick Order for that purpose from the Power under which he acts. I think it my Duty to inform your Lordship and the Honble Board that in the Very Peculiar Circumstances of the Southern forces I determined to Expose Myself Personally to any Consequences that might arise from an irregular Distribution rather than give rise by a Contrary Conduct to dissatisfaction among the Troops that Might have been attended with ill Consequences. This is the Principle of Service on which I have acted and it will be a particular Satisfaction to me If your Lordship & the Honble Board will be pleased to Signify, how far in the present instance My Conduct is honored with your Approbation.

I am with great Respect &c.

(Signed) W. Fullarton

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

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My Lord and Gentlemen

From Col. Fullerton intends marching again to Darapooram has appointed some Staff to the Army which he hopes will be approved will be ready to move in any direction on in a few days —

I have the honor to inform your Lordship and the Honble board of my arrival at this place, and of the Junction of the Force Under My Command on the field, with the Detachments, &c under Colonels Stuart, Forbes & Elphinston — I shall proceed with the Army on the 29th for Darapooram in Order to Possess Ourselves of that Country and to fulfill Such Orders as I have already Received, or as you may be pleased hereafter to transmit to me —

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My Lord and Gentlemen Informed the Officers in question, that it was extremely uncertain how for your Lordship and the Honble Board would think proper to Confirm their Appointments so That they Merely act for the Advantage of the present Service Untill your pleasure Shall be known, and I now Enclose an Order of Incampment Compleat With the Different Staff Officers Specified that your Lordship and the Board May judge how far these Appointments are necessary or Superfulious — In a Very few Days the Detachments now at Trichinopoly and on their way from Tennevelly will join with an Ample Supply of Stores and Bullocks so as to Enable me to Move in Any Direction or to any Object, that you may be pleased to Direct. I have the honor to be —

&c.

(Signed) W Sullarton

To John Huddleston Esq.
Military Secretary

Sir

I beg you will do me the favor to Inform

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From Lieut. Dawes
Said Saib complains
of some irregularities
which he will enquire
into & redress.

Inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that I received Altho' from Sede Sibs this Day, in which he Complains to me of Some of the Companys People having gone to, & Plundered 2 Villages belonging to the District of Defsoor, He Says He does not know the Particular People by the Enormity was Committed, Nor does He point out the Villages But Request I will Make the Necessary enquiry in to the Matter — I have In consequence Desired the Aumildar to Send People to gain every in- formation on the Subject, The only mode in my power to Come at a Knowledge of the Busines.—

I have written Side Sibe that I have taken the Necessary Steps towards it, & have sent Hand 60 Rupees Received from the Ausspoor Aumildar, that was plundered from his Horsemen.

Three Men were Cut at Atcheivaick, by Some Horsemen about 6 Days ago and other Irregularities Committed by His People, I have not failed to Mention this to K , and Have beg'd He will make a Strict Enquiry into the Matter, and

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Enumd the Commission of such Acts in future —
Observe He does not Mention a word of the Subject
of the last Complaints Imade to Him. —

I have the honor to be &c.

October 13th A. M. / Signd / Nat. Dawes Lt. Comg.
Parmacoil.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Paymaster at Parmacoil has rcvd 3000 Pags. & wishes to know how it is to be disbursed — applies for leave to Return on Account of extreme ill health and want of conviniues & medical

I have the honor to inclose the Returns of Military Stores Rice &c. Provisions for the last Month and I have this day acknowledged to the Military Paymaster General the Receipt of three thousand Pagodas Sent here for the Charges of this Cloaths I wish the accomplishment of the Pay=ments you intend for the people in this Garrison, I have requested your Commands in my Letter of the 11th Instant, whether I am to begin payments from the time of my coming here (September) or if payments are to be made to the people by me on Account of their Arrears, a Statement of which has

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has been already transmitted: also to be your Intention that pay alone Should be issued (as your Secretary only mention pay) or pay Batta &c Allowances as heretofore paid by the Paymaster of the Army.

I address this from my Bed, to which I have been chiefly confined for fifteen days past, by a Violent Fever and Severe Indisposition, and daily getting worse, without any conveniencies accommodations or even cover from the Inclemency of the Weather and rainy Season, and without hope or encouragement from the Surgeon here of getting better. His Certificate of my Situation, and Recommendation of a Removal I had the Honour to Inclose in my Letter of the 11th Instant: under Such Circumstances, and So totally unequal to the Duties of my employ in my present State, I hope your Lordship &c will be pleased to relieve me from the duties of my Station that I may be enabled to Seek for Some Accommodations against the weather and for proper Medical Assistance.

I have the Honor to be &c

/Signed/ Paul Benfield

Permacoil
13th October 1783.

A Return of Provison Stores in the Garrison of Permacoil from 26th Sept. to 30th 1783.

	Rice Seers	Paddy Seers	Nutchney Seers	Combos Seers	Black Gram Seers	Green Gram Seers	Gingly Oil Seers	Lamp Oil Seers	Ghee Vess.	Salt Mer.	Potts	Sticks of wood
26th September Remain in the Garrison	13114	11248	11348	16	84	288	45.16	183¼	24	120	765	31700
30th September Issued to this Day	2770½	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	"
Remains by Account	10343½	11248	11348	16	84	288	41.16	183¼	24	120	765	31700
Having Measured the Rice in Store being the Remains of 71661¾ Seers Received from the Military Grain keeper to the army find a Deficiency of about 2¾ p. Ct.	2625	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Remains in Store at Present	7718½	11248	11348	16	84	288	41.16	183¼	24	120	765	31700

Post at Killanoor	Rice Seer	Paddy Seer
26th September Remain	1051¼	
28th Do. Received	28	21½
Total	1079¼	21½
30th September Issued to this Day	260½	—
Remain	818¾	21½

When it is considered under what disadvantages Store Rice was Received from the great Hurry, also the very bad godowns to put it in, and the vast Quantity of Vermin of all Kinds to distroy it, and Having had some bags Damaged by the Rains Penetreating into the Gardowns, — added to this The Rice Very foul when received; I hope it may appear, my Attention to this Part of my Duty has not been wanting, it is infinitely less than I Expected — I beg of your Sir to forwd. to the Committee this Remark Concerning the Deficiency —

(Signed) N. Dawes Lt. Comg.
Permacoil —

To Paul Benfield Esqr.
Storekeeper —

30 Sept. 1783.
E. E.
Paul Benfield
Sk.

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