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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 Permacoil - inclosing an application from the Commandant respecting the Pay &c. for the Garrison also the Surgeons Certificate upon which he requests to be relieved from his Station.—

Having Communicated to the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Dawes, the Letter I received from your Secretary, dated the 7th. Instant and Applied Accordingly for his Account, he desires to know from me for what Month the pay is to be issued, if for the last Month (September) or for the Month Succeeding the last payment made to the people respectively, according to the Statement transmitted: as I am not Honored with your Sentiments in this Respect, I am unable to answer him. but beg to be favored with your Commands thereon: and as your Secretary Acquaints me, you have not been pleased to Resolve, that I should be enabled to Compleat one Months pay for the Garrison; I beg to know, if I am to understand that one Months pay only is to be issued, or pay, Batta &c. Allowances for one Month, as they were paid by the paymaster of the Army. The Commanding Officers Letter to me I have the Honor to Inclose. I have not yet

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yet received any additional Sum of Money. —

The extream bad State of my Health rendering me totally unequal to the duties of the Employ to which you have been pleased to appoint me, and there being no place whatever to Reside in nor ever cover to protect me from the inclemine- of the approaching Monsoon, induce me to request you will be pleased to relieve me from my present duty, in Order that I may proceed to some place where I may have protec- =tion from the Weather, and proper Medical assistance I enclose a Certificate from the Surgeon here of the dangerous State of Health I reduced to, and the impossibility of my being accommo- =dated and assisted here. —

I have the Honor to be &c

Signed / Paul Benf.

Carnacoil
11th. Oct. 1783.

To Paul Benfield Esqr.
Paymaster

Sir

Having delivered to you a Statement of the Arrears due to the Garrison, which Consists of Troops and of many different Discription, & have

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15 have been further to paid for different Months as
therein set forth, I shall be glad to know wether
you / you mean the Account for the last Month,
September; or for the Month Succeeding the last
Payment made to the People respectively. According
to that Statement. — The Abstracts and Vouchers for
the Pay and Batta for the 1st Months due; or
that for any particular Month required Shall be
Delivered, on the Payment being made — I hope
Some payment may be made, on Account of the
Provisions and Stores lay in by me, furnishing
Materials &c &c Works.—

I am Sir Your &c
/ Signed / N. Dawes
Lt. Comg Dermacoil

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These are from Resident at Paul Benfield Esqr
Paymaster of the General Corlismacoil having been
afflicted with a continual Fever, with intire Loss
of appetite, and general decay of health from the
27th of Last, to the 11th of the present instant:
and is Still labouring under the Same alarming and
dangerous Complaints Notwithstanding my endea-
vours to the Contrary I do therefore think it
prudent / for the Restoration of his health / that
he Should be removed to Some more convenient
Situation — and Near the Sea if possible particularly

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did not prevent your Continuing at Madras, as
you were not Suffered to go to Bengal, till you were
lately Sent from thence by order of the Committee. That
those Certificates which thus were procured by You, as
well as the declaration of your ill health previous to
your departure from Madras precluded all pretense
that a Residence there is Necessary to the Recovery
your Health, But that the Committee, tender of the
health of any individual and to prevent the loss of
time will empower the Commanding Officer at
Permacoil in case the acting or assisting acting Surgeon
there Shall upon Oath certify that in his Opinion
a Change of Air is necessary for, and will contribute
to, the Restoration of your health, to permit You to
go for the Space of one Month to Negapatam, being
near the Sea, which in the Certificate proceed, is
asserted to be useful; and which furnishes every kind
of assistance and accommodation to be found in this
Country, but You are or no Account to come to
Madras

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) John Huddleston
Lieut.

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Sent the following Letters —

To Mr. John Anderson
acting Paymaster of the
Bengal Detachment

To the Paymaster of the Bengal Detachment the Committee held him responsible for the Recovery of the amount of Grain delivered to the Detachment and inform him that no more will be issued but in the same manner as to their own Troops. —

Sir

The Superintendant of the army Grain Accounts having acquainted the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that he had adjusted the Grain Accounts of the Bengal Detachment from the 1st January 1781 to the 31 December 1782 inclusive, — I am directed to inform that he has received Orders to deliver over to you all the Indents for the Grain which has been issued to the Bengal Detachment within the period abovementioned, amounting to Pagodas 43563.13.9 for the recovery of which from the Select Committee hold you alone Responsible to the Company on having the payment of Bengal Detachment & of course detained in account the Value of the Rice — of which Resolution they have apprized the Governor General and Council that the Same may be properly Stated in the accounts between them & this preceding —

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Residency

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I am further directed to inform you, that the Superintendant has received Orders to adjust as soon as possible the Grain Accounts of the Bengal Detachment to the present date, from which time the Select Committee have been pleased to Resolve that no Rice shall be issued to the Bengal Troops, otherwise than upon the same footing with the Coast Troops, whose arrears Serve as a liquidation of their Rice Accounts, and with this Determination the Grain Keeper has already been made acquainted. —

I am Sir
Your &c.
(Signed) J. Huddleston

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To Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 14^th Instant and to acquaint you that they will be ready to attend to any Representation Relative to the Troops Serving in this Country whenever the same shall be made thro' Lieutenant General Lang Commander in Chief of the Kings and Company's Joint forces, who for the purpose of making and deliberating on Such Representations, has a Seat and Voice

To Gen^l Burgoyne
the Committee will
attend to Such re-
presentatives as
may be made by
Gen^l Gang in Com-
mander in Chief-

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in the Select Committee. —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. Huddleston
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To Mr. William Jackson

Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter to them of the 9th Instant and to inform you that all the Indents for the Rice issued to the Bengal Detachment must be delivered over to Mr. Anderson, the acting Paymaster of that Detachment to whom the Select Committee have signified their resolution of holding him responsible to the Company for the amount of

To Mr. Jackson
desiring he will
complete the
Settlement of the
Rice accounts for
the Bengal Detach=
=ment and that their
future Supplies are
to be issued as to the
other Troops. —

Such Indents

I am further directed to desire, that you will continue your Examination into the grain Accounts of the Army, and that will adjust as soon as possible those of the Bengal Detachment up to the present date, as Mr. Anderson has been informed that no further Credit will be given to the Bengal Troops, who will in future

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16 future like the rest of the Army. be required to liquidate by their arrears the amount of whatever quantities of Rice they may receive

I am Sir Ayour &c.

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/ Signed / J. Huddleston
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To the Honble Warren Hastings Esqr.
Governor General &c. Council
Fort William

Gentlemen

To Bengal, informing of the amount of Rice issued to the Bengal Detachment and that the Paymaster must be answerable for the recovery of it.—

The Superintendant of the Army Grain accounts having adjusted the accounts of the Bengal Detachment from the 1st January 1781 to the 31st December 1782 inclusive, he informs Us that the Balance due to the Company for Grain issued to that Detachment within the above period amounts to forty three thousand five hundred, and Sixty three Pagodas, Thirteen Fanams, and Nine Cash /43563.13.9/

As this Sum is so very considerable, & as it is from a Continued Supply of Rice to the Bengal Troops every day accumulating / a Year having already elapsed since the period to which the present accounts are adjusted. We thought it expedient to inform Mr. Anderson, the acting Paymaster of the Bengal

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of the Bengal Detachment, that we should hold him responsible to the Company for Securing to them the above Sum of forty three Thousand five hundred, and Sixty three Pagodas Thirteen fanams and nine Cash, and We Shall accordingly debit your Presidency for that amount

We have likewise directed that in future the Bengal Troops be put upon the Same footing with those of this Establishment with respect to the purchase of Rice — that is to Say that their Arrears Shall Serve for the liquidation of the Amount of their Rice Indents

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

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Received letter from the Commanding Officer at Chellumbrum, informing of his having taken up a months pay for the Garrison and Dracon bills for it.

From the Commanding Officer at Chellumbrum has drawn for a Months Pay for the Garrison —

(entered in Miscellany Book No)

Received letter from Pennamallee, as entered in Miscellany Book No) with Return of Stores —

From Pennamallee with Returns —

17th Received the following Letter from Pennacoil —

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To John Hudleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

From Carnacoil, stating the work done there and what is still want-ing

I have been favoured with your Letter of the 9th Instant in which you informed me by Comd. of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, that a further Sum of Cash is to be sent up to this Garrison, to enable the Paymaster to make a payment of one months pay to the Garrison. and that I am to furnish him with the Account I should be glad to know, for what Month I am to draw - if for the Month Succeeding the las payment made on the last Month (September) that I am to furnish him with the Account I am Ready to furnish any account he may want for that purpose, but am at a Loss to know which is Meant — Your likewise inform me that the Committee desire me to send them a Statement of the Works already done, together with what I purpose Should be executed, also that they direct that no further Repair Shall be made without their express Orders. — The works Shall be put to Stop to this day - and agreeable to their desire I send a Statement of what has been done as follows. —

On the upper Rock I raised a Stone wall, on

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on the old Foundation, in front of the large Choultry
on Barracks about Sixteen Feet hight and about
Seventy five Feet Long; the whole faced with Chunam—
Brought up Earth, and levelled the Space between
the Choultry and this wall.— Raised the N. W.
Bastion, on the point of the Rock which was laid
out and begun by the Engineers when the Army was
here.— Raised the Wall over the Sally Port Cadding
from the upper to the North Rock — Walled up the
Sally port with large Stone work, widened the
Rampart to the right and left of it which was too
Narrow to be of any use Raised a parapet wall
6 feet high along the front of the old Choultry
and Frazed it Made a Banket of 3 Feet high &
3 broad to it Raised the works in the Rear of the
old Swamy House — laid out & begun by the
Engineers Frazed it to the French,— Cut thro' the
Rampart common to the upper and lower Fort &
widned the French, so that Boards on Ladders
cannot be laid a Cross it, which was before practicable
Fraised the exterior wall of the Rampart — up to the
Steps — Raised & Frazed the Traverse above the
Gate way leading from the Lower to the Upper Rock.
Raised above the Steps leading to the Choultry,

&

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17 and a Wall to gain the Poultry, Terrazed both Moved, and
new laid those Slopes — They were become very Dangerous
Rep'd the Small Old Magazine — Built a Necessary
— There was not one on the Hill before Repaird the
old Buildings to make them fit to receive the
Stores, and new flowred them Filled up the Old
Choultry as a Temporary Dwelling for myself —
Repaired and thatched the Bungalo on the Terrace —
and Repaired and new Chunamed part of the Terrace
having perceived it to let water into the Stone Room.
Raised a Strong wall leading to the Terrace, to prevent
people from falling over — Built 2 Godowns for
the Officers — Made Horses for pulling the water
Casks on, and also for throwing away the Ammunition —

The works of the upper Fort are built, some
of Stone work fronted with Chunam the Rest with
Clay — Mixed with Straw in long Grass plastered
over with Chany with Small Chevaux Defrizes and
Stones laid with Loop holes — in the nature of Sand
Bags the greatest part of the Clay for the works was
brought from below the Hill — after collecting as
much as possible on the Rock — this was done with
infinite Labour — the Grass and Straw was brought
from the Country about — and the water Carried up
from the Pallah —

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On the Northern Rock I remaind on the old Foundation a small Redoubt in the North face, and made it a good Post for a Small Guard Made a good Bankett to it. —— Finish'd the Redoubt on the Eastern extremity of it, agreeable to the Plan laid out - and begun by the Chief Engineer — Distroyed a Thick wall of Clay and Stones, raised by the Enemy as a Cover from the fire of Musquetry for the North Bastion, and on the upper Rock — Cleard away a great Quantity of Maionary & earth from the Front of the Sally Port Leading to the upper Rock to distroy a Cover of approach. — Built up the Mouth of a Cave - I discovered under the North Bastion of the upon Rock which I found on exploring to be Six Feet high and 22 Feet under it. — This I considered a Very dangerous Lodgement - and built it up in the best Manner I was able. —— plastered the Redoubts with Chaunay, and laid Stones on the Top, as on the works on the upper Rock — Cleard away the large loose Stones and Earth from the Foot of the Works on it —— On the Southern Rock - the Gateway and Ridan in front of it, having been

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17 been destroyed by a Mine, I was obliged, in order to
rebuild the Redan — to go to the bottom of the Old
Foundation — have rebuilt it with a double Bunket
— Made a good Strong and proper Gate leading thro'
the passage of Communication this is at present
the Principal Gate of the Fort — Raised a Parrapet
Wall of large Stones from thence to the South
East Bastion — Cleared away the Breaches one
on the S. E.t face of it (it was breached to the
Rock) and one to the South of it — raised this
Bastion, it is nearly finished — Raised and Repaired
the Rampart from the old Gate way to this Bastion
raised a good Stone, Retaining wall - and levelled the
the Gorge of the Bastion within which also was Distroyd
by a Mine:

Cleared away the Breach made by the Explosion
of a Mine - in the line of Communication between
the South and North Rocks — cleard away Stones
& Rubbish to the old Foundation - the former a very
laboring Job as the work was built on an old Choultry
— Raised a Rampart - or line of communication - to the
original height about Twenty Feet Broad - & about
Eighty Long —

Repaired the old Sally Port, fixed a good Door
to it

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17 to it Six Inches thick — Raised a parrapet wall
from the left of the Sally Port so as to communicate
with the upper Rock to the Original height —
Repaired the whole of the Rampart to it —
Leveled the platform on which the old Swamy
House Stands. — Rased a breast work round it
with Stones — Repaird the Swamy House for Magaz-
zine — Made Horses for Spiting the Ammunition
on, which I Received from Camp — all these Works
are fronted only with Chunam — Raised the East
Bastion in part — it was distroyed to about 3 Foot
from the Rock — it is now built with large Stone
laid in Chunam — The Embrazures are Made out —
and the Merlins in part laidon — Put upa Place
as a Guard Room for the Sepoys — Cleard out the
Tank, as well as I could when low — Cleard away
all the large Stones and Rubbish from the foots
of the Wall, Some Places 12 or 14 Feet —
Made large Chevaux De Frizes for
the Gate way — Sally Ports and Trench, Cut a cross
the Rampart, and for the Latter, Made between
3 & 400 Crows Feet to Spit at the bottom —
Made

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Made a Very Strong wooden Ladder to ascend from the Lower to the upper Rock with Rings &c. so as to be able to draw it up if Required ___ Made a Considerable Number of Gabions and Fascines

In Respect to the works Remaining to be Done, I must confess - I feel myself not a Competent Judge of them, There certainly is a great Deal of Labour Required to Make the post in any Degree Secure — and the works on the upper Rock having been chiefly built of Clay - Must Require Constant attention and Repairs without which, Such works cannot be expect-ed to Stand long Those parts on the Southern Rock Not Yet finished or Secured against the Approaching Monsoon will likewise be liable to Come Down from the Rains —

The Bastion and certain Walls (not yet begun, I should think — out to be built up with Stone and Chunam, upon the Remains of the Old Foundation I think it necessary that the Old Gate way Should be built up as formerly - to guard against a Surprize On the Rampart between the North.n and South.n Rocks, before Mentioned, I intended as Soon as the More Necessary Works were finished to have Raised

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17 good Parapet — A good Magazine is absolutely Necessary for the Safety of the Post — The entire wall of the North.n Rock Requires to be Raised — people May get over it with ease in Many Places — the temporary Clay works on the Upper Rock May Serve for the present But I apprehend for to make it a Post of Strength that it Should (after the Rains) be entirely taken down — and Rebuilt with Stone and chunam Nothing has Yet been done to the Curtain Wall between the North Bastion, and the Steps leading to the Terraced — The Post remains open from the works not having been touched from the East Bastion on the South.n & North.n & the Curtain Wall between the East & S. E Bastion, has not been touched — Nor has the Bastion or Curtains, on the West face of the Lower Rock (except clearing away the Rubbish, as mentioned in the Account of the Works done — and with the Rock, as I have instructions to defend the Pettah — I have to observe that the entire

entire Wall is not capable of any Defence — and and Requires to be Rebuilt — The 2 Gates are in extreame bad Condition — one Very Rotton Despitt it will fall Down — It has been out of My Pawer to attend to any part of the Pillah — having been too busily, employed in Making the Post on the Stell Tenable — Nor is there any Shelter for the Troops on Duty — except the Shed I built for the Main Guard —

I feel Myself unequal to the Task of Stateng those Matters, with that Degree of from and Exactness that a Professional Man Might have done — but I hope it will appear Sufficiently clear to their Honors &c. to enable them to form a Judgement of what they Desire to be Made acquainted with — I have only to Assure them — that My best exertions have been Made — to endeavour as far as lay in My power — to answer their expectations of forming the Post — by expeditiously puting it in the best State of Defence — So far as I have gone and which I hope will appear

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to the Committee by the quantity of Work performd
Nor have my exertions been lost to furnish the
means to carry them on — besides laying out what
ever Money I could Supply from myself. — I have
borrowed from My Servants and others about me
all I could possibly get — I also Stand indebted
for Materials purchased, as well as Grain laid
in by the desire of the Committee — on the assurance
that Money should be Sent me — The People
are, and have been long Since clamorous for the
payment of their Demands, and having thus involved
myself My Distress is become Very great indeed
I applyed to the Paymaster for Cash on this
Score — but he Says he cannot pay any without
orders from the Committee — I therefore hope &
they will take it into Consideration, and order an
advance to be Made me — to enable me to clear
off Some of those Claims, and ease me from my
present disagreable embarisment —

I have the honor to be &c.

Permacoil
October 13th 1783.

/ Signed / Nat. Dawes,
Lieut. Com.

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Sent the following letter. —

To Major General Jones

Commanding the Troops

at Combarn

To Genl. Jones his information Respecting a Reinforcement not Sufficiently full & proposing Sundry points for his Opinion thereon —

Sir

We have had the honor to Receive Your Letters of the 26th. and 29th Ultimo

We observe from those Letters that You think it Necessary that Your Army Should be reinforced but Your Information is not Sufficiently full and explicit to enable us to Judge with Precision what the Reinforcement Should be, nor what other Measures it may be Necessary or advisable You Mention indeed that in all probability there will be a difficulty in forming a Junction with the Reinforcement the Enemy being So very Near You — from thence we come to it would be unless, or unsafe to Send any Reinforcement but one of Sufficient Strength to cope with Enemys which force and Such a one We might not perhaps be able to furnish to adopt —

But before we come to any Resolution on the Subject we wish to Receive from You explicit Information

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Information on the following points 1st. the Strength and Condition of your own Army — 2d. what addition to it would enable you to Meet the Enemy with confidence of Success —

3d. whether, and how, the Junction would be found and whether for that purpose you would not have Combarn with a Small Garrison in it and after effecting the Junction Return in time to prevent the Enemy from getting possession of it. —

4th. your Stock of provisions how many Months consumption for your present force and what prospect you have of collecting More. —

The Request also your Opinion at large on the Situation of Affairs in your quarter, and the Measures Adviseable to be taken in the event of a continuance of the war, and how far, and to what effect you might be able with a Suitable Reinforcement to prosecute Offensive Operations against the Enemy

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Macartney &c.

Select Committee

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Sent the following Letter —

To Colonel William Fullarton

Commanding the Southern Army

Sir

We have had the Honor to Receive your Letters of the 3d. 21st. and 26th. Ultimo with their Several Enclosures. —

To Coll.t Fullarton approves of his conduct in the Tinnevelly Country — that the Levision of money to the Troops is not be considered as a President requisite in the appointment of Staff Officers desiring the will be fully prepared to Recommence their Operation. —

The Business of three Successive Dispatches to Europe has prevented us till now from acknowledging the first of those Letters and conveying to you our entire approbation of your having employed the Interval afforded by the Cessation of arms with Tippoo Sultan in Reducing to Obedience the refractory Poligars of the Tinnevelly Country.

We desire you to be assured that we entertain a just Sense of the Importance of this Service and of the Spirited and Judicious conduct by which it was effected. —

Respecting your having distributed the Money found in the Fort of Dandalam Coureby the propriety which has uniformly Marked your conduct Assures us that Nothing but the Most

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urgent Necessity would have induced you to agree to a Measure which you acknowledge may have been irregular — we must desire however that you will acquaint the Troops under your Command that they are Sent to consider it as a precedent to be followed on any future occasion, as it is highly proper, and Necessary that the Distribution of prize Money Should not be vested in the Captors themselves but prevent from the authority of the Government.

We approve for the present in the appointments you have made of Staff Officers rebying upon your public Zeal that no irregular charges will be admitted, and that you will promote to the utmost of your power that economy which the Court of the Company's affairs renders so indispensibly Necessary —

We have the greatest Satisfaction in observing that you are furnished with the means of filling out the Army for any Service that may be Necessary — we desire you will be fully prepared to Recommence your Operations

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& to persecute them where and in such Manner as in your Judgement shall promise most effectually to distress the Enemy in case a continuance of the War shall prove unavoidable and that you may be fully acquainted with our Situation respecting an accommodation with Tippoo Sultaun we transmit you Copies of the most Material parts of our last dispatches to Bombay Sent by the admiral who sailed the 10th. Instant with the Remainder of the Squadron and also of our Letter to the Admiral himself on his departure

These papers will afford you every Materials Information and in particular you will clearly perceive by them that if Tippoo Sultaun should not execute the articles prescribed to him by the Treaty in Europe within the time limited for the Cessation of hostilities (the 2d. December next) the preservation of Mangalore as well as of our Troops at Tellicherry may greatly depend on your Operations but before that Period you will hear further from us.

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Macartney &c.

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Recvd from the Agent Mr. Ross a letter addressed to him by the Grain keeper with the Army (as entered in Miscellany Book No , mentioning his having been under the Necessity of leaving behind at Cuddalore Since double Carts. Yokes and Tarpaulins, and Suggesting the propriety of their being Ordered to Madras.

To Captain Andrew William Kearsey

Grain Keeper to the

Army.

Sir

To Capt. Kearsey informing him that the Rice issued to the Bengal Detachmt. in future is to be accounted for by their Arrears.

I am directed by the Right Honble. the President and Select Committee to inform you, that they have been pleased to Resolve that the Amount of Rice in future issued to the Bengal Detachment, Shall be liquidated by the Arrears of Pay &c. which may be due to them. —

I am Sir

your Most obdt. Servt.

(Signed) J. Huddleston

Secy.

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From Lt. Dawes has Recvd Letters for the Aumildars to the Arcot Renter. —

Received letter from Lieutenant Dawes, as entered in Miscellany Book No) has received the two Letters for the Arcot Renters Aumildars.

Lieut

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Sent the following Letter to Permacoil -

To Lieutenant Dawes.

Commanding at Permacoil.

To Lieut.t Dawes to deliver in an account of Work done at Permacoil & to make any Reasonable or Repairs - desire he will execute the Orders respecting the Paymaster. —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of the 13.th instant, and to desire you will Deliver to the paymaster an account of your Disbursements for Repairing the works of permacoil and it will be Discharged as soon as the State of the Treasury will permit The Select Committee permit you to add any other inconsiderable Repairs that you may Judge absolutely necessary I am also directed to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a Letter now Dispatched to the paymaster at permacoil and to desire that you will execute that part of the Orders it contains which Relates to you —

I have the honor to be &c

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(Signed) J.n Huddleston Sec.y

From Ganjam with 19.th Returns — Recvd a Letter from Ganjam (as entered in Miscellany Book No.i) enclosing Returns —

From Tripassore with Returns — Recvd letter from Tripassore with Returns Miscellany Book No.)

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From Nellore with Ditto —

Received Letter from Nellore with Returns Miscellany Book No)

Sent Letter to Bengal with Copy of a Letter and Enclosures received from Tellicherry MB No)

To Bengal with intelligence from Tellicherry —

20 Received the following Letter —

To William George Wasey Esqr.

Deputy Military Secretary

Fort St George

From Tanjore have received the G.O. which will be published —

Sir

I am this Day honoured with yours of the 23 ultimo & Duplicates of the General Orders of the 17th Ultimo and Copies of those of the 18 & 19 ultimo which I immediately transmitted to the Commanding Officer in Order that they might be published in this Garrison & its Dependencies —

I have the Honor to be &c.

Tanjore 13th O.C. 1783.

(Signed) J. Coxe Hippisley

Received letter from Masulipatam with Returns — as entered in Miscellany Book No)

Sent the following Letters

To Captain John Cuppage

Commanding at Vellore

Sir

Notwithstanding the Negociation now on

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To Captain Cuppage to form as large Magazines of Grain as possible - every possible supply of Cash will be sent him. —

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now on foot with Tippoo Sultaun's Vackeels, it is prudent to take such measures as will enable the Company to prosecute the war with Vigor and effect, should not a Peace be concluded — I therefore desire that you will use your utmost exertions to collect within the Fort of Vellore such quantities of Grain as will form a Magazine for the Subsistence of the Army should it hereafter be found expedient to undertake any operations to the westward, — I have accordingly written to Mr. Ogilvie desiring him to co-operate heartily with you in carrying these Orders into execution

I shall use My best endeavours to send you as frequent Supplies of Cash as the State of the Treasury will admit, & hope in a few days to be able to forward the Paymaster five Thousand (5000) Pagodas

I am Sir &c.

(Signed)

To Mr. Thos. Elliot Ogilvie
Paymaster
At Vellore

Sir

As it is prudent to take such Measures as

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To Mr. Ogilvie on the same Subject

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measures as will enable the Company to prosecute the War against Tippoo Sultaun with Vigor & effect Should the present negociations with his Vackeels prove ineffectual — I have this day written to Captain Cuppage directing him to use his utmost exertions to form a Grain Magazine at Vellore for the Subsistence of any Troops that it may hereafter be thought Necessary to detach to the westward Should any operations in that Quarter be judged expedient; I accordingly desire that you will heartily co-operate with Captain Cuppage in Carrying these Orders into execute by collecting as large Quantities of Grain as you are able.

You may depend upon my best endeavours to Supply you with as much Cash as the State of the Treasury will admit, & I hope in a few Days to be able to forward to you five Thousand (5000) Pagodas.

I am Sir your &c.
(Signed)

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21st Received Letter from Sir John Burgoyne.

&c.

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Govr. & Co. Select Committee

of Fort S. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

In consequence of my order Captain Fuller Commanding Officer of the 101st. Regiment wrote to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to obtain a passage for some Recovered Men of his Regt. who I am of opinion Should Join their Corps with the Southern Army by the fresh Opportunity. He has Shewn me your Answer desiring him to apply to your new Appointed Lieutenant General, as the Military detail comes within his Provinces — Without Entring on the old Subject, I am to inform You that even for a moment Supposing your Lieut. Generals Rank was not disputed, Yet as Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops for the time being, I have a Right to be consulted in all matters of detail whatever that Effects them. In armies composed of different Services, the Officers Commanding the Seperate Forces of the Several powers, regulate all detail, and its through their own

Commanding

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21 Commanding Officers that any Regulation respecting
Such Troops goes. — unless as Government your Com=
=mand me not to act as the Kings Commander in
Chief. you have no right whatever, nor has your
General, to interfere with any interior management
of His Majestys Troops. — & if you do prevent me
from acting. His Majestys next Senior Officer Stands
in my place, who will answer for any Act whereby
he gives up the prerogative and previledges of the
British Service — I therefore do protest against
your Lieutenant Generals interference with the
Kings Troops in all interior Management, and he
must cautiously avoid giving Orders relative to
Such interior Management of the Kings Troops,
to those who in His Majestys Service on his Superiors.

I have the honor to be &c.

Garden 3d Oct. 1783. (Signed) J. Burgoyne
M.G. & Commander
in Chief of his Majestys
troops for the time being

Sent Letter to Sir John Burgoyne in answer.

Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Sir

We have had the honor of receiving your

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21. your Letter of of the 3d of October Relative to an applic-
= cation of Captain Fuller to our President concerning
the Disposal of some Recovered Men of the 101st Regimt
under his Command In that letter he desires to know
from his Lordship if he had any objection to their
Joining their Regiment to the Southward There is
No Mention in his letter of his acting by any Order
On our Presidents laying Captain Fullers letter before
the Committee we thought it right to have the
Sentiments of the Commander in Chief of the Kings
and Companys joint Forces as to the Place where
Services of those Men would be most likely to be
useful. This We conceive to be perfectly Regular Nor
can we Alter it, notwithstanding your Declaration
of protesting upon the Occasion.—

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

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14th October 1783.

Recd Letter from Sir John Burgoyne.

My Lord,

As I am informed it is the intention
of Government to send Major General Stuart
Prisoner

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21 Prisoner to England in a few Days I beg to leave if I
may be allowed to have an hours private Conversation
with them on his Majestys Business, previous to his
departure —

Your &c:
Signed J. Burgoyne
Comm.d in Chief of his
Majestys Forces for the
time being.

Gardens October 5th 1783.

At a Select Committee

Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney Governor

Anthoney Sadlier Esqr.

Tuesday the 21st October 1783 — Alexander Davidson Esqr.

Lieut.t General Lang Absent upon Service

Marguis Williams Esqr. Absent upon Service

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following Letters from Sir John Burgoyne —

My Lord and Gentlemen

I had the honor to receive the day
before Yesterday your letter of the 16th instant,
wherein you tell me how ready you will be to
attend

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attend to any Representation Relative to the Troops Serving in this Country, whenever the Same Shall be made thro' Lieutenant General Lang Commander in Chief of the Kings & Companies joint forces, who for the purpose of Making and Deliberating on Such repre= =sentations has a Seat and Voice in the Select Committee that Lieut.t General Lang (as you are pleased to call him) in Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops I deny — I am Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops and as Such have made representations of the in= conveniency which his Majestys 98th Regiment is liable to, unless their quarters are better Secured from the Weather and however you may affect to Set aside / representation as coming from me, upon will in the End be answerable for the consequences

I have the honor to be &c.

Garden Octo.r 20th 1783.

(Signed) J.n Burgoyne Lt.n G.l &
Commander in Chief for the
time being of His Majestys
Troops in India.

To the Right Honble President
and Members of Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

As I have Just now been informed

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informed that you have given out Orders relative to His Majestys Troops, which have not to any great Surprize been Communicated thro' the proper Channel to me, who as Commander in Chief of His Majestys Troops ought not only to be apprized of but consulted also on Every Order relative to them - However as I am very anxious at all times to obey the Legal Commands of this Government I shall give out Such Orders to His Majestys Troops as Shall Enable them to Comply with your wishes and directions. —

Yours &c.

Garson 20th Octo. 1783.

| Signed | J. Burgoyne Lt. Gl
Commd. in Chief of his Majestys
forces in India for the time
being. —

The Committee think it unnecessary to observe further on the above Letters than that the Title given to General Lang in their Letter of the 16th instant was not that | Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops but Commander in Chief of the Kings and Company's joint Forces —

Read the following Papers

To the Right Honble President
and Select Committee

Having on the 19th instant Subscribed

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Subscribed a letter, Signifying our Obedience to the Presidt. and Council, as the Real Government of this Country, and that we were willing to obey the legal Orders of the Said Government coming through his Majestys Senior Officer in India, and, at the Same time Signifying our determination, for the reasons therein assigned, not to obey any Orders from Colonel Lang Calely promoted by you, to the Rank of Lieutenant General in the Company's Service, and Commander in Chief of their Forces on this Coast. We now think it proper to acquaint you, that when we addressed you on the 19th. instant, Calley with the other Major Genls. of His Majestys Troops, as above recited we were not so well acquainted with the ground on which we founded our determination as we are at present or with the powers which we find the Presidency are invested with, as set forth in their Orders of the 19th. Instant that therefore we are now ready, to pay Obedience to Lieutenant General Lang as our Superior Military Officer, in the Field, Garrison, in Cantoonments according to the rules and discipline of war whilst he shall be continued in this present appointment

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appointment without prejudice to the Authority of any
Officer, who may be sent to this Country from Europe
invested with Sufficient powers to take upon him
the Command of the Kings and Company's Forces. —
That we also conceive our Obedience due to your
Government while under its protection, and our opinion
that if any improper Powers are arrogated by you the
Responsibility is with you, and not with us —
We think it necessary to make this
public declaration, of the alteration in our Sentiments
and Resolutions formerly Signified in the Letter we,
Subscribed on the 19th instant and to acquaint you
at the Same time that we have made them known
to Major General Sir John Burgoyne —

(Signed) Allan Campbell
Mr Genl. Lt. Col. 36 Regt.
Wm Ogle Major Genl.
Major to the 52d. Regiment —

Madras 28 September
1783 —

To the Right Honble the President, and Select
Committee of the Presidency of Madras.

The Memorial of Major General Allan
Campbell

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist used his
utmost

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utmost endeavours to prevail upon the 36th Regiment of Infantry to offer their Services in India, in which endeavours he happily succeeded at a time when some Regiments in England broke out into actual Mutiny, and others refused to embark when ordered for Service in this Country.—

That your Memorialist Rank in the Army His Majesty was graciously pleased to appoint him a Major General in the East Indias. (His Commission bearing date the 7th January last) and as such he expected to have been employed; in which expectation however your Memorialist has found himself disappointed, and has the Mortification to see Officers junior to himself, with the Command of almost all the Armies in this Country

That your Memorialist now finds himself, as Lieutenant Colonel of the 36th Regt. with only a part of the Regiment, thrown into a Situation of Neither Command or Emolument—

your Memorialist thinks it unnecessary

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to enter into a detail of his Services; but begs leave to mention, that he has seen as much Real and Severe Service, as any Officer of his Rank in the British army — The appeals to the equity and to the feelings of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee and hopes that they will give Such Orders, as may tend to do justice to an Officer of thirty Nine years Service, to whom the Honble the East India Company certainty lie under Some obligation, as have been the chief means of bringing a Regiment of one thousand Men to their defence and who finds himself in this Climate with the bare pay of Lieutenant Colonel to Support his Rank —

/Signed/ Allan Campbell
Major General —

18th. September 1783.

A Narrative of the Services of Major General William Ogilo

The General has had the honour of being an Officer 34 Years 2 M in the 34th. Regiment. and purchased his Several Commissions to the Rank of Major which Rank he Obtained the 23d. Day

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November 1767.

His Services as follows in Minorca during the Seige with Lord Blackney on all the Expedition on the Coast of Provence, afterwards to Martinico from thence to the Havannah, where he had the Honour as Captain to Command the four Companys of Marks Men, and was there wounded afterwards was Ord[d] by Lord Albermale to take under his Command the Recruiting Parties Distened for New York where remained upwards of a Year when he received orders from Lord Amherst to Proceed with part of the 9th. 22nd. 34th. and 35th. Regiments to the Floridas and During the long and well known actual Service of the 34th. Regiment Major General Ogle was Effectually Present.

Major Generals Campbell and Ogle having retracted the declaration which they were induced to Subscribe against the legal authority of Government, and having declared themselves ready to pay obedience to Lieutenant General Lang as their Superior Milita[ry] Officer

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Officer, it is in consequence Resolved that they be appointed to act as General Officers upon the Staff of this presidency with the pay of a British Major General and the usual allowances for a Secretary and act de Camp in the same manner as enjoyed by Major General Sir John Burgoyne until the withdrew without leave from the Army in the Night of the 19th September last—

In consequence of the request of Marques de Bussy Signed on his Letter of the 18th September resolved that Mr. George Isaac Hoisard be appointed Commissary to proceed to Pondicherry and Confer with the French upon the Subject of Such regulations relative to Trade as may be proper to make according to the late Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and France, and Conformably to our Instructions received by the Crocodile agreed also that Mr. Hoisard be authorized to Superintend the police of Pondicherry till that place Shall be delivered up to the French according to the terms of the definitive Treaty which may be Soon expected—

as Mr. Hoisard in executing these Services

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Services will necessarily incur considerable expence it is agreed that he be granted an allowance of 230 Pags. P. Month, being the same as made to the Junr Members of the Committee of Circuit.—

Read the following letter from the Vackeels of Tippoo Sultaun

Translation of a Letter from Appauger Rau and Shenevas = row to the Right Honble Lord Macartney and the rest of the Committee.—

Mr. Sadlier and Mr. Staunton

Secretary having written to Tippoo Sultaun Bahadr expressing a desire of Peace between the Circar and the Company our Master upon Receiving the said Letter wrote an answer to it, and Sent his proposals through us, who have communicated them to your Lordship &c. and you have been pleased to answer them, but as an objection has risen upon two or three points which brings the Business to a Stand for the present, we have to propose that your Lordship &c. will Send one or two Men of Character and Consequence in whom you confide along with us to the presence, who will

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will discuss the points in dispute with our Master and settle the terms of Peace, we make this proposal to your Lordship &c because it appears right to us for if there is a deputation to the prisoner all difficulty will be removed - You are great Surdars, were just and Charitable and therefore will adopt the best Mode of accomplishing your purpose that you may reap the form of Success. — if the proposal is accepted the Troops on both Sides will retire within their respective limits, Garrisons will be with drawn Countrys and Prisoners will be restored and the People will remain in peace, — if your Lordship &c consent we will write to Meer Mahudien Chaun Sahob & obtain his answer. —

In consequence of the regest commun= =cated by the Vackeels of Tippoo Sultaun in the foregoing Letter the President proposes that two Gentlemen be Sent to him with Sufficient powers for the purpose of Setting and carrying into effect the pacification with Tippoo Sultaun according to the Instructions we have received. —

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I agree to the Presidents Motion of sending a Deputation to Mysore on the Principle of my Minute of the 14th October 1783 wherein is expressed the effecting the evacuation of the Carnatick — a Cessation of arms — a Restoration of Places taken — and the Release of our Prisoners. The definitive Ratification of Peace to be left to the Supreme Council —

But the Arrangements abovementioned to be Carried into effect in Consequence of our Instructions from the Company of the 30th April 1782 and of the 6th March 1783.

21st October 1783. — (Signed) Alex. Davidson

Mr. Sadlier concurs in the Presidents proposal —

Resolved accordingly that two Gentlemen be Sent to Tessipoo Sultaun as recommended by the President and the Committee think it proper that one of them should be a Member of Government it is agreed that this Service be entrusted to Mr. Sadlier and Mr. Staunton whose Conduct and Success in the late Negociation with the Marquis de Bussy Make the Committee desirous of availing themselves of their abilities on the present

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important occasion

Agreed that Instructions be drawn up for Messrs Sadlier and Staunton consonant to those we have received and the Minutes and resolutions of the 7th Instant and that they be desired to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Tippoo Sultaun in a few days — — The Commander in Chief to be desired to order a proper Escort to be in readiness to attend Messrs Sadlier and Staunton to consist of a Company of Sepoys and such part of his Body Guard as he can conveniently Spare for Service.

The President proposes drafts of Letters to Tippoo Sultaun and Mohud dien Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence Nos , which are accordingly read and approved.

Read the Letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam of 3d Instant as entered in the proceedings of the 8th

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be furnished with an Extract of that part of the Company's Instructions of the 6th March which relates to the fresh being allowed to carry on a free Trade and that they be directed strictly to conform to it.

Read

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

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

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have received your Orders Com-
municated to us by your Secretary under date
the 2nd instant, but by Mistake Copy of a Repre-
sentation from the Aumul of Setwar has been
transmitted to us instead of the Complaint of the
Paulnaud Renter as mentioned in Mr. Hudlestons
Letter, however from what we know of the dispute
between our Renter Venkatakistnarow and the
Renter of Paulnaud, we imagine we have antici-
pated the intentions of your Lordship &c. by
directing the former to adhere Strictly to the usual
Custom as expressed in the accompanying Paper
delivered to us by the late Sub Renter of Nudder-
guddah.

We here with enclose Copy of a Paper of
Intelligence received by Hircarrahs from Guntoor,
in Consequence of which we have thought it

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necessary to desire the Officer Commanding in the Nizampatnam District to Send a Party of Sepoys thither with Orders to Stop any arms or Military Stores which may have been landed there by the French or others till he hears further from us; and on no account to allow them to be carried in land at the Same time we have desired him not to interrupt their Trade in other Articles — It was customary before the present War to keep two Companies of Sepoys Stationed at Ventapallam in Order to prevent Military Stores or Men passing into the Guntoor Circar but as we are unacquainted with any arrangements which may have lately taken place, we beg to be honored with your Commands in what Manner we are to act in Cases Similar to that which we have just Mentioned - We have at present ordered the Military Stores to be detained in consequence of the peace arrangements not having yet taken place in India

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) James Daniell
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos. Barnard
Alexr. Errington

Masulipatam
12th. October 1783.

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Usual Customs collected at Nadygudda in the time of Ragoojee Buntoolo the late Sub Renter of Nadygudda Customs belonging to the farm of Nizampatam.

On every Pootty or Leathered Basket Load and on every 100 Empty Bullock Gunny Bags.

When the River was full

	Rs.	Rs.	Ps.
To the Zemindars of the Guntoor Circar	2	B.	
To Boat Man of Naddegudah		4	4
To Renter of Do.			
On his account	1		
On account of Maraftdars	4		
		1	4
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When the Water in the River Subsided

For some time after the water began to Subside		4
Some time afterwards		B
Do. Do. Do.		2
Do. Do. Do.		1 8
When the water was very low		1

When there was no Water in the River no custom was collected

On Goods.

When the River was full

For every 250 Bullock Loads

Deduct 50

For the Remaining 200

T.

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To Zemindars of the Guntoor Circar 10 — —

To Renter of Nuddigeuddah

On his Account — — — — 10 — —

On Acct. of Daurogah — — — 1 8 — —

D°. — — Cashcar — — — — — — " 8 —

D°. — — Meroosdars — — — — 2 " — 14 " — 24 — —

When the Water in the River has Subsided

For Some time on every 250 Loads — — — — 24 — — —

Some time afterwards on every 300 Loads — — — — 24 — —

D°. — — D°. — — D°. 350 Loads — — — 24 — — —

When there is no Water in the River

For Some time on every 400 bullocks Loads — 24 — — —

Some time Afterwards in hot weather for every 500 Bullock Loads. 24 — —

Customs Collected by the Government Servants the above Sums on the above Articles

a true Copy

(Signed) A. Scott
Secretary

Intelligence brought by the Hircarrahs 10th. Oct. 1783.

We heard that a French Ship has arrived at the port of Moattapully that Four French Men came on Store & that 12,000 Firelocks. Some Leaguers of Brandy Broad Cloths, Velvets, Silk Rolls & Laces were landed from her — We saw two French Men going to Guntoor with 18 Chests of Firelocks on Coolies —

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on Coolies, 5 Leaguers of Brandy on 5 Carts, and Some Parcels of Broad-Cloths, Velvets &c on 6 Carts, and we Saw one Horse Man and 2 Hir-carrahs belonging to a Cumum Cawn going with the above — we heard that 2 French Men are remaining in a Choultry at Nainapully on acct of Merchandize —

A true Copy

Signed, A. Scott Secy

Agreed that the Account of Customs collected at Nadygueddah be Sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be directed to deliver up the Military Stores immediately on their being claimed by the Subah or his property —

Read the following Letter from Major General Jones —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President

Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have from time to time to the

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of my abilities & information acquainted your with all the Circumstances of the little Army under My Command, and am hurt at the Silence on your part particularly ever since My Situation has grown in the least critical - I have been in hopes of a Reinforcement which would enable me to prevent in a great measure the expected insult afford to the Company by the Enemy - I did myself the honor to inform your Lordship and the Select Committee with their behaviour as to the taking Cotah - Cotah - My Hircarrahs the day before yesterday brought intilligence that Meer Saib had advanced with two thousand horse within four Cos of Our Camp, and had sent the horse towards Ongole in hopes of intercepting from Money that was intended for detachment; they were two late, as it arrived safe early in the Enemy, but Surely this is not keeping the Cessation of Arms. I am Sorry to Say, that the Sum was but five thousand Pagodas, not thinking it prudent to hurt more at a time, & when I shall be able to get more I do not know. Then being five hundred

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of them best Horse between Ongole & this, so that it makes it difficult even to Send the Supply we are now so circumscribd. that I am obliged to Supply the followers with Rice, or they must Starve, which makes our Consumption five Candy per day at least, which will reduce us to about eight weeks provisions for the Number of Men we already have - when I say provisions I mean Rice only, as it is with extreme difficulty the other acted can be procurd, I am informed by Hircarrahs last Night that the Remainder of the Enemy's forces were upon their March to their Camp opposite us, and they burnt all the Villages in our front, and Some of them extremely Near our Outposts and insulted us with Some Rockets all I shall add to this is that it lies with your Lordships and the Gentlemen how long we are to bear with this kind of treatment either by recalling of us. or Sending Such a Reinforcement - as will enable us to Make them retire. as to our being able to hurt them - it will in a great Measure depend upon the Number of Cavalry you are pleasd to Send us. Should the

forces

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former be your Resolution - I am a fraid it will be attended with much difficulty an account of the great Number of Stores - not to mention the 24 Pounder.

I was not regularly acquainted with the Treatment - My Commander in Chief met with until Yesterday and I am free to One to you My Lord and Gentlemen that I would not Submit to my Share of the insult afford to the Kings Officers for any honours or Emolument India can confer upon me I therefore take this Method of returning you my most Senior thanks for those already received - & Shall upon all occasions own the Obligations I am under to the Select Committee until the Seventeenth of September -

I have the Honor to be &c.

Camp Combam
12th October 1783.

(Signed) Tho. Jones
Major General -

The President also lays before the Committee the following Extract of a Letter to his Lordship from General Jones -

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from General Jones to
Lord Macartney dated October 12th 1783

You will See by My Public Letter
of this Day that I mean to Resign My Command
My feeling as an Officer will not permit my
Serving under Colonel Lang not only on Account of
My Rank as Major General in the Kings
Service but being Several years an Older Officer
than he is.

Rest assured I have every Idea of
gratitude possible for your Lordships Attention
to me Since my arrival in India which time
will not cease out of My Memory. The only
thing that gives me pain on my Resignation
is the fear of your Lordships being offended which
I hope will not be the case when I tell you
that it from a Sense of my Duty as a Kings
Officer that is the Cause The Service in India
is so very different from what I have always
been used to that I have been in a Fever almost
ever Since I have had any Employment in it.

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As General Jones in the above extract inti-
=mates to the President that his intention in the
letter to the Committee was to Signify his Resigna-
of his Command and intention of Returning to Eur-
It is Resolved in consequence that General Jones b-
desired to deliver Over the Command of the Troops
at Combam to Major Sysaght to gether with the
Instructions he has from time to time Received, and
that Major Sysaghtt be directed to assume the
Command and to Conduct himself to the Said Ins-
=tructions. — Ordered that Copy of the last letter
to General Jones be sent at the Same time to
Major Sysaghtt. —

The Letter from General Stuart to
the Admiral which was Sent Sealed to the Bres
as already noted in the Records is now opened. (The
the Admiral having given his consent for that pur
=pose) and is found to be as follows. —

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

Sir

I have had the honor to Receive your

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Your Answer to my Letter of Yesterday — I thought I had Guarded that Letter, in such Sort, as to have prevented the chance of a Construction to interfere infact with this Government, who by the bye, has not yet as I believe made use of the Word Dele=quent applicable to me.—

My wish was Satisfy you, if possible, that I was not to Interfere in their Gove=rnment, and of the Ground in which I claimed yr. protection as the Officer Commanding in Chief His Majesty's Troops in India and Consequently where Duty no Such, might call him elsewhere, and who could in no other way yet protection. His Interest to be a Matter of right, Neither effecting the Company's Trade, possession or Governments; is matter of right indefence of the Law and pri. le. of parliament where by the B. Subject cannot be forced from this or any Settlem. in India under uncertain Sape of Time — which or any thing indeed resembleing it, is not likely to be allowed, to Save the total ruin of my private Officers — all this is a matter of public notoriety

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Notoriety and I should suppose that His Majestys
Squadron - is to support the Laws of England as well
as the Commerce of India -

I with Regret however - from your
answer of this day, That all such arguments are of no
avail - & Stand I have failed in my Expectation on
this Head beyond the very possibility of my Imagi-
-nation, There is no present Help or remedy for my -
I have what I thought was due to my Station on
His Majestys Service - I have due what I thought
was right by Law as James Stuart especially
as I am in express refused Her of Counsel -

I donot meant to trouble you More
of my Correspondence on those Matters -

what I am now to request of Sir Edward
Hughes - is cannot of Humanity and to give me some
perhaps to have my life. by
your pleased to Employ the proper people
from the Squadron to Survey Inspect and Report
the State of the Vessel called the Fortitude now
in the Roads Capability to carry me

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with Safety, to where they please, after the Violence
which must be used to drag me to the Bench &
the Element where you command. —

The I. which I had the honor to
communicate to you concerning the
of.
that Vessel of the Master or

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The Committee Remark on over part of
the Foregoing Letter That the Admiral was applied
to also by the President for Some of his Carpenters
to go on board the Fortitude Packet and on the
Admirals declining it other Carpenters of acknow-
=ledged Skill were Sent together with the Master
attendant and their Report is entered on the proceed-
=ings and Copy thereof transmitted to the Court
of Directors ——— the confirmation of the above
the President desire the following paper may
be entered on the Records being the Report made
to

4579 Fort S^t George 24 October 1783.

to him by the Gentlemen Sent to the Admiral —

Memorandum respecting the Fortitude Packet —

Being Invited by Lord Macartney I waited on Vice
Admiral Sir Edward Hughes to request from him
his Master Carpenter and able Assistants carefully
to examine a Ship Lately purchased by the Govern-
-ment to go as a packet to Europe — The Mr.
Cuthbert and the Admiral had some conversation,
but that in conclusion the Admiral declined afford-
-ing the Opinion of his Men, as he did not with
publickly to appear in the business — he added.
had you not the Seapties Carpenters; and do
you imagine My Men, which I gave you, would
remain if they apprehended her not equel to a
longer Voyage. —

Signed; Wm Greene.

Read the following Letter from Gen^l
Stuart received after his Embarkation. —

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

My Lord &^c. Fort S^t George

This Morning at half past Seven

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Captain Durand
Officer on duty - Lieut.
Colone Lieut. Smart
& Mr. Mm. Balfour
present and all my
Family.

Captain Sydenham the Town Major came to
my bed Room in the Fort and by your Orders
which he said he had in writing (Shewing me a
paper but not suffering me to read it) acquainted
me that I was to go on board Ship immediately I
told him that no Order on your part under the present
Circumstances of my Case should carry me from the
Fort or Settlement to embark on board of any Ship.
& that nothing but force of arms and Violence should
do it on which the Town Major told me he had
Orders to use force if I did not go Voluntarily ...

I have accordingly been on this way
carried or brought to this Vessel which your for
the Occasion call a packet unfit in every Respect for
for the Voyage you propose, however you may
have Crammed it with pigs and geese, and where
I see only one Man's face, I knew formerly in
Camp, and who is now the only Servant to attend
my person, the Vessel is so Very Small with
Such a Disagreeable Smell, that there is every
chance in the Chapter of Accidents that I shall

Lose

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lose my Life in this very Vessel. —

After what you have done to me, it is
not a forced or unnatural construction to draw as
inference that this is most probably what you have
ultimately had in view.

If I survive, however contrary to
Such a wish, I shall do what is proper to let or
others in your Situation from Such acts. —

If I die on board, or am Shipwrecked
it is in direct consequence of what you have done,
but while living I shall appeal to the Records
and others will do me justice after my decease. —
I do not look for, or expect Justice or fair dealing
at your hands at any time,

and am only for form's Sake
My Lord &c:
Ayour Most obedient
humble Servant. —
(Signed) James Stuart

on board the Vestal call'd
the Fortitude packet in
Madras roads October 14th
1783.
11 A. M.

Captain the Orderly Officers is still my Dutifull
companion here, & he tells me it is your Orders that
I am to wish to , ever for this most disagree-
-able Vessel but in thro' you — This is carrying my
Distress to the utmost degree even of
your

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you cannot Go further.—

Signed I. S.

The President lays before the Committee the following Paper respecting Captain Bowden of the Fortitude Packet.—

Captain Bowden has been a Commander in Different Vessels since 75, in the West Indies, America & India, was a Commander of the Royal Exchange at Grenada, when Lord Macartney arrived there.—

The Vessel was was built at Coringa, lengthened there two Years ago, and She is originally Built of Teak. She is Six Years Old.—

Sir William James got Captain Bowden out to India a Free Mariner, in consequence of his having Commanded the Nottingham for him, as a Government Store Ship

(Signed) John Thomson

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

My Lord

As there is now a Vacancy in the Corps of.

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of Engineers, and that by Seniority I stand the first for promotion. I must beg leave to remind ayour Lordship of my Situation, and have to hope that my absence from the Presidency at the time of Captains Promotion may not be attended with any prejudice to the Date of mine. I should have waited on Ayour Lordship — and not have taken this mode of troubling you on this occasion, but that I am exceedingly unwell and have continued so ever since I had the honor to pay my respect to your Lordship. I trust Ayour Lordships goodness to excuse this trouble, and have the honor to be with great Respect

My Lord

Ayour &c.

October 15.th 1783

(Signed) J. Stuart

There being the Vacancy of a Captain of Engineers by the promotion of Captain Johnston to a Majority agreed that Lieutenant Stuart be appointed a Captain of Engineers in his Room, to rank from the 26.th September 1783.

Read the following proceedings of the Committee of Stores.

To

4584. Fort St. George 21st. October 1783.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President. &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to lay before

Ayour Lordship &c. our proceedings of Yesterday's date

We have the honor to be &c.

Patrick Ross

John Kennedy

B: Scottney

Fort St George

19th October 1783.

Fort St. George 18th. October 1783.

At a Committee of Stores. Present.

Lieut. Colonel Patrick Ross

Lieut. Colonel John Kennedy

Bryan Scottney Esqr.

The Committee agreable

to the Orders of the Right

Honble the President and

Select Committee, have now

the honor to lay before them

an estimate of the difference

of expence between the old,

and new, constructed 6 Pr.

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Forge

Lumber and Box. Viz.t.

The expence of the Fore
was. P. F. C.
141. 10. 40

The expence of the new
Constructed Limber. 85.—

The Valuation of a
6 Pr. Limber on
the Old Construction. 70.—

Difference. 15.—

nd

But it is to be remark
-ed that as Charcoal
& other Articles will
reduce to their former
prices. the reduction
may be estimated
at. 5.—

The Difference between
the Limbers. 10.—

But it should be
remarked that as
the wheels of the
Carriages are higher
for this construction
than in the old
Carriages an increase of 5.—
will be incurred
So that a Carriage &
Limber will cost. 200.—
Old Price. 185.—

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Difference - - - - 15.— —

And at the Request of
the Commissary of Stores
to the army, the Committee
beg leave to Recommend that
the Gun Carriage Axle trees
be made, in the same manner
as the present are, of wood
and iron, as the Guns,
with the Iron Axle-trees
only, are more subject to
accident. — approved

Read letter from
Colonel Sterling, command-
-ing His Majestys 36.th
Regiment, to the Commissary
of Stores. Viz.t —

"As I find the
"Arms which were sent
"to this Country by the
"directions of the late Lieut.t
"General Sir Eyre Coote,
"cannot be served out to
"any Regiment without
particular

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"particular orders from the
"Committee of Stores, and
"as the Six hundred Stand
"lately Served out to the
"36th. Regiment were by
"no Means fit for Service,
"in the Contrary the Very
"reverse every Respect I
"can, I shall be extremely
"obliged, if you will
"Represent to the Committee,
"that I can answer no
"propose Serving Such
"arms or the last to com-
"plete the Regiment, and
"Sooner than be at the
"trouble of taking Such,
"and having them to return
"again into your Stores,
"which must be the
"certain consequence, we
"shall keep our old arms
"and even of them, the
"best are taken by the

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"Mangalore Detachment, in
"presence to those we got here"-

"From my View of the
"Arsenal, there Seems every
"possible difference between
"the Arms got by Sir Eyre
"Coote and all others and
"with every difference to
"Superior judgements, I
"Should Suppose, the best
"defence the Fort consists
"in enabling the army to
"keep the Enemy at a dis-
"-tance"

/Signed/ Wm W Sterling
Comm.g 36th Reg.t

Mount
9th. Octo.r 1783

The Committee, in
consequence of the insufficiency
Represented by Lieut.t Colo.l
Sterling Ordered Some of those
Arms taken indiscriminately
to be brought before them,
which on examination &

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prove in no way defective —
and our Reference to the Commissa
-ry of Stores to the army find
them to be of the same kind
as are issued to all the Others
Corps in Camp, from whom
no complaints have ever been
received — We are therefore of
opinion, that Lieut. Col.
Sterling should return such,
as may prove defective, to
be exchanged for others and
that the Arms, which he
applied for, Should according
to the former intentions of
the Committee be reserved for
the defence of the Garrison, as
their extraordinary length would
be of Service to clear the crest
of the Glacis, and as otherwise
all the Racks of the Arsenal
must be altered to fit any
new Patterns, which would

be

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be attended with considerable expence, and great inconvenie-
-nce.

approved

Read an Indent from the Storekeeper of Poonamalee, and agree that it be complied with, agreable to the Commissary's Remarks.

approved

The Commanding Officer of Military Deliverers in the Ports of Europe and Country Gunpowder, proved by a 10 inch Mortar the 9th and 10th Instant —

agreed that it be laid before the Right Honble the Presidt. and Select Committee.

That the Madras Gun Powder be Received into the Magazine being above the proof required of 930 yards

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The Commissary of Stores delivers in a List of articles wanted to compleat the Tents Received from the Northward by the Juno & Frigate —

The Tents to be completed without Delay.—

agreed that it be laid before the Right Honble the Presidt. and Select Committee —

(Signed) Patrick Ross
John Kennedy
B. Sartheny

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Report of Proof of Europe Gunpowder with a 10 Inch Mortar - Fort S.t George 19th Oct.r 1783

Ships	Nos of Firings	Weight of Powder	Shell	Elevation	Time of Flight	Range	Medium Range	
		lb	lb	Degs	Secds	Yards	Yards	
Morse	1	2	9 6	45	15	1104	1084	Fine & Coarse Corn.d
	2.d	2	9 6	45	14	1065		
Halswell	1st	2	9 6	45	14½	1173	1183	D.o ___ D.o
	2.d	2	9 6	45	15	1194		
Houghton	1st	2	9 6	45	14½	1146	1125	D.o ___ D.o
	2.d	2	9 6	45	14	1105		
Winterton	1st	2	9 6	45	15	1198	1162	D.o ___ D.o
	2.d	2	9 6	45	15	1127		
Belmont	1st	2	9 6	45	15	1198	1167	D.o ___ D.o
	2.d	2	9 6	45	15	1136		
Atlas	1st	2	9 6	45	14	1057	1129	D.o ___ D.o
	2.d	2	9 6	45	15	1201		

/ Signed / John Kennedy
Lieut.t Col.l Artly.

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Report of Proof of Madras Gunpowder with a 10 Inch Mortar Fort S.t George 18.th Oct.r 1783.

Quality	Nos. of Firings	Weight of Powder	Weight of Shell	Elevation	Time of Flight	Range	Mean Range	Remarks
		lb	lb	Degr.	Secds.	Yards	Yards	
Old Mill	1st	2	9	6	45	15	1114	1095 Medium Corned Powder
	2d	2	9	6	45	14	1076	
	1st	2	9	6	45	14½	1092	1059 D.o ——— D.o
	2d	2	9	6	45	14	1026	
New Mill	1	2	9	6	45	14	1000	1028 D.o ——— D.o
	2	2	9	6	45	14	1057	
	1	2	9	6	45	14	1020	1055 D.o ——— D.o
	2	2	9	6	45	14½	1090	

/ Signed / John Kennedy

Lieut.t Col.o Artillery.

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List of Articles wanting to Complete the Tents Received from the Northward by the Suns Frigate

From Ganjam

Tent Walls	2
Fly Ropes	42
Inner Ropes	67
Sepoy Tent Ropes	8
Officers Tent Poles	2
Sepoy Tent Poles	1
Officers Tent Caps	8
Sepoy Tent Caps	2
Tent Pins	1032
Tent Mallets	10

From Vizagapatam

Officers Marquee	1
D°. Fly Ropes	52.
D°. Inner Ropes	73
D°. Door Poles	18
D°. Caps	26.
Tent Pins	652
Mallets	50.
Officers Inner Tent Damaged	1.

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Signed W. Bedford Commy.
Store Keeper.

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Read the following Letter from Colonel Fullarton.

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

My Lord,

The accompanying letter to your Lordship and the Board will inform you of our arrival here and of our Situation as it appears to me at present. Had I been able to ascertain the actual State of Dindigull and Daraporam before I reached them in I should not have delayed a Moment to Communicate My sentiments of their insufficiently to enable this army to Exist in a State

h I am hopefull My Lord, that whatever measures you may find necessary to adopt a certain Latitude of Surveyance will be allowed as in this Quarter for Otherwise we may in the Course of Moderate Space of time be reduced to Short allowance. at all Events and in all Circumstances you may rely on the utmost Exertion to put the Army in the most immediate State of preparation and to provide for as many of its wants as possible. I understand from Major Bruce that the Renter of Tobacco poly has lodged a Complaint Against Officers and others of the Southern army for plundering the District and Dispersing of the Cattle to their own advantage. as I hold myself responsible for the Conduct of the Army I shall take the liberty of I a Narrative of the Renter Conduct and that of the army in the business of Cattle and other assistance

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nessary for the Conveyance of the army by which it will appear. That the Officers and others of the army to accused have acted by my immediate Order That I had the Renters approbation to send the Tourgody Detail of Cattle in Order to Supply the Cuddelore army and the Squadron in June. This approbation was given in writing and transmitted to my Ley of Mr. Falk of which the particular Order afterwards with Mr. Sadlier and that the Disinclination of the Renter and others at Trichinopaly to forward the busi= =ness of the army was such that of I had not lately Ordered the Detachments Comming from thence to Supply themselves with Draught and Carriage Cattle Nessary for the Consequence of Guns and Stores This army could not have moved with any Effect - These particulars My Lord shall be trans= =mitted as soon as I can have my Memorandums and and Documents from Trichinopaly (were four of them were left) For I hold the importans Morover out by the Renter as not less Digraceful and fully more false Them a Charge of ill behaviours in the field — I have made a permit of payeing all attention to the Members when I have been: but I know them too well to allow any Officer under my im= =mediate Command to leave any transaction Resp= =ing them on their Districts without very authentic Documents of the transaction - I have the honor to be

(Signed) W. Fullarton

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I had the honor to address your Lordship and the Honble Board on 28.th September from Madura respecting the Operations of the Army in the Tinnevelly and on 26 September I informed you from Dendigul of my intention to proceed to Daraporam

The Army Encamped here this Morning Bodies of the Enemy's Horse (round our advanced Guard but dix not Venture to attack, They abondoned the Fort on our approach and are now about two Miles to the westward. I have Strictly Adhered to your Orders of 18.th August by avoiding every appearance of Hostility I also understand that there is a large force collected and Collecting at Goodgoreddy—

I think it my Duty to Suggest to your Lordship & the Honble Board that if those Bodies of the Enemy are allowed to remine immolested in our Neighbourhood Very Serious inconvenienceds may result to this army and the publick Cause, For they have already destroyed a great part of the Grain that was in this place and unless therefore prevented there is no doubt but they will proceed the same Conduct in our front—

The Garrisons of Dindigull Madura & Tinnivelly are intirely unable to Supply this Army

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possibly from Messieurs Sadlier and Staunton who will have full Power on the occasion, and whose Letters you will please to consider as conveying our Sentiments and Directions to you. —

We are &c.

(Signed) Macartney &c

Select Committee

— Read the following Letter from Colonel Pearse —

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Select Committee Madras. —

My Lord and Gentlemen.

The inclosed Paper contains the Minutes of Council concerning the Detachments under my Command the Article Ordering the Restoration of the Colors of the 24th Regiment is of so material a Nature that I request it may be issued to the Army at large: the rest it will not be requisite to issue in the manner as they entirely & internal Oeconomy. —

Lieut. Hughes having Business of impor= =ance in Bengal Requests Permission to go he will be back in December. I request your acquiescence

Mount 28th
Sept. 1783.

I have the honor to be &c

T. D Pearse Coll
Com. at Bengal Detachmt.

Minute

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Fort William 3d. September 1783.

Minutes of Council 1st. September 1783.

Agreed that the Surgeon to the Bengal Detach-
=ment Serving in the Carnatic and Commanded by Colonel
Pearse be continued, it never having been intended by the
Board to remove him.—

Agreed that a Secretary and Persian Interpreter
in one person, be allowed to Colonel Pearse and when
the Detachment under his Command Seperates from the
army that he be allowed also a Baggage Master.—

Agreed that Mr. Auchterlony who has been
Wounded before Cuddalore be allowed to retain his Staff
appointment of Quarter Master in that Detachment

Ordered that the Colors left by the 24th
Regiment of Bengal Sepoys Serving in the Carnatic
on the 25th. June be replaced, as the Loss did not
happen thro' any misconduct of the Corps who in
the attack of that day behaved with the greatest
Gallantry.—

A true Copy
Signed / T. D. Pearse
Col.
comg at Bengal Detachmt

Adjutant Genl. Office
3d. Sept. 1783.

Agreed that / General Order be published —
respecting the replacing of the Colors of the

24th

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24 Regiment of Sepoys, agreeably to the Minutes
of the Governor General and Council inclosed in the
Letter from Colonel Pearse.—

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Received the following Letter from Mr Hepsley enclosing Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to himself, and two from Tondeman to the Governor and Mr Sulivan (as entered in Country Correspondence Nos) the former complaining of a backwardness in Tondeman to obey the orders of the Governor relative to the restitution of the Fort of Pallamcotta to him and the latter representing the hardship in his being obliged so to do after the Trouble & Blood-shed it cost him to take it, & requesting in consequence that he may be relieved from such obligation

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My Lord

I have the Honour to transmit a Letter to Your Lordships address from Tondeman together with others addressed to Mr Sulivan & myself & a Letter on the same subject, addressed to me by this Excellency the Rajah who expresses great Anxiety for the Intentions of Government carried into execution.

I accompanied Your Lordships Letter with a few words to Tondiman, to which his Letter to Mr Sulivan is the answer, but that answer was not received by Sulivan Days after he received Your Lordships Letter — I wrote him again on expostulations at her Delays, the Answer

From Mr Hepsley enclosing Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to himself & two from Tondeman to the Governor & Mr Sulivan complaining of the Conduct of Tondeman in withholding the Fort of Pallamcotta when called on on his delaying to give up the Fort & Pallamcotta the repeated orders sent by him to do so

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21st answer to which, I have now the honour to transmit to Your Lordship. Our Circarrahs met with forcible obstruction from his People in the words I were prevented for many days any Access to Tondeman

I must beg to observe to your Lordship that the depredations committed from time to time on that Rajahs Country, seems to for a severe example — Our Representers are always tifled with by Tondeman, & when called on for any Rid[ress] to the publ Service, we have received the most frivelous excuses for his Compliance, tho our Disquisitions have all fallen far short of his means. By M[r] Sowby's assistance I have very narrowly investigated many of the Complaints made by His Excellency against Tondeman, & I have invariably found the Colleries of the Letter to have been the Oppressors In a late inception at these Collieries, who came armed in a very formidable body & committed great excesses, some Sepoys of the Company on the Revenue Service, were killed & others dangerously wounded.

Your Lordships recollection to the Idare say, go to the contradiction of that part of Tondemans Letter to M[r] Sullivan, where he under[illegible]

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on his Service at Cadicotah & Andiengy. The greatest part of Colonel Braithwaite force (as I understand) was before the former — None of Tondamans People were there, & the Enemys Garrison having evacuated the fort in the Night, we took possession of it — A part of Colonel Braithwaite force, about two Battalions having retired from before Andiengy on the Appearance of a Body of the Enemy, that Garrison were escorted away without interruption some days after which we marched into the evacuated fort — A small number of Tondamans People were, I understand, at Andiengy.

Your Lordship forgive the repetition of those facts which may seem necessary to be recollected when Tondaman sets up a claim to the Company's Favour on the ground of his Military Merits in the reduction of those Places as well as Wellamully, & Kellamully his Services are unconnected

In the Hope that I shall have the Honour to receive Your Lordship's or the Government's or that Subject.

I have the honour to be
with great respect
(signed) I: Cox Kilpatrick

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Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr. Sydney

The Governor wrote Letters to You and to me concerning the restitution of the whole of the Country and Fort of Mellamelly by the Tondaman and Sent an order to him to that effect — the Governors Letter to me gave me great pleasure and that it arrived fifteen days ago I do not find that the Tondaman has as yet complied with the order Sent to him — what has occasioned this delay I know not but as You are my Friend I beg You will procure a restitution of the Country which will give me great pleasure — I Send You Copy of the Gover=nors Letter to me for Your information which I beg of=You to get translated and make me acquainted with Your answer that I may answer the Governors Letter to me — to a Friend why should I write more. &c

NB The accompanying Maharatta Paper is only a Copy of the translation of the Governors Letter to the Rajah concerning the restitution of Mellamelly From Ragonand Tondaman to Mr. John Sullivan dated 13 Tenayed or 10th. October 1783

I have

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I have reaved much pleasure from the perusal of Your friendly letter wherein You inform me that my complying with the Governors orders will be the means of my present and future happiness and welfare — My friend I am ready to submit to the Gover=nors Commands. Yet It is necessary that Sordars of high renown manifest their Justice — I regard the coming of Col: J Brathwaite, equal, regarding myself, to the Commands of the Gentlemen in Europe, and of all the English Sardars, and Company itself and was confident that no alteration should take plaeaid, untill the last day of the world — I exerted myself therefore different ways, and took possession of the forts of Paleotta and Ardunghry which had fallen into the hands of obstinate enemies and I afterwards delivered these places to Colonel Brathwaites people — I also took, by his written direc=tions, the fort of Kelamelly from the enemy, and in taking it many of my nearest relations whom I as I have not yet forgot, have been destroyed —

If after this, the Governor orders me to give up the above fort, it causes me much astonish=ment

21st

ment — I hope You will use Your endeavours in my behalf, out of your regard for me, so that the Fort of Pellanelly and the Dayhyre belonging to it, may remain in my posession as long as the good fortune of the brave English Sirdars prevails —

My friend — I have now sent Soubeya my Vakeel to You who will inform You of every particular and, I am confident You will make my affairs succeed, and thereby transmit, Your good fame to posterity, and find me for ever with the collar of gratitude. Nothing can lend more than this to raise Your name.

From Tondaman to Colr Kepperley

Dated 15th Zeeyad or 13th October 1783

I have received Your friendly letter which has given me much pleasure — I have written an answer to the Governors letter and have also sent Soubeya my Vakeel to him upon my business — and he is probably there by the time — as You are my friend, and know the whole of the business, it is unnecessary

to

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to write more to You - it becomes Your Friendship for me not to do any thing untill an answer is received from the Governor - for I also, am a withen her of the Company

22d

Recived the following letter from Capt.n Cuppage

From Capt.n Cuppage

My Lord

I have the Honor to recive Your Lordships Letters of the 23d & 29th Ultimo with a Duplicate of the latter yesterday, and am inclined for Vankatarow Berkeas to Nanny Row which I delivered to him - As the grain is only collected in small quantities within the bounds of this Garrison I have applyed to the Berkeas for what-ever quantity he can supply me with, who has promised to deliver into the Store all that can be collected and shall agreable to Your Lordships directions supply him with every assistance he may require for that purpose - and shall likewise apply to him for provisions when I am in want, without useing force in procuring them

I shall agreable to Your Lordships order

of

will infuture apply to the Berkeas of mysore for all Supplies of Provisions wanted by him without using force to obtain them - will take care to prevent the Renter People from entering any villages in possession of the Enemy

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of the 24th Ultimo prevent the Renter from sending any people to disturb or Villages in possession of the Enemy. and as far as lies in my power prevent any cause of complaint in future.

I have the Honor to be

&c

(signed) John Cosspeage

Vellore 17th October 1783

Received the following Letter from Captain Edmonds.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

Governor & President &c Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord Gentlemen

I do myself the honor to inform You that the encreasing of the Enemys horse for many days past has shut up the communication between this place and Cammum and that it is with the utmost difficulty & danger a private harcarrah can brought them. One of us come safe to day with a few letters by whom I leave the Venkatagherry Rajahs Country

From Capt.n Edmonds the communication between Cuddy & Cammum entirely shut up. by a Set of Plunderers who have entirely depopulated the Venkatagherry Country & alarmed all the Inhabitants in his neighbourhood.—

to

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is entirely depopulated, and plundered of all its Cattle &c.a and that the Enemy are so daring on to Rocket the advanced part of General Lowes Army — The Alarm has also spread itself through this and the Balaud district and it is with the greatest difficulty can prevail on the inhabitants to remain, seeing no steps taken to charlize their plunderers This is the seasons of alteration and should then alarms continue the Country must suffer accordingly —

I have the honor to be
with great respect
&c.a
(signed) Edwd. Edmonds
Capt.n Comd.t

Season

Angola
18th October 1783

Received Letter from Mr. Lind Baymaster of Nellore enclosing an Account Current with the assigned District (as entered in Miscellany Book A)

Received the following Letter from Major Genl.

Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

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

My Lord Gentlemen

I received a Letter Yesterday from major

From Sir J. Burgoyne has given Genl. Lowe permission to resign his Command provided the

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the Committee grant 22d
theirs also —

Major General Jones, who feeling with the honest indignation
of a Soldier, the insult this Majesty's Service has met
with, both as to the illegal imprisonment of his
Commander in Chief, as well as the Appointment of
a General Officer in the Company's Service over his
head, desires my Leave to quit his Command & return to
Europe — however I may applaud Major Genl. Jones's
resolution I shall not signify to him my Consent,
till I know he has Yours.

I am &c.

22d. October 1783

(signed) J. Burgoyne
M: G.
& Comm.r in Chief of the Kings
forces in India for the time being

Sent the following Letter to Sir John Burgoyne
of this Date —

Major General Sir John Burgoyne

Sir

To Sir John Burgoyne
- the Committee do not
hold it necessary to acquaint
him with their determina-
tion respecting Genl
Jones's resignation

I am directed by the Right Honble
President & Select Committee to acquaint You that they
have received your Letter — They do not hold it necessary to
communicate to You their determination on the Subject
of

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of Major General Jones's application, but he may do so
if he pleases —

I have the honor to be
&c.

(signed)

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Sent Letter to Masulipatam as entered in
Miscellany Book / Dated 22d October directing them
to see the orders of the Company respecting a Trade with
the French strictly carried into Effect

Sent the following Letter to Major General
Jones

To Major General Jones
Commanding the Troops at Combaum

Sir —

To Major General Jones
has permission to resign
his Command & in conse-
quence desires to deliver
it over to major Lysaght.

We have had the honor to receive Your
Letter of the 12th Instant

We appears from Your Letter to our
President received at the same time that You wish to
resign the Command, and return to Europe, We desire
You will please to deliver over the Command of the
Troops at Combaum together with the Instructions which You
have

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have from time to time received from this Government, to Major Lyeaght whom We have directed to receive the same from You accordingly. —

We have the honor to be

Sr

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(signed) Macarthey Dr

Select Committee

Recieved the following G: O: from Major General

Sir John Burgoyne

Gundeer October 22d 1783 —

G: O:

By Major General Sir John Burgoyne Br

Commander in chief of His Majesty's Forces in India for the time

being —

By Burgoyne Major

Genl Sir John Burgoyne

to the Commanding Officer

of Poonamalle

Sir,

In consequence of Your being Commanding Officer of the Fort at Poonamalee, You are by the orders of Government of the 25th Septemr to send a Monthly Return of the Regt under Your Command to the Company's Comman in Chief, My Orders to You, are therefore, to send the said Monthly Return as ordered by Government the cover of which is to have the following direction on it, & no other

Monthly Return of His Majesty's 52nd Regt of foot, to be left at the Commander in chiefs of the Company's

forces

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forces, for the Presidency of the Select Committee

You will at the same time send one to me, directed "to Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart. Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces in India, for the time being" — as likewise a weekly return according to the form I now send You — the Monthly return to be the same as ordered by his Majesty —

Any material occurrences that may happen are likewise to be reported to me, I rest assured, that while I remain His Majesty's Senior Officer in India, I will neither permit You or any other Officer in His Majesty's Troops, to acknowledge any Commander in Chief thereof but myself.

From certain circumstances arising, I think it for the good of His Majesty's service to publish in general orders the 4th Article of the 7th Section of the Articles of War — for the better Government of the Officers & Soldiers in His Majesty's service as well as those in the united Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies. — You will therefore cause it in Your orderly Book, and cause to be read at three seperate Roll calls, to the Regiment under Your command the said article of the said Section of the Articles of War — a copy of which here follows. —

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No Officer commanding in any of the Garrisons Forts or Barracks shall either themselves exact or obtain Passes for horses - or slaves but out to sellers, or shall connive at the like exactions in others. Nor by their own Authority, and for their privat advantage, shall they lay any duty or imposition upon, or be interested in the sale of such Victuals, Liquors, or other necessaries of life, which are brought into the Garrison, Fort, or Barrack for the use of the Soldiers, on the Penalty of being discharged from the service

Major General Sir John Burgoyne informs the Kings Troops, that the 36th Regt marched from the Mount this Morning, by his Order in consequence of the Commands of the Select Committee. —

(signed) J. Burgoyne
M: G:

Sent the following Letter to Major Lysaght.

To Major Arthur Lysaght

Sir

Major General Jones having signified his desire to resign his Command and We having accepted his

To Major Lysaght - to receive the Command from Genl Jones & conduct himself according to the Instructions from Time to Time sent

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sent that Genl. from Va
this Government.

his Resignation and directed him to deliver over to You the Command of the Troops at Combam together with the Instruc=tions which he has from time to time received from this Government - We direct therefore that You receive from him the Command and conduct Yourself according to the said Instructions of which We now send You duplicate & the last and desire You will lose no time in furnishing us with the Information therein required -

We have received information from Capt.n Edmonds of a plundering Incursion made into the Venkatagherry Country by Bogole Berkeits & shall at Close a moment in sending a proper force to repell the Invaders

We have the honor to be

&c.

(Signed)

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Sent the following Letter to Capt.n Edmonds from the Governor.

Captain Edmonds
Commanding at Bogole

To Capt.n Edmonds in order to repel the Plunderers with Vigor a detachment is ordered from Nellore to reinforce him

Sir

Your Letter of the Instant has been received, giving an account of the Incursion of the Enemy into

222. into the Cuncatagherry Country & the Angole District Notwithstanding the Cessation of Arms. — I trust that they will have been Repulled, as far as there were means for the purpose — The terms of an Cessation of Hostilities with Tippo Saib are that each party should remain within the Limits they respectively possessed at the Cessation, till matters should be further concluded — It will be proper for the honor of the Company that it should in no respect be infringed on our part but if any Invasion should be made on them into our Territories It is necessary to repulse them with the utmost vigor & I have no doubt but all an Officers in every province will do so without hesitation I confess the affair You mention surprises me a good deal, because that all thro the Arcot Province at Daraporam, where Said Sub commands & at Arnee Vaicot, where Sultan Sing has his Head Quarters there is the best understanding kept up between them & no disturbances are now committed — However in order to secure your District from any Sudden Ravages that may be attempted, I have written to Capt.n Campbell at Nellore to detach to You Capt.n Rollestons Irregulars & Baukmyers Corps, together with 300 Men of his Garrison which I trust will be Sufficient for the present purpose but a much larger force will be ordered from hence

If

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if necessary, I expect to hear regularly, every day, from You
till all shall be quiet —

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I am
&c &c

(signed)

Sent the following Letter to Capt.n Campbell from
the Governor

To Capt.n Campbell
Commanding at Nellore

Sir

To Capt.n Campbell —
Capt.n Rollestons Irregulars
Buckmyers Corps & 300
of his Garrison to be in
readiness to march

Having received some accounts of depredations
committed by the Enemy in the Ongole District notwithstand-
-ing the Cessation of arms, I desire You will order Capt.n
Rollestons Irregulars & Buckmyers Corps, together with three
hundred of Your own Garrison to hold themselves in readi-
-ness to march the moment You shall receive the Orders for
that purpose which will be sent to You by tomorrows tappal —
Your own two Companys will join You from hence in
a few days, & as soon as the Country shall be restored to
tranquility the Detachment now to be sent by You to Ongole
will be directed to return

illety

I am with great truth
&c &c
(signed) Macartney

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22d. Sent Letter to Mr. Davis Act.d Attorney to Capt.n Fenwicke / as entered in Miscellany Book / Enclosing Extract from the minutes of the Committee respecting Captain Fenwicke's application to be supported by them against a Prosecution for the taking of a Snow to the Southward in obedience to the orders of General Coote & Mr. Bent then Chief of Cudda-lore.

23d. From Major General Campbell / as entered in Miscella-ny Book / recommending Mr. Frederick Campbell to be appoint-ed his private Secretary.

From Lieut.t Dawes / as entered in Miscellany Book / is apprehensive his Garrison will be in want of Rice from the Impracticability of getting sufficient from Chingleput: can procure some from the Country in his Neighbourhood if supplied with money — six Horsemen at Alchemeanick have plundered & flagged some People on their way to Permacoil, is in hopes of catching them — Tippoo Saibs Camp moved to Doleghur. —

23d. Recived the following Letter from Capt.n Edmonds

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

My Lord

I do myself the honor to inform You

ther

From Capt.n Edmonds
Two frenchmen have been visiting Kenduveir Encanda & the Neighb.g Forts in the Guntoor Circar. & report

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Burt says they are order-
ed to raise Sepoys — Mer-
-cator son has desired Seh-
-ram Cawn to hoist flags
in his villages that they
may be known from
those of Onjole & Vanke-
-ghery.

there have been for some time Two Frenchmen in the Guntoor Coa-
-ast who gave out on their first arrival that their business was
to procure an investment of coarse Cloth, I cannot learn that
they have taken any steps in this business. but their time
has been employed in visiting Mendavier Encounder and
the diff.t Fortifications in that Country, and comm.n
report says they have orders to raise Seapoys — Mer-
-cator Son has written to Sehram Cawn desiring that
he will cause flags to be hoisted in his villages that
his people may know them from those of the Onjole
and Vankelaghery Counties — I have the honor to be

with great respect

Sir

Your most obed.t & hum.e Ser.t

Onjole 26th October 1783

Edw.d Edmonds

Guntoor Choudar

Sent the following Letter to Captain Edmonds

To Capt.n Edward Edmonds

Commanding at Onjole

Sir

To Capt.n Edmonds a
reinforcement ordered
him from Nellore dis-
-ired to keep the commu-
-nication between him
& that Place open to ex-
-ert himself in repelling
the Invaders —

Agreeably to the information Commu-
-nicated to you last night by our Brinjarry of your intention
to reinforce you from Nellore with Capt.n Rollestons
Irregulars & Brickmeyers Corps together with two hundred

Men

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23d. Men from that Garrison. — We have since written to Captain George Campbell directing him immediately to detach the above Troops to Cuyalo. Enclosed You will receive a Copy of our Letter to Captn. Campbell of this date

It will be necessary that You should concert such measures with Captn. Campbell, as will keep open the communication between the two Garrisons. I ensure You no doubt the safe arrival of the Troops at Cuyalo. —

We trust the Reinforcement now ordered to join You, will be sufficient to enable You effectually to repel any incursions in future made by the Enemy into the Vencatagherry & Cuyalo Districts, in open defiance of the Cessation of Arms now subsisting betwixt their Government & Tippoo Sultaun — In case the disturbance should embrace We propose to send a Considerable reinforcement to the Northward.

We are

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Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Macartney &c.
Select Committee

Sent the following Letter of this Date to Captain Geo. Campbell. —

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To Captain George Campbell

Commanding at Vellore

To Capt. Campbell the Corps before ordered to be in readiness to proceed immediately to Engole — the two Companies of his own Battn. here to join him in four days —

Sir

In consequence of the accounts received from Capt.n Edmonds of the depredations committed by the Enemy in his Neighbourhood, as communicated to You last night by our Dispatch, We desire You will immediately detach to Engole Capt.n Rollestons Brigade & Brickmayers Corps, together with two hundred men from Your own Garrison, who will on their arrival at Engole put themselves under the Orders of Capt.n Edmonds —

Notwithstanding We have written to Capt.n Edmonds on the Subject of this Reinforcement We desire You will likewise immediately on the receipt of this Letter acquaint him with the same, & that You will concert such measures with Capt.n Edmonds, as will keep open the communication between Engole & Vellore; & effectually ensure the safe arrival of the Troops ordered from Your Garrison —

The two Companies of Your Battalion now here, will (agreeably to Your request) be directed to proceed from hence in four days in order

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order to join their Corps at Nellore.

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We are
&c
(signed) Macartney &c
Select Committee

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Recvd Letter from the Marquis de Bussy (as entered in the Miscellany Book) complaining of the Commandant of Poonamal having obstructed his People in collecting Wood & Chunam in his Neighbourhood, & requesting that orders may be given to prevent the like in future.

Received the following Letters from the Marquis de Bussy.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

My Lord

From the M. de Bussy — with Mons.r Martin to enquire into what has been done with respect to a Treaty with Tippoo agreeable to the 6.th Art: of the Preliminary Treaty

I was in hopes that the English Frigate the Active which anchored Yesterday in this road would have brought me an Answer to the Letter which I had the honor of writing you, as they related to every interesting Objects but the Captain of that Frigate has only informed me on your part that the Vackeels of Syed Saib or Tippoo were arrived at Madras which has induced me to send M.r Martin to You who will have the honor to deliver

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deliver You this Letter for to be acquainted with the proceedings and progress of the Negotiation with our Ally, I recommend Him to Your Kindness and protection He is a Gentleman of sincerity and discretion, who enjoys a good Reputation and will confine himself solely to the Station in which he is placed. that is to say to hear the Objections You make to him and to answer to them agreeably to that good understanding and freedom which ought to subsist between us in this treaty — this proceeding on my part is not only conformable to the 16th Article of the preliminary treaty, but it is prescribed in these terms their said Majesties shall offer to their respective Allies their good Offices for a mutual accommodation —

I have the honor to be
with the most distinguished

Bulgarry
24th September 1783

Consideration

&c
(signed) Bussy

A true Translation
(signed) Tho Chase
French Transr.

Received Letter from Marquis Bussy pasented in Miscellany

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-cod restraining his People from cutting wood & collecting Chunam

Sent the following Letter to the Marquis de Bussy
the Representation of Vencaty Row enclosed

Draft to Mr. Bussy

Bussy — have received his Letter by Monsr. martin — if he wishes to hasten the Peace his Influence should be exerted at the Dur- = bar of his ally to release of the English Prisoners which must be a leading measure cannot consent to the cutting of wood & collect- = ing Chunam around Pennacul until the Right thereto can be ascertained.

Sir

Monsieur Martin delivered to me the Letter with which You were pleased to honor me by that Gen tleman, who appears to answer the very favorable discription You have given of him. His object however as far as any difficulty might lie in the way of a general Pacification might have been more directly answer'd by his Presence at the Darbar of Your Ally, by using Your good Offices in disposing him towards an Accommodation of which indeed the Terms are prescribed in the Preliminary Articles of Peace concluded in Europe and the Instructions sent and respectively communicated by the contracting parties to their respective Representatives here. Not only Your Good Offices but Your Remonstrances and Demands are indeed requisite to be made for the restoration of such of the English, who were taken Prisoners by the Arms of France, and delivered to Your Indian Ally, who have survived the Hardships

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to which in consequence of such an Act they have been exposed

The Restoration of all Prisoners being an Express Article of

the Preliminaries, and indeed before that Event was known.

Your own Humanity led You to determine on applying for

those Prisoners, as You were pleased to declare in Your Letter

to me of the 24th of May last. On this subject indeed

this Government wrote to You about a Month ago. You

have since mentioned the arrival of our Mercurahs,

but not the Receipt either of the Letter from this Govern-

=ment or from me, and I have waited some time in

hope of hearing from You on the subjects of them,

being of some importance. —

Your Letter mentioning the arrival of our Mercur-

=rahs is confined to some difficulties which You mention

to be made by the Officer Commanding Our Troops at

Bermacoil in relation to a claim for collecting Wood

in Districts under his Command. It is indeed my fixed

intention as You may have judged from what has hitherto

passed, and I believe it is the intention of all the Member

of this Government to adopt every Measure in their power

for Your accommodation; but when a claim is made

as a matter of Right, it is our duty to see that the

Right

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Right be ascertained before we can Yield to it. This Rule is indeed the more incumbent, that whatever might be the future inconvenience in the continuance of any thing granted for the present, as an Indulgence, there would be an appearance of Inconsistency in withholding it afterwards, if once allowed as a matter of Right. But whatever You will please to ask as an Indulgence or accommodation subject to a future reserve of it, when we should find it necessary. We shall be happy in being able to allow Your—

The enclosed Extracts of Complaints from the Company's Annual Dues require no observations to be made by this Government, as You will at once see the propriety and necessity of prohibiting Your People from interfering in the Collections. ——

Received a Letter from Major General Campbell (as entered in Miscellany Book) requesting approbation of his appointment of Captn Patrick Campbell his Aid de Camp.

Received a Letter from Major General Agle as entered in Miscellany Book) recommending Lieut. Edwd Pollard to be his Aid de Camp. & Mr. Bowden to be his private Secretary.

Sent

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24th. Sent the following Letter to Lieut. General Lang

To Lieut. General Lang

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

To General Lang with Extracts from the minutes of Committee of the 21st Inst.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to You by Order of the Right Honble the President & Select Committee an Extract from their Minutes of the 21st Inst.

I have the honor to be

&c

(signed) Wm. Geo: Wasey

acting Secretary

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Sent the following Letter to the Committee of Asgnd Revenue.

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

&c Members of the Committee

of Asgned Revenue

To the Committee of Asgned Revenue - enclosing an Account Current with the Nellore & Asgned Countries - also Copy of the Amount of Customs collected at Naddepuddah.

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to enclose to You a Copy of an Account Current with the Nellore &

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I assigned Countries, which has been received from Mr. Francis Lind, Paymaster at Nellore.

I am further directed to inclose to You a Copy of the Account received from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam. of the usual Customs collected at Naddegunddah in the time of Rajegee Puntulos the late Sub Renter of Naddegunddah. —

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servt.

(signed) Wm. Geo. Wasey

acting Secretary

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Received Letter from Mr. Wm. Burke with Copy of a Letter from Captn. Money borrow to him /as entered in Miscellany Book/ requests that the Pay=master General may be ordered to give him a Statement of the disbursements to the respective Kings Regiments from the Time of the Agreement between Govern=ment & the Company. — and further requests that he may be favoured with an Answer to his Letter of the 23d ultimo.

At

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At a Select Committee

on Military Affairs present

Saturday the 25th. October 1783

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K: B: Pres.t

Anthony Sadlier Lieut.t Gen.l Surg.

Alexander Davidson

Morgan Williams Esq.r absent on Service

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved

From Capt.n Flint with account of pay due to the irregular horse entertained at Wandewash —

Read Letters from Captain Flint to the Deputy Commissary enclosing an account for the pay of irregular horse entertained at Wandewash —

to lie on the Table

Ordered to lie over to a future day, when a Committee will be appointed to investigate and report upon accounts of this nature.

From Doctor Gahagan requests to be remunerated for 500 Cotts which were burnt at Cuddalore by order of the Commander in Chief

Read Letter and Account from Doctor Gahagan representing that Cots &c.a his property to the amount of 500 pagodas were burnt at Pondicherry by the orders of the late Sir Eyre Coote who promised him remunerations for the loss —

to lie on the table

Ordered to lie on the Table

From Surgeon Major complaining of the irregularity of the Assistant Surgeons with the Army.

Read Letter from the Surgeon Major with the Army as entered in M: B: representing the irregular

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irregular conduct of the Assistant Surgeons in sending on their Accounts to Government notwithstanding the Instructions and Authority given to him in the General Orders of the 22d December 1782.— representing also the moderation of Lt. W. Wymms Accounts.—

Agreed that the Authority of the Surgeon Major be again published in Gen.l Orders that all Indents come thro him —

Agreed that the Appointment and the Authority of the Surgeon Major with the Army be again published in General Orders. that all Indents are to be made to him by the other Surgeons in the field and by him only to the Surgeon superintending the Provision of medicines at the Presidency — the Surgeon Major is also to be conformed that it is expected he will in future not use to those powers, and he is immediately to inform the Committee of exact number of Surgeons which he thinks necessary for the Companys Troops now with the Army in Cantonment

From Major Mackenzie with Certificate from the Surgeon of his recovery & being fit for field duty in Consequence requests to be again put on the effective List.

Read Letter from Major Mackenzie of the Invalid Corps setting forth that he is recovered, and fit for field duty and enclosing Surgeon's Certificate of the same and requesting therefore to be put on the effective List of the Army —

to lie on the Table.

Ordered to lie on the Table

From Capt.n Durand requests to be appointed to the Command of a Batt.n or out Garrison —

Read memorial and representation from Captain

Durand

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Durand concerning his having lost rank by serving at the siege of Manila, and requesting to be appointed to a Battalion, or the Command of an Out Garrison

to Lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following Letters received last night from the Southward

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

President & Select Committee Fort St. George

From Mr. Hepplesley with Letter from Anjengo with Intelligence —

My Lord Gentlemen

I have the Honour to transmit to Your Lordships &c a Letter which I have just received. Express from Anjengo.

I have the Honour to be with the greatest respect &c

(signed) J. Coxe Hepplesley

Tanjour 19th October 1783

To J. Coxe Hepplesley Esqr.

Acting Resident at Tanjore

From Mr. Hutchinson to Mr. Hepplesley with intelligence —

Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 28th Ultimo inclosing Copy of a dispatch you had received

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received from the Presidency — Your mast will I hope elucidate the Fact of General Stuarts dismission —

Mr. Firth at Tellicherry informs me under the 3d. instant, that Tippoo has recommenced Hostilities at Mangalore, & it is reported, taken an unfair advantage of the Cessation of Arms by capturing General Macleod, several Officers & the Troops that were out of the Fort —

Anjengo
9th. October 1783

I have the honor to be
&c
/signed/ J. Hutchinson

Received at Tanjore
19th. October
/signed/ HH

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

From Mr. Hisperley with Dispatch from Tellicherry —

My Lord Gentlemen

I have taken the liberty to open the accompanying Dispatch from Tellicherry & have triplicated it to the address of Your Lordship &c

I must beg to observe to the Honble Board that the letter referred to as having been written by me to the Resident of Anjango, was of a Date as far back as the beginning of

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of the month of August

I shall Resume an meeting with the approba-
tion of Your Lordship &c. in Communicating to Colonel
Fullarton the contents of this Dispatch. —

I have the honor to be
with the Greatest Respect
&c.
(signed) J. Lloyd Hepplesley

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

From the Factors at Tellicherry with intelligence of the great inclination of Tippoo Saib to infringe the Cessation of Hostilities

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Resident having received from Anjengo a Copy of a Letter from Mr. J. Lloyd Hepplesley acting Resident at Tanjour to Mr. Hutchinson mentioning the recommencement of Hostilities against Tippoo Saib. We beg leave to submit to Your Honor &c. Consideration should the above information be authentic, the propriety of sending round a Force to this Coast to act in conjunction with such Troops as may be sent from Bombay, & which We are of opinion might cause a favorable Diversion —

We think it necessary to inform Your
Hono

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Honor'd Sir that a Gentleman lately arrived from Bombay stopped at Mangalow the 21st Ultimo with an intention to land some Refreshments he had brought with him for that place. but that he & another Gentlemen who was in the Boat with him were taken on shore into Tippoo Saibs Camp where they were detained two days. & that they were prevented having any intercourse with our Troops in the Fort or from sending on any of the Articles brought down — These Gentlemen say they were Eye witnesses to Tippoo Saibs People working Night & Day at their Fortifications and to their carrying Planks for Platforms —

Notwithstanding We some time ago informed the Bebba of Cannanore of the Cessation of Hostilities, her People still continue committing depredations in the Cherricka Country & have now conquered the greatest part thereof —

We have the honor to be

Hon'd Sir

Tellicherry
2d. October 1783

/signed/ { M: Firth
G Paterson

P. S. Since closing the above a Letter has been received from the Northward Extract of which We now enclose Your Honor & Advices also this Instant received from Goa

mention

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mention that Tippoo Saibs Officers at Onore & Carwar seem much inclined to break the Cessation & have absolutely refused permitting any Refreshments to be sent into the former, the Commanding Officer at which Place thinks it is their intentions to endeavour to starve them out -

From Mr. Murdoch Brown Imperial Resident at Ballapatam. -

Extract of a Letter to the Resident at Tellicherry dated the 29th September 1783 and received the 2d of October following -

From Mr. Murdoch Brown to the factors of Tellicherry confirming Tippoos inclination to infringe the Cessation

My present incitement to write You is to give You intelligence of the treachery of Your Enemy in Mangalore. for all the private & public reasons may make our interests to be in opposition to one another. Yet, such flagrant Villainy must be equally abhorred by every Man who can feel for the calamities of others. While the English thinking themselves in security during the Cessation of Arms he has been at work, underhand getting every thing in readiness & by degrees endeavouring to fill up the Ditch, & now has seized and put in Irons the Troops, General and Gentlemen who were out of the Fort. His Troops who were dispersed a few Leagues in the Country on purpose came all

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at once upon them. and he is making violent attempts to make himself Master of the Fort — the French Troops procured liberty to come to Mahe. but have been stopt at Combla by 2000 Men put after them, and by what I hear are hard put to it — People are ordered to be in readiness here, and there is little doubt if he succeeds there, but his views are for Your Place such is the Intelligence I have got & I think it is true. if You have heard it before tis well, if not, make what use You can of what I tell You —

Your own prudence will suggest to You the secresy requisite in what I have wrote You, the least word blown would cost me my life, I therefore hope You will not impart to any body whatever from what quarter You had this intelligence —

A true Extract

(signed) G. Paterson

Secretary —

Agreed on Account of the above Intelligence that the deputation to Tellicherry be for the present suspended.

At the the Committee do not give implicit credit to the Intelligence contained in the foregoing papers, they think it too serious to be disregarded, and it is therefore Agreed that the departure of Messrs. Sadleir and Staunton be for the present suspended

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The President informs the Committee that it having come to his knowledge that a General order was issued by General Stuart to his Majestys Troops on the 17th September subsequent to his demission he the President obtained a Copy of it and sent the same to Major General Campbell with a Note which together with the Copy of the General order General Campbells answer and another Copy of the same order sent by General Campbell with his answer the President lays before the Committee and they are read accordingly as follows

The President lays before the Committee a General order published to the Kings Troops by Genl. Stuart subsequent to his demission his Note to Genl. Campbell & that Generals Answer in Consequence —

To his Majestys Troops

By his Excellency the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in India —

G. O. General Stuart assigning his intention to keep the Command of the Kings Troops

Major General Stuart takes this occasion to inform the General Officers, and Commanding Officers of Corps, with the officers of every description, and the Troops in General in his Majesty's Service in India, that by a resolution this day passed in public Orders, the Select Committee of Fort St. George has thought fit to dismiss him, Major General Stuart, from the Service of the Honble East India Company —

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The nature of the Subject, and the actual crisis of publick affairs, lead him to be Silent for the present on this point, but on that which regards the Command of his Majesty's Troops, which by Succession of Rank to the late Lieut.t General Sir Eyre Coote, he now has the honor to hold until his Majesty's Royal pleasure shall be clearly known, Major Gen.l Stuart is obliged by duty to his Majesty, to the Troops he has the honor to Command and to himself, thus to declare, that he never will relinquish this Command to any authority inferior to that of his Majesty and Major General Stuart expects, that this line of duty on his part, will be clearly understood by every Officer and Soldier under his Command The argument relative to half pay &c.a as stated in what he has seen of the Order of the Select Committee of this Day, confutes itself both from the inherent validity of his Majesty's Rank, expressly given to Major General Stuart, aswell in India, as in Europe, while his Majesty at the very time of granting it knew that Major General Stuart was on Actual Service in India, and likewise in the particular Instance of Sir Hector Munro, who tho' at the time on half pay only before the arrival of Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Commanded this

Majesty's

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Majesty's Troops in Chief and after his Arrival in second —

After saying this much, as absolutely necessary respecting his determination to submit to no authority less respectable than that of His Majesty, as sufficient to deprive him of the Command of His Majesty's Troops. — The Commander in Chief hopes and trusts, that his example will be followed in every thing tending to forward the feeble Service at a Crisis when unanimity in public execution has become so essential to the National Interest, and to the real good of the Honorable East India Company. —

I signed I. Gratton
Adjt. Genl. of His Majesty's
forces in India

Chouldry Plain
17th. Septemr. 1783

Major General Campbell

Lord Macartney presents his Compliments to General Campbell, and will take it as favour if he will be so good to Compare the enclosed with the Order published by Major General to His Majesty's Troops on the 17th. September and to inform his Lordship if it is a true Copy. —

Major General Campbell presents his Compts. to Lord Macartney. he encloses a Copy of

Major

Fooms President to Genl. Campbell, requests he'll compare the above with the G.O. published by Genl. Stuart on the 17th. Septemr.

General Campbell encloses Copy of Genl. Stuarts Orders, I believe the Copy sent home by Mr

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the President to be
a true one

Major General Stuart's Order of the 17th Instant transcribed by a Serjeant from the Orderly Books of the 36th Regt. Genl. Campbell delivered the Paper Lord Macartney inclosed in a fair Copy, and tho it may differ a little from the one he has the Honor to send, the differences are not Essential and may have arisen from the inaccuracy of the Serjeant. —

Lord Macartney will find the Order of the 17th Marked A.5 with Paper of Orders —

G.O. Government Fort St. George 15th August 1783

Copies of G: O: issued by Genl. Stuart & the Government sent to Lord Macartney by Genl. Campbell —

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee are pleased to publish in General Order the following Extracts from their Proceedings of the 14th Instant — Resolved that General Stuart has no right or pretension to the title of Excellency

G: O: 18th August —

To be inserted in the Regimental Orders by Commrs of the several forces in India

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee of Fort St. George having thought proper to issue a General Order of August 15th their resolve that General Stuart has no right or pretensions to the title of Excy the Officers & Corps of His Majestys Forces serving in India

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Orders are to Consider the proceedings resolve as neither taking from, nor adding to any claim whatever of right from precedence or Courtesy, which the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in India has to the title of Esqr.

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G O. Government Fort St George 17th Septbr 1783

By vertue of powers given to this Government as mentioned in the orders published on the 19th March 83 and subscribed by Major General Stewart on his entering into the service the Major General Stewart 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 a Command over the Kings Forces unless specially employed by the King and as he is not so employed but on the Contrary is only on half pay from the Bounty of the Crown — Major General Sir John Burgoyne as the Senior Officer in His Majestys Service who is now employed upon this Coast is Consequently to take the Command of the Kings Forces

No 2 17th September

Major General Stewart having been dismissed from the Honble Companys Service as notified in another General order of this Date — he

right

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Right Honble the President and Select Committee have been pleased to appoint Colonel Ross Lang to be Lt General in the Honble Company's service, and Commander in Chief of their Forces, until the pleasure of the Honble Court of Directors shall be known ——

N:3 17th September

Lieutenant General Lang to proceed to Cauvh without Delay, and assume the Command of the Army

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G:O: By Major General Sir John Burgoyne Camp 18th Septemr 1783

Parole Stewart C:S Observe

The President and Select Committee having thought proper to confine Major General Stewart the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Troops - and also suspend him the exercise of his Rank & power, as well as the Admission of his friend Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart the next senior Officer of his Majestys Troops, conceiving it impossible that General Stewart can perform the Duties of a Commander in Chief from the Disagreeable situation he is now taken upon him the Command of them, and Expects to be obey'd as their Commanding Officer till the release of General Stuart will enable the General to act as before —— M:G: Sir John Burgoyne begs leave to observe to

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to the Kings troops that nothing should have made him assume the Command while General Stewart remained in the Country, but the Circumstance of his being rendered incapable by his confinement of Exercising the powers of Commander in Chief. —

N.o 5 Choultry plain 17th September 1783

G. O. To his Majestys Troops — By his Exc.y the Com=
=mander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in India

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declare

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Declare, that he never will relinquish the Command to any authority inferior to that of His Majesty and M.G. Stewart expects that this Line of Duty on his part, will be clearly understood by every Officer and Soldier under his Command - The agreement relative to half pay &c as stated in what he has seen of the orders of the select Committee of this Day - confutes itself both from the inherent Validity of His Majesty's Rank, especially given to M.G. Stewart as well in India as in Europe while His Majesty at the very time of granting it, knew that he M.G. Stewart was in Actual Service in India and likewise in the particular instance of Sir Hector Munro, tho at the same time on half pay only, before the Arrival of Lieut. General Sir Eyre Coote Command His Majestys Troops in this and after his arrival in Second After saying thus much as absolutely necessary respecting his Determination to submit to no Authority less respectable than His Majesty as Sufficient to Deprive him of the Command of His Majestys Troops - the Commander in Chief hopes & trusts that his Example will be followed in every thing tending to the forwarding of the public service at this Crisis when unanimity in public exertions is become so essential to the National interest and the real good of the Honble

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East India Company

No 6 Bay Government

In order to remove any doubt that may arise with respect to Rank, and to Commissions in the Army, the select Committee thinks proper to publish in General orders, that the express words of the Instructions to this Government from the Court of Directors are to grant the Commission of B. Generals in the Infantry Officers next in rank upon the Military Establishment of Fort St George, or such other Commissions as will preserve the Command of the Companys Army in the Companys own Officers — The power of appointing not only Lieut. Generals but Generals is recognised in the Act for preserving Meeting in the East Indies, and which act is now in force &c. mentions in the very first Clause — the General Lt General or Commander in Chief of the said Company's forces - and in the 3d Article of the 13 Section of the Articles of war published by His Majesty in pursuance of the said act it is [illegible] Declared by His Majesty that whenever any of his Land Forces shall be sent into the East Indies, they shall whilst employed there Duly observe & obey the Articles made for the better Government of the Officers & Soldiers in the service of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, & be subject to the

pains

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Same penalties thereon Specified for Crimes or offences against the same - 4th Article of the same Section Establishes the relation of authority between the Kings & Companys forces whereby only in an equality of Rank the Kings Officer commands, Makes part of the Companys Officers - Calls persons in the Kings Service of rank inferior to that of Lieut.t Gov.r & doing duty with the Compangs forces are by the first Clause of the said act to obey the Lawfull Commands of

Lt General Lang

Gen.l Stuart in his protest asserts that no Orders were issued by him to the Kings Troops subsequent to his Segure

General Stuart in his protest dated the 4th October asserts that "at the time of the seizure of the said Declaration no order had been issued by him to the Kings Troops" —

By what subterfuge this Assertion can be reconciled to the General order intered above, and authenticated by Major General Campbell the Committee leave to General Stuart to explain to the Court of Directors and to the public at large.

Minute thereon

The President informs the Committee that Lieut.t Colonel Sterling has represented to him that he labor under great Embarassment from receiving orders from Sir John Burgoyne at the same time that he

The President informs the Committee that Col. Sterling has represented to him the embarassment under which he labor from receiving opposite orders from Gen.l Burgoyne to those

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those of Government & in consequence laid before that Committee a Letter from Colo Ster=ling to Sir John Burgoyne

he receivd orders from the Select Committee whose orders Sir John Burgoyne had before directed him to obey—that the day before the Army moved from the Mount he / Colonel Sterling / in a conference with Sir John Burgoyne remind=ed him of that direction, and Colonel Sterling has since found it necessary to address a Letter to him which at his desire the President now lays before the Com=mittee.—

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Sir

From Col: Sterling to Genl. Burgoyne justify=ing his Conduct in applyi=ng to Genl. Lang for per=mission to march at the time ordered by Genl. Bur=goyne.—

I do myself the honor of addressing You, in consequence of the very strong expressions made use of by You, on the Evening of the 22d when I had the honor of waiting on You, accusing me, of Want of Candour and dis obedience at least hiffling, with Your Orders: things of the severest nature, to a man of honor, and a Soldier, and which both have arisen from the same Source: my writing to Lieut. General Lang, the 21st Instt. to request his Permission, to March His Majestys 36th Regiment under my Command, at my own hour next Morning, when Captain Armstrong called on me, late the night of the 21st I told him my motive for writing

to

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to General Lang, was to prevent my being the immediate occasion of any thing disagreeable happening, to Sir John Burgoyne, for as an order had issued from him, dated the 20th. which order for reasons unknown to me, I was not to give out till late the 21st. Specified a different hour, from General Langs order for the 36th. marching I was certain of being obliged to produce Sir John Burgoynes order, if I disobey'd General Langs — this I meant as private conversation, to shew my wish to preserve Peace, and harmony, and prevent matters coming this one to extremity, and had that Gentleman professed this prudence I expected, he never would have revealed this Circumstance, and especially to You. thus Sir delicacy to Sir John Burgoyne, a delicacy I little thought, would have been so severely censured, was the only inducement, to my ever for a moment deviating from the strictest rules of Candour, and Propriety — I had the strongest reasons, from your own declaration, on the Evening of the 14th. Instant to be apprehensive of bad consequences to You, had I peremptorily refused to obey the orders of Lieut. Genl. Lang — For when You then told me, You would put the first Kings officer under an Arrest, who should obey

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obey the Man called Genl. Lang — I candidly, and openly replied, I must have positive orders from You in writing, before I could venture to disobey him — You then said, Your meaning from the beginning of this affair was to give Officers Commanding Corps, private instructions which should clear them if brought to a General Court Martial, but which orders they were not to produce till then, as You was Convinced the Government here, only wanted a favourable pretence, for arresting Your Person — I plainly told You, I thought that a subterfuge, I never should acquiesce in, as I was determined to act, only by Authority, I was at Liberty to produce — You then, and not till then declared You would issue positive orders — I accordingly received them on the 15th but with every respect to You Sir, as my Commanding Officer I considered them as very inconclusive, they particularly forbid the Kings Troops to acknowledge any other authority but Yours, as Commander in Chief and the Government of this Country, the President and Select Committee —

That Government gave us orders, to report to, and obey Lt. Genl. Lang and previous to Your Orders, were had reported to him and given him returns of His Majesty's

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Regt. on the 1st. of October, and not receiving any orders
from You, till the 15th. to the Contrary. I had Considered
myself to all intents and Purposes, under the Command
of Lieut. General Lacy — I can I cannot comprehend,
how any Officer can Obey, and disobey, the same Author-
=ity, at the same time, for in my idea so long as You
are the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces, and
give me Orders to Obey the President, and Select Com-
=mittee as the Supreme power of this Presidency I can-
=not disobey their orders in any one particular, without
at the same time disobeying Yours —

when this Affair first Originated with the Court
of Major General Stuart, on the 17th. September and the
Commanding Officer of Corps, and many others, were
assembled at Your Tent, no Man more warmly Re-
=comded Your resolution of not resigning the Command
of the Kings Troops, than myself — & then declared
and have continued from in the same Opinion
Since that I should certainly Obey Your Orders as
the Kings Eldest Officer, and that whatever my pri-
=vate Sentiments might be on the Events which
had taken place, my Duty, as a Kings Officer obliged
me

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me to look up to You alone; but from the 19th September, I received no Orders from You, or instructions how to proceed, on the contrary was left in the Utmost uncertainty - when Government issued orders on the 27th September for monthly Returns to be given in to Lieut. General Lang, as Commander in Chief - in the Evening of that Day, after dark, an Offi=cer in Blue uniform, I am unacquainted with his Name, called at my Quarters at the Mount, and desiring to Speak in Private, abruptly asked whether I intended to Comply with the Orders of the day - I must Say I thought Such a Question, from a perfect Stranger, most ex=traordinary, if not impertinent, and directly demanded from what Authority he asked it, he answered, Sir John Burgoynes; who wished to know how I intended to act - I very plainly told him, that having received no Order, from the Kings Eldest Officer, I thought it my Duty to obey, and that unless Sir John Burgoy=ne, gave me positive orders in Writing to the Contrary, I must certainly, should obey the Orders of Government, and added at the Same time that I did not think it quite fair, Sending in that Secret manner, to Sift our Officers Private Sentiments -

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I repeated the same Language, the next evening at your house, to Captain Affleck, Your Aid de Camp — A Soldiers conduct may, and often is Obliged, to differ materially from his private Sentiments, whatever mine may be, I have said before, and I now repeat, that I only can receive Orders from You or agreeable to Your Instruction so long as You think proper to signe them to me —

You Sir are best Acquainted, with Your own motives for refusing the Chief Command, and Your present refusal to the orders of this Government, it is sufficient for me to Obey Your order, for which You only are responsible but I cannot avoid observing that the Kings Troops, and especially the 36th. Regiment, have been most essentially injured, for not many days ago, Lord Macartney declared to me, that the Select Committee, were prevented by Your Conduct alone from agreeing to put the Regt. on Batta, the beginning of this Month — and excepting the Fort, and Garrison of Bourmallie, there is not a single Kings Officer, left in Command, in the whole circle of the Cantonments

From the Rank, I have the honor to bear in this Country, I have thought this Justification, and explanation, of my Conduct, absolutely necessary to clear my Character from all aspersions, and to lay, open not only to You

for

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Sir, but (if occasion requires) to my Sovereign, and the whole Army, the Motives by which I have been influenced, and particularly, to the President, and Select Committee, before whom I shall have the honor of Producing a Copy of this Letter — I have adopted this mode, from Your Observing the Evening of the 22d that I was Warm, Down Right most exceedingly at Charges, I was conscious of having merited, only from the best intentions, and fearing, I might possibly fail in that respect, I ever wish to Shew my Superiors, I from that moment was Silent —

I have now endeavoured in this plain Statement of Facts, to Speak with the freedom, and candour, becoming a British Subject, and a Soldier and at the same time, never to lose Sight, of the respect, and attention, due to Sir John Burgoyne, as Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
&c
(signed) M.th Sterling
B: Lt Col.
Commanding His Majestys 36th Regt

St. Thome October 24th 1783

to lie on the Table

Ordered to lie for Consideration

Read

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Read the following Letter and enclosure from
Major Campbell of his Majestys 98 Regiment

The Right Honble President and Members of Select Committee

From Major Campbell requesting his allowance of Batta as commandant at the Seig.

My Lord Gentlemen

I beg leave to Enclose an Abstract from the General Orders of the Second of August 1783. and request You will be so good as Order my Batta Bills to be Paid from that Period until the Twenty Second of October on which day Lieut Nixon took on him the Command of the Cantonments at the Seig. Agreable to the Order of Government.—

I have the Honour to be

Seig 24th October 1783

&c

[signed] David Campbell
Major Commanding 98th Regt

Extract from General Orders 2d August 1783

The Commander in Chief, has Signified to Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bt That the several Commanding Officers of the Detached Cantonments, and of Course Major Campbell or the Eldest Officer Commanding there to Command at the Seig Independently of any other Cantonm

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All of them making their Respective Reports to Major General Sir John Burgoyne.

A True Copy signed David Campbell
Major 98th Regt

Honble Company Dr

To My Batta from the 2d of August Inclusive
To the 31st 30 Days at 4 Pr Pr Diem ——— Pay 120
To do for the Month of September ——— 120
To do to the 21st October Inclusive ——— 84
Pay 324

(signed) David Campbell
Major 98th Regt
Commanding Cantonments at Seuz

Agreed that Major Campbell be informed that the Seuz is considered by Government as included in the St Thomé Command and that General Stuart had no Authority from them to consider it as a distinct cantonment that the General order therefore in question does not entitle Major Campbell to the Allowance of Batta.

cannot be complied with

The last Letters from Captain Edmonds and from General Lowis making it prudent to have a force prepared to march to the Northward it is agreed that Colonel Pearse with the detachment of the 101st Regiment at St Thomé and the

In Consequence of the latest Information from Bengale, agreed that Col: Pearse do hold himself in readiness with the detachment at Trivetore, to march on the shortest Notice.

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the detachment of the 102d and the 3 Bengal Regiments at Tanjore, be ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march at the shortest Notice: —

The Commander in Chief recommends Lieutenants Close and Little to be appointed his Aid de Camps which is agreed to and they are appointed accordingly

Lt Close Little aid de Camps to General Lang —

The President lays before the Committee the following Extract of a Letter from the Bay master at Vellore to Mr Grame

Extract of a Letter from Mr Oglevie to Mr Grame
Dated Vellore 17th October 1793

Extract of a Letter from Mr Oglevie to Mr Grame acquainting him of the good effects already experienced by the Cessation on the polite Behavior of Sultan Sing who commands near Arcott —

We already have experienced the happy effects of the Cessation of Hostilities in the very polite behaviour of Sultan Sing who Commands near Arcott, being in want of every thing in the House keeping way we applied to him to allow our Carts to pass to Madras for Liquors &c he not only gave them a passport, but sent six Horsemen with them to escort them to Tripermadore within thirty miles of Madras, they left us three days ago and will be at Madras to morrow or next day

I hope My Lord is well I beg You will make Mr Oglevies & my best Compliments to him and believe me my Dear Grame. —

Yours Sincerely
(signed) Tho: Ea Oglevie

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Dispatched the following Letter to the several Commd Garrisons

To John Sullivan Esqr

Resident at

Tanjore

To the Several Commd Garrisons
Mr Jackson appointed
Superintendant of Grain
Accounts in the field to
receive from him those
Officers & Soldiers
with the Southern Army
which are not adjusted

Sir

The Right Honorable the President and
Select Committee having appointed Mr W.m Jackson
Superintendant of the Grain Accounts in the Field and
to collect the outstanding Balances: you are hereby
directed to receive all Rice Accounts and which he
may find necessary to send to you belonging to disperst
Officers & Soldiers who have left the Army and not
adjusted their Accounts

I have the honor to be &c &c

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25 Octr 1783

Signed John Huddleston Secy

The Same to Manulpatam
Ganjam
Vizagapatam Tuppaseer
The Paymaster Arcot Pillore
Chingleput Madura
Tulicat Balamcotah
Bonnamalle Nellore
Permacoil & to the Paymaster of the Northern
Southern Armies

Received

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Received the following Letter from Baymarlow

of Vellore

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

K B President & Governor of

Fort St George

From Mr Ogilvie expressing his wish the Garrison might receive Battavia Inn of this Request to be furnished with 6000 Pagodas Monthly -

My Lord

Yesterday I had the honor to be favoured with your Lordships letter of the 20th Ult per my almost exertions shall be used to comply with those your Orders therein contained and I am not without hopes of Success if you can supply me amply with the needfull In a few days I will forward your Lordship as exact an Account as possible of the quantity of Grain I am to receive from the Government I have of the Crop now growing and which will be delivered by the ends of February at farthest as also of the quantity I shall be able to purchase from the Inhabitants of their Share of the produce

If your Lordship could supply us with money sufficient to allow the Garrison Batta daily

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daily in lieu of rice, for three months it would be a saving of Thirty one Thousand Seir of Rice 3 Months and the Troops would be equally well satisfied to be put on Batta, provided it was equal to their daily allowance of rice which will only be purchasing at the Bazar price the very Grain we serve out to the Garrison which will amount to a hundred thousand Seir of Rice in three months a great deal more than we can possibly collect and without any risk or Advance of cash The Batta for the Garrison in lieu of Rice will amount to Twelve hundred Pagodas 3 months so if your Lordship can Supply me with Six Thousand Pagodas monthly I shall then be able to give them a months pay regularly and their Batta besides The Sipoys are Seven Months in Arrears the first of November

I beg leave to refer your Lordship to my letter of the 30th July to the Right Honble The Committee respecting the repairs wanting to the Grain Godowns As I have only one place at present that is water tight or free from Vermin I beg to be favoured

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25th forwarded with your orders whether I may begin to repair those in Ruins for the reception of whatever we may be able to Collect-

I have the honor to be &c &c.

Signed/ Thom. Ogilvie

Vellore

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26th Received the following Letters -

My Lord

From Captain Cuppage with exert his utmost to procure Grain encloses an Account of its Price with the Bazar

I have the honor to receive your Lordships orders of the 20th Instant and shall use every exertion is in my power to form a Magazine of Grain for the use of the Army I have informed the Renter that he is to Supply me with all the Grain he can collect which from the quantity of ground already cultivated I have every reason to think will amount to near

3000 Colums

I have the honor to send your Lordship the Prices of Grain this day in the Bazar from the small quantity coming in daily I have reason to think it will not be dearer and I am of opinion with Mr Ogilvie that it should be purchased as long as it continues at that rate-

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As Grain is pretty reasonable it would be a great Saving to the Garrison to pay the Sepoys Lascars &c. dry Batty in lieu of Rice at the same rate grain is sold at in the Bazar and request to know if your Lordship will approve of it -

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

(Signed) John Cuppage

Rice - Fm 8½ Measure p Rupee
Natchanee - 12½ - Do. - Do
Combo - - 19 Do. Do
Cholum - 12 - Do. Do

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Received Letter from Lieutenant Dawes of the 23d Instant as entered in Miscellany Book N° representing the distresses he must labour under by not having his Accounts adjusted thinks it impossible to procure Mechanics at this Season of the year to erect a Habitation Suitable for Mr Benfields Situation

Received Letter from the Commanding Officer of Chinglepute with a Letter from Lieutenant Dawes enclosing a letter from Mr MacIntosh with Copy of a Letter from Captain Belcliffe.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
K B President & Governor

From Lieutenant
Bulman with
Papers of
intelligence relative to
the hostile proceedings
of Tippoo

My Lord

I have thought it prudent to forward the enclosed as soon as possible for your Lordships Inspection and am with respect

My Lord

Your very obedient Servant

(Signed) Edward Bulman
Lieutenant Commanding.

Chinglepute
25th
October 25 1783
9 o Clock P. M.

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To John Hudleston Esqr.

Military Secretary

Sir

Please to lay before the Right Honble the President & Select Committee the Enclosed Letters just this moment come to Hand: I write of by this opportunity to Chinglput

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) N Dawes Lt Comg

Pirmacoil

24 Octr 1/2 past

6 P. M.

Lieutenant Dawes

Commanding

Pirmacoil

Sir

With this is a Copy of a Letter which is just come to my Hands from Captain Billcliffe I Send it for your perusal that you may be on your Guard against the Enemy.

I am &c

(Signed) Edwd M.c Intosh

British Resident

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1/2 past 2 P.M.

Received the following Letter and enclosure from Colonel Stirling of this date

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From Colonel Sterling with Copies of his Correspondence with Genl Burgoyne and Copy of the Generals Letter putting him under an Arrest for disobedience of Orders

Right Honble the President & Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

Agreable to Sir John Burgoynes desire I have the honor to enclose a Copy of his letter in answer to mine of the 24th presented already to you as also my reply to it I likewise beg leave to lay before you his orders of the 22d Submitted by his own desire to Colonel Nixon Commanding this Cantonment with a letter from me of this days date on that Subject -

His Letter delivered to me this moment by Captain Affleck His Aid De Camp will Shew you I am now under an Arrest for so far he terms / disobedience of his orders

I have first reported this matter to Colonel Nixon

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed/ A. Sterling A. Genl. Col.

St Thome 27th Octr 1783
6 O Clock P.M.

Head Quarters Choultry Plain 22 Octr 1783

G. O

By Major General Sir John Burgoyne Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces in India -

In Obedience to the Commands of

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To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

36th Regiment Foot

Sir

I Received last night your letter of Yesterday wherein you expreſs yourself much hurt at the very Strong Expreſsions made use of by me to you on the Evening of the 22d accuſing you of Want of Candour and Disobedience or at least bafling with my Orders The End which I propoſed by giving those orders having been totally defeated by your Conduct I certainly had a right as Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops to expreſs my diſapprobation but I do not recollect having attributed your Conduct to Want of Candour and as to disobedience of them my own inadvertency in Wording the orders acquaints you of that for in the order you was only tied up not to divulge it till late in the Evening of the 25th to any person whatever ——— I own I could little think that when it was late in the Evening of the 25th you would divulge the matter to Colonel Fraser

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27 for Gually conceived that a Person of much less understanding than yourself would at once have seen thro' the Meaning of my Order which was purposely to Prevent your obeying the Orders of Colonel Lang under whose Command you was not

By your Application to Colonel Lang the very thing I wanted to prevent took place which was his making my Hour for your Regiments Marching his own and giving out his Orders for it — I must Acknowledge I did not expect that you could either misunderstand those orders or that you would have taken advantage of an Opening which plainly took away the only Effect they were meant to Produce —

You mention in your Letter it was delicacy to me which made you take this Step however I may be obliged to you for so much Personal attention I wish for the future in giving out my Orders to be Literally obeyed tho' perhaps to my own Apparant Prejudice — Said the Order on which you Consulted Colonel Lang originated from Government I should never have Contradicted it for the Government itself must be Obliged yet I will not allow a delegation to a person like Colonel Lang / who is not properly authorised / of Power to Act from himself in Regard to the Kings Troops This is the distinction

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distinction I mean to observe and which you seem
not to comprehend In the Second part of your Letter
relative to the Monthly Returns ordered to be given
in to Colonel Lang this order as coming from Govern-
-ment has Consequently been Obeyed and that for
your Regiments Marching coming from Colonel Lang
was consequently not meant to have been Obeyed
by
the Officer who on the 27 of September called at your
house in a Blue Uniform is Captain Lieutenant &
Superintendant in the Company's Artillery and my Aid
de Camp had been given out in Publick Orders
as Such and is an Officer as well known & Esteemed
as any in the Service if he delivered my Message to you
in a Manner that could be called impertinent I
Shall be ready to make him answer for his Conduct
The Message I sent was Such as I had a right
to Send and was not meant to Hurt your Private
Sentiments but to demand a Publick avowal of
your intentions relative to the Orders of the 27
You inform me that Lord Macartney declared to
you

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you that the Select Committee was prevented from putting
℔
the 36 Regiment on Batta by my Conduct I am Surprized
Sir Lordship could not furnish you with a Better Reason
as last Year when my Regiment was Exactly in the Same
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predicament with the 36 it had no Batta and the reason of
his Lordships refusal to me was that it was Contrary to the
orders of the Court of Directors and would be an improper
Expenditure of the Publick Money His Lordship's declaration
to you can only appear to me an Indirect Offer to draw
you and others of his Majesty's Officers from their Duty
to their Commanding Officer and I hope will be Held in
the Light it deserves by every Officer and Soldier under
my Command

You mention your intention of laying your
Letter to me before the Select Committee to which I have
not the Smallest Objection but must beg this my
Answer may accompany it

I am &c.

/Signed/

℔
October 25, 1783

John Burgoyne

/Copy/
/Signd/ M. Sterling
B. Lt Col.

M. G. and Commanding in Chief his
Majesty's Forces in India, for the time being

&c.

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To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Sir

I was yesterday evening favored with your ℔ in Answer to mine of the 24 as the point of w.h we are or are not to obey will I hope be shortly finally decided I shall only beg leave to observe that I never devulged your Order to Lieutenant General Lang nor does he I believe / at this time know I received such order it was merely at Noon to beg his Permission to March as early as I thought proper I am extremely concerned to have been misconceived with regard to my expressions relative to Captain Speedmans Baggage as I conceive him two proper a Man to be guilty of any thing like im- =pertinence my only meaning was that never having the honor of his Acquaintance before the 27 ℔ I conceived it extraordinary being addressed a Question on Military Business by a perfect Stranger the Moment he informed me he came from Sir John Burgoyne believe me every Idea of that Sort fell to the Ground - you have yourself agued the Government

must

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must be obeyed in that point of giving in Returns
Surely then there could be no Reason to ask how I
intended to act my duty did not leave me a Choice
the orders too Lieutenant Gineral Long for the March
of the 36th Regiment were founded on the Orders of Govt
Government

I have already laid my last before the Select
Committee and shall in Compliance with your wishes
lay a Copy of yours

I assure you my only Motive for writing
it was to clear myself from all aspersions on either side
placed in the respectable Line of Commanding the Main
Body of His Majesty's oldest Regiment in India my
only wish is that my Conduct may if brought to a hearing
merit his Royal Approbation

I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) M. Sterling B. G. Genl
Comm.g the H. 36th Regt.

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To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bt

Sir

having shewn your orders of the 22d instant
to Colonel Nixon he deemed they might be not be
inserted

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inserted till he wrote to the Adjutant General and

Sent him a Copy of them -

As he has not yet received any answer I think

it proper to inform you of this circumstance -

I have the honor to be &c &c.

[Signed] M.tt Sterling B.t Lieut.t Col.o

Commanding his M.ty 36.th Regt.

St Thome

Oct.r 27.th 1783

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

Captain in and Commanding the 36.th Regiment.

St Thome.

Sir

As Commanding in Chief His Majesty's

Forces in India for the time being I do hereby order

You under an Arrest for disobedience of my Orders

St

Oct.r 27. 1783

Sam.l &c &c

(Signed) J Burgoyne

Adj.t Gen.l

[True Copy]

M.tt Sterling - Commanding in Chief His Majesty's

B.t D.C.G. Forces in India for the time being

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St George

From Colonel Sterling enclosing Letter from Colonel Nixon to Lieut & his Col. Sterling Letter in Consequence to General Burgoyne -

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to enclose Colonel Nixons answer to my letter informing him of my being put under an Arrest by order of Sir Jno Burgoyne.

I shall most undoubtedly obey Colonel Nixon as my immediate Commanding Officer till your pleasure is made Known and transmit my letter to Sir Jno Burgoyne acquainting him with my intentions

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) M. Sterling Brevet Colo

Commanding his Majestys 36 Regt

Fort St George
to
October 27. 1783
Colo M. Sterling Bt M.

Dear Sir

I am extremely sorry that any Delay of the Adjutant Generals replying to my letter should have occasioned you any arrest which I little expected but as the orders for such arrest should have come to me I release you and only lament I did not know Captain Affleck's business that he Galloped past me

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me otherwise he Should certainly have remained here

in Arrest in Arrest till the pleasure of a higher power

than Sir John Burgoyne was known

October the 27. 1783.

Sam F.o F.o

Copy M.r Sterling
A.D.C.

Signed Eccles Nixon

Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bt.

Sir

immediately on receiving your letter ordering

me under an Arrest for disobedience of your

Orders I enclosed a Copy to Colonel Nixon under

whose immediate Command I am even by your

own Orders and you have herewith his answer -

I certainly Shall consider myself at liberty till

the pleasure of a higher power than yours is known

I believe you forgot that you yourself ordered

me to Shew all your orders to Colonel Nixon the

Commanding Officer of this Cantonment before they

and given out

Sam F.o F.o

Sign'd M.r Sterling D.A.G.

Commanding his Majesty's Forces

St Thome
Oct.r 27th 1783.
7 O'Clock P.M.

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Dispatched the following Letter

To Lieutenant Dawes

Commanding at Permacoil

To Commanding Officer
of Permacoil & Chingleput
to be particularly on their
Guard against Surprize

Sir

In consequence of the Intelligence which you
have transmitted to the Select Committee from Captain
Bilclyffe of the recommencement of Hostilities on the part
of Tippoo Sultaun - I am directed to desire that you
will be particularly on your guard against any Surprize
from the Enemy Should there be any truth in the above
intelligence to which the Select Committee are at present
unwilling to give implicit credit as the Vakeels of Tippoo
Sultaun have this moment Assured the Right Honble
President that they are entirely ignorant of any infraction
of the Cessation on the part of their Master and that
they conceive that any disturbance which may have
arisen must have originated from Some misunderstanding
between the respective parties - The moment the Select
Committee Shall receive undoubted proofs of the hostile
designs of Tippoo Sultaun they will transmit to you
Instructions for your Guidance 'till which time the
Right

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27 Right Honble the President and Select Committee desire that you will Strictly conform to those you have already received —

Sam & Jno &c.

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Lgnd/ John Huddleston Sy

The Same to Lieutenant Bulman
Commanding at Chinglipat

To Lieutenant Francis Capper
Commanding at Chillumbrum

To Commanding officer of Chillumbrum Village & Tuppharow with information of the intelligence received & to be particularly guarded against Surprize the Committee from the Circumstance of the Vackeels cannot think the intelligence to be well founded —

Sir

The Select Committee having received intelligence which mentions that the Enemy have surprized the Garrison of Arnee and have communicated Similar intelligence to the Right Honble the President & Council at Fort St. George I am directed to desire that you will be particularly on your guard against any Surprize that may be attempted by the Enemy. Should there be any ground for the above Intelligence in which the Select Committee are not at present willing to place implicit credit the Vackeels of Tippoo Sultaun having this moment assured the Right Honble President that they are ignorant

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ignorant of any infraction of the Cessation on the part of their Master and that they conceive any disturbance which may have arisen must have been occasioned by some misunderstanding between the respective Troops The moment the Select Committee shall receive undoubted proofs of the hostile designs of Tippoo Sultaun They will transmit to you Instructions for your Guidance until which time the Right Honble the President & Select Committee desire that you will strictly conform to those you have already received

I am &c &c

Fort St George
to
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The Same to Wallace and Tippanee (Signed) John Hudleston Secy

Received the following Letter from Mr Hepperley enclosing a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honble Court of Directors and another for the President for entered in Country Correspondence requesting him to forward his Letter for Europe by the first Dispatch and hopes his Lordship will represent the Losses he has met with from the Depredations of the Enemy States that Tondiman has not yet agreeably to the order of the Committee restored the Countries he took possession of Requests for

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27 for the Orders may be sent him to that effect and that he also make restitution of the Money &c. which he has collected

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K B

K. B President and Governor of

Fort St George

From Mr Huppesley with Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore for the Honble the Court of Directors Another for the President -

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordships a letter from His Excellency the Rajah accompanying another addressed to the Honorable the Court of Directors -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjore 19th Octr 1783

(Signed) Coxe Huppesley

Received the following Letter from Mr Huppesley with Copies of his Letters to Captain Bruce Tondiman & the Rajah of Tanjore -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K B

&c &c &c President and Governor of

Fort St George.

From Mr Huppesley with his Correspondence with Tondiman &c relative to the restoration of the districts he had usurped from the Rajah of Tanjore -

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit to your

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your Lordships Copies of Letters to Fondiman and Captain Bruce Commanding this Garison which I am to hope will meet with your Lordships approbation as we have received repeated Accounts of Fondimans Cutting down large Quantities of grain which would not be ripe for many weeks and as it may be the Opinion of Government that the Circarshare of the Standing Crop Should be adjudged to his Excellency The Nabob / no Antecident right occuring to Fondiman from a property in the soil / I conceived it my duty to adopt the Measures Suggested in my Addresses to the Commanding Officer till I have the honor to receive the further Instructions of your Lordships & the Honble Board.

I have the honor to be &c

Tanjour
№ 20 October 1783

/Signed/ J. Coxe Hippisley

To Fondiman

I have received your two letters One Addressed to Mr Sullivan the other to myself but I am very much Concerned that you expres so little readiness to Comply with the Orders of the Honble Company which you must know to be just & by which you are greatly favored.

The orders of the Company are positive and

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and must not be disobeyed Agreably to my
Instructions therefore I now send an Escort of the Honble
Company's Troops Commanded by an Officer of great
prudence who will conduct to Killanelly Saml Barker
Amuldar Whom His Excellency the Raja has appoint-
=ted to receive possession of that place with its district
and Villages of Ardingy which you have to long
withheld from his Excellency

I have no doubt but you will pay
All due respect to the orders of Company by immediately
ordering your managers peaceably to surrender the possession
of those places to his Excellencys Manager / or whom he shall
Appoint / Giving Strict orders that no disturbances shall
be made by your People you may rely on the
discretion of the Officer who Commands the detachment
he will see no injury done on either Side and by your
Conduct. his will be governed-

This is the last letter I can write to you
before the Fort and districts are restored - May you enjoy
the Honble Company's favour It as a Buckler of your
defence to their friends and their Resentment is as
flaming

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27 Flaming Sword in the Eyes of their Enemies

Tanjore

What can I write more

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Signed J. Coxe Hippesley

To Captain Bruce

Commanding Tanjore

Sir

Having some time since Transmitted the orders of Government to Tondiman to deliver up to His Excellency the Rajah the Possession of the Fort of Trichinopoly with its Districts together with certain Villages in Ardingy and which have been long with held from His Excellency: and whereas some Difficulties have Occurred and may Still occur on the Subject of these orders I am to request that you will be pleased to order two Companys of Sepoys Commanded by an European Officer of Discretion to escort Such managers as His Excellency the Raja may chuse to send to take charge of the Districts in Question and I am further to request that you will be pleased to make the following points the Basis of your Instructions to the Officer whom you may be pleased to appoint to this

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This Service Night

That the object of the Escort is to give weight and respect to the orders of Government rather than to enforce obedience on the part of Tondiman who will probably on the receipt of the present letter peaceably surrender up the Fort or Districts in Question

Should Tondiman or his managers be inclined to surrender up the Possession of the Fort to the Officer in preference to the Rajas Killiadar or manager The Officer will receive possession and will Superintend a Person who accompanies the Detachment and who is properly Authorized by me in making out a proper Inventory of whatever may be left in the Fort which Inventory he the Officer will Countersign with such observations as he may think proper to subjoin

Should Tondiman or his managers oppose Compliance with the Company's Orders and Should persist in Carrying away the produce of the Crop now on the Ground the Officer Commanding the escort, will in that event aid his Excellency's managers in gaining possession of the Districts and Should Tondiman have assembled any force to oppose the Detachment the Directions of the Commanding

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Commanding Officer will be exercised in forming a Judgment how far the purposes of Government are to be effected without resorting to the effusion of Blood which must not be attempted but in the Sole emergency of self Defence and Should Circumstances lead to the last probable resort the Officer Commanding will in that case take post in the Country till further orders, making the best observations & Enquiry he can on the proceedings of Tondeman or his People the State of the Crop the quantity Cut or Cutting &c &c.

You will be pleased to direct the Officer Commanding to dispatch daily Accounts of his Proceedings to the Resident at Tanjore and to be Subject to Such Requisitions as may be Transmitted to him from time to time by the Resident

It is unnecessary to observe that Circumstances may call for the utmost Prudence & Judgment on the part of the Commanding Officer whose Conduct will necessarily Stand in a Conspicuous point of View and will find the Approbation of Government in proportion as those Qualities may be distinguished

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjore
9th Oct. 1783.

True Copy
(Signed) L. Coxe Hippesley
(Signed) L. C. Hippesley
acting Resident

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To his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

Sir

I am much Concerned to Acquaint your Excellency that I have just received Despatches from the Resident of Anjango informing me that his Letters from Tellicherry mention the renewal of Hostilities by Tippoo Sait and that it is Strongly reported that General Macleod with a part of our Army have been made Prisoners

I need not represent how much it is the Interest of your Excellency as well as of the Honble Company to guard Against the Calamities which may attend a renewal of the war in your Excellency's Districts at a time when our Granaries are so ill Supplied and I have no doubt but that your Excellency will please to immediate orders to lay up the first cutting of the present Crop in Store to Answer any Emergency

The Crop by the blessing of God is plentyfull I must therefore inform your Excellency that the Engineer of the Company will require one Lack of

Cullums

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Cullums of the Ann Paddy to be brought into this Garrison without delay, and a Sum of Twenty Thousand Pagodas to be immediately advanced in part of the Current Hire

I am persuaded that I shall have the Satisfaction of informing Government that your Excellency has readily complied with a Requisition which is Connected so closely with the mutual Interests of your Country and of the Honble Company -

With great respect &c &c

(Signed) J Coxe Hippesley

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19th Oct. 1783

Received Letter from Masulipatam as entered in Miscellany Book N° / enclosing Copy of a Letter from the President at Goa acknowledging the receipt of the dispatches for Bombay and Tellicherry Sent Via Masulipatam and that they were immediately forwarded by an express Boat.

Received the following Letter from deputy Paymaster Bengal Detachment -

To

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To Mr William George Wasey

Deputy Secretary

From the Deputy Bengal Paymaster respecting the Rice Accounts of that Detachment

Sir

Your letter of the 10th Instant only reached me yesterday – In reply I must request you to inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that I am ready to receive the Rice Accounts from Mr Jackson the Superintendant of Grain Accounts and will do every thing in my power to collect the sums due by the Bengal Detachment for Rice but it surely cannot be the intention of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to require of me to be responsible for more than I actually recover either in Cash or by Liquidation of the arrears of the Bengal Troops with the Rice Accounts: a great many of the officers that were with the Army since January 1781 are either dead gone to Europe or attached to other Corps in Bengal and the whole Corps of European Infantry with all their officers & staff were sent away by the orders of the Select Committee –

I must beg to decline having any thing to do with these Accounts had the Rice Accounts been sent to me

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to me or my Redys or in Office whilst these Officers were here it would have been very easy to have liquidated them by the arrears but now the Cash can only be received from them in Bengal and there I have not any Authority it can only be done by orders of the Supreme Council. but I will very readily collect those Accounts and transmit them to Bengal to our Paymaster General and send the Vouchers to him I must however request to be favored with duplicates of such as I must there lest they should be lost by the way and the Business be retarded by the time necessary for an Answer to come from Bengal and reply to be sent to it and this is all I presume that the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee can exact from me in regard to this part.

From the Junction of our Detachment with the Army under General Coote till the death of Mr Turing I was only Deputy whilst he was away I was in Astate to be responsible because the charge devolved on me: but during that period from October 82 to July 1783 I was deprived of all charge and General Stuarts ordered Mr D Welch to pay the Troops and to do every

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has occasioned Such a confusion in our Accounts as has

taken me a month to unty.

If I had had the Rice Accounts in my

Custody when Each payments were made I Could have taken the Sum due

for Rice and paid the differ to the respective Officers but now

I have Settled with them to the 1st of February 1783

and if the demand against them exceeds the arrears.

I cannot find any means to recover the Balance

Nevertheless my Zeal for the Service is Such that I am

ready to do my utmost and as far as in me lies I will

endeavour to get the Rice Accounts Settled with all the

Officers that are Still here and tho' the making these

deductions is not any part of the regular duty of

my Office According to the Bengal Establishment yet

with the concurrence of the Commanding Officer I am

enabled to perform it

I Shall need however two Assistants for the

writers allowed me are hardly sufficient for the common

Duties of my Office the expence attending three writers

will be Forty Pagodas which therefore I must pray to the

Rice Account when the money comes to my hands and this

I presume the Right Honorable the President & Select Committee

will

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27th will be pleased to warrant

As the Right Honble the President and

Select Committee are pleased to communicate their Orders on the

Subject of the Acco Account to the Supreme Council Request

They will be pleased to send this my objection to responsible

for any thing that does not come to hand

I am &c &c

[Signed] John Anderson

Acting Paymaster to the

Bengal Troops Coast

Madras

26th Oct. 1783

Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Davis

To John Huddleston Esqr

Military Secretary

From Commanding Officer of Permaul Thinks the Port of Killenore of no Consequence requests to know if the Enemy approach whether he may not abandon it

Sir

Half an hour ago I sent off Letters from Capt.r Balclef and Mr M.c Intosh The being of such Importance I did not Chuse to detain my Man a moment after the Copy was taken I shall send Accounts of it to K to Chinglepet I have lately examined the Port at Killenore and I do not think if this News is True that it can be of the smallest Consequence Keeping it as it must fall I should any force appear and the Garrison

Fort.

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27th Garrison if withdrawn would be a good Reinforcement to this Fort I shall therefore be glad if they will allow me to Call it in before it becomes too late I have a Letter from Lieutenant Bulman Commanding at Chingleput He Says that Mr Fanner will Send off Another Trip of Rice from thence tomorrow to this Place and I hope it may Arrive Safe Tho that will be very insufficient I shall do all I can to Increas it and I hope the Gent. at Chingleput will do the same I have Despatched Hircarrahs to Watch the Motions of Sidi Said and Shall duly Inform the Board through a few of every Information I am able to gain

Lieutenant Capper at Chillumbrum Writes me that the 21st a Small Party of Hyder Burnt a Village in his Neighbourhood and Plundered Numbers People

October 24th 7 P.M.

I have the Honor to be &c.

Nath. Dawes Lt Com.

Permaveil

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To John Hudleston Esqr

Military Secretary

Fort St George.

From Lieutenant Dawes enclosing Copy of a Letter from him to Sidi Saib Complaining of a few disturbances occasioned by the mismanagement of the Aumildars -

Sir

Do me the favour to lay before the Right Honble and Committee the Enclosed Copy of a Letter I wrote to Sidi Saib by which they will judge how the Correspondence between us is going on. He takes great merit to Himself for having on my Representation given up 37 Head of Cattle, taken since the Cessation, to some Few Villagers Ruined by Loss of every Thing During the war because he says They were taken Previous to the Commencement of the Correspondence between us Forgets full at the same time That the 2 Horses and 6 Bullocks which he Claimed were taken before that Period and That Instead of 2 I sent him 7 Horses - Please to inform him that I received a letter from him last Night in Answer to One I wrote him in Consequence of a complaint from the Aumildar of this Place of Disturbances Given by his Side Saibs People to the Villages of Peerambaucum Enaon and Catarambaucum He says that His People have not Violated the Companys Servants

but

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but that the Company's People have been guilty of Irregularities towards His Managers That he could Punish them Himself but forbears on Account of the Friendship that is Subsisting between us ——

He wrote me before us that our People had Created Disturbances in the Villages of Tiruvidy Vickeravandy and Villapuram I have sent People to make enquiry I understand that Sheruva Manager of Districts for Ramnad has sent People to Settle with the Inhabitants Entirely Contrary to my advice which was not Interfere in the Smalest Degree at Present

Balagee pundit Manager of the Purgew Countries for Ramnad Notwithstanding my Particular desire he would not do any Thing at Pres.t Lide Sibes people having been long Established there Has sent his People to the different villages in the Same manner as the other man of Those Circumstances have Disquieted Lide Saib as is Plainly to be seen by His Letters — It is totally out of my Power to Prevent Lide People from doing it as Like they are so near the Place and all They can possible do at Present

cannot

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cannot be of the Smallest Service to their Employers or the Publick but only Serve to lead the Poor Inhabitants with with Additional oppression for Listening to them and Create Jealousy in Side Sieb

I am I have no reason to expect much Consideration from Him He only writes Complaints on Complaints in Answer to mine, and tho' I have represented Murders Committed and People Plundered by his People He Pays little attention to it

Could I see of the Smallest Service in the Transaction of this Business it would afford me Great Satisfaction and I shall do every thing in my Power to Answer the Intended Purpose of the orders sent me Tho I cannot flatter myself that my endeavours will have the desired effect

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Nath: Dawes Lt Com.y

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12 October 1783.

A Copy of a Letter to Side Sieb October 23 1783.

I have received your friendly Letter this Day by my Hircarah accompanied by your man Sally

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understand the contents your Acknowledgement of the Receipt of the Sixty Rupees (15 Pagodas) makes me happy as you must perceive how Anxious I was to give you full Satisfaction Agreable to your Complaints I told you I would not rest till I did and you see I am not unmindfull of my promise The Horses return 13 more than you claimed & the Money between The Prisoners cleared and one of the Agnts. sent Madras the other in disgrace all this I have done of my Private funds like as well as a Strict attention Justice and my Duty as far as in my power and to improve the good understanding subsisting between as you say so Lucky that this Good blessing be may be happily established in return to my Successful endeavours to do away every just caused Complaint I was in hopes that every attention would have been paid to the Complaints I made to you and that you would have considered it your duty to have relieved the oppressed and to have punished the offenders Knowing from your

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your humanity and love of justice I might expect it —, But I am surprised to find only a part attended to the rest unanswered I am convinced it can only have proceeded from the Multiplicity of Business in which you are engaged after expressing my Satisfaction at the orders you have sent to Pingre to release the Boats I mentioned also the orders given out in Camp Concerning a peaceable behaviour to be observed towards the Company's People — and my thanks for delivering the Cattle to the poor Wretches ruined by this calamitous War I must observe it with concern I see that part of my Letter where I mentioned the two Braminys being plundered of 300 Pagodas: and cut off at Vellumoda The irregularity committed in destroying Grain &c at Parrakmakanum and the behaviours of the Six Horsemen at Atchenauts entirely unattended to You mention the Enormities committed at Turady Villipooram and Vickerawandy I doubt not what you say and I am truely Sorry for any such Acts I should have been committed by the Company's

Managers

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Manigas Bub as your Letter does not Sufficiently
particularize the People &c I will send two Men
to endeavour to find out the whole of the matter
and take measures Accordingly your Complain also
of the Company's People having taken away Men
from Dejvoor that your People were Settling
with hope you have been informed as I hear the
Company's & Managers had no hand in it — But
that some Villagers went and broke down a House
in w^ch^ your People had some poor wretches
Confined, and so released them I am told that at
present your People at Dejvoor Steps every Body
&c
indiscriminately and demand Money of them —
this is contrary to the Goodness of your intentions I am
certain it is the reverse of your profession and I hope
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two Jemidars of Cavalry — and 15 Sepoys were abroad
Settling the bounds of that District that you
had

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Concerned as I am to be obliged to make such Complaints I am under the disagreeable necessity of doing it at present — I yesterday received a Letter from a Man at Waldaur / the 2d or 3d from the same Person to the same effect / who informs me that the following Men are Prisoners at present at Pinjee they are held in confinement under pretence of not having paid their Rents The troops Cowl from the Company's Tumuldar when the army passed to Cuddalore & they declare they have paid more than their Rent which they can prove by their Accounts that misery must it be to these poor Wretches already plundered of their all to be kept Prisoner for not paying more when they have not a Fanam in the world May I hope you will extend your benevolence towards these poor Creatures and order them to be released — For these three Days past there has been

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Manigus Bab as your Letter does not Sufficiently particularise the People &c Iwill send two Men to endeavour to find out the whole of the matter and take meaures Accordingly your Complains also of the Company's People having taken away Men from Dejavoor that your People were Settling with hope you have been informed as I hear the Company's Managers had no hand in it — But that Some Villagers went and broke down a House in which your People had some poor wretches Confined, and so released them I am told that at present your People at Dejavoor Step every Body indiscriminately and demand Money of them — this is contrary to the Goodness of your intentions I am certain it is the reverse of your profession and I hope a Step may be put to Such Acts that the Good understanding so happily established may continue

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Sir

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27 Six Slaveman at Attchevanth who have plundered and flogged the Inhabitants on their way hither they Stoped a Peon with Letters the Day before yesterday plundered him of his Rice then dismissed him I have sent out people in hopes of taking them that I may have the pleasure of sending them to you at the same time as I may fall in the attempt I request you will enquire into the Business particularly I beg to assure you that nothing shall be wanting on my part towards gaining a perfect Knowledge of the particulars of the Circumstances your Complaint of and the necessary Steps shall be taken towards every every Satisfaction in my power In the fullness of every Letter I have made an exact representation of every Circumstance to The Honorable the Select Committee — I hope you will always let me hear from you, and communicate your Sentiments in the same undisguised manner as I have now done

I sent my Peon with you a Boat to see if he could find out the Stone but he has returned and Says he can not I know of none

of

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none of the description you give if I can learn any thing of him it will be a great pleasure to me to oblige you

(Signd) H: Dawes

A List of Names of the People in Confinement at George belonging to Waldoor District

Timmah papan
Chengadon Naramaredoly
Cindal Reddy
Vencatas Kistnah Reddy
Muttu Vera Reddy
Ramalingah Reddy
Soborion
Vencatramah Reddy
Praram appan
Vencatalaramen
Comaraswamy Tonedelen
Naramah Reddy
Naramah Reddy
Tandevriah Pillay
Pursvarma Pillay
Anumdain
Chinnadain
Dadchetter
Tombutter
Chellapah modelier
Pemaah Gounden
Lapa Gounden
Chetty Nayker
Chinnedoo Gounden
Beddoo Reddy

Tandevriah
Timmabiredoly
Kistnah Gownden
Vencatachullum
Namah Buddroo Reddy

Navaram
Muttu Singar
Lalabaraeddy
Tiettamaeddy
Coopia
Vencatachullum Gownden
Kistanah Reddy
Chinny Kistnah Reddy
Gruvaya Naicken
Venglan Reddy
Pungelli
Pursuramah Woodian
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Soolah reddy
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Recd the following Letter from the Paymaster of Pennacoil enclosing the Surgions attested Certificate of his ill State of Health also Lt Dawes disbursements for Repairs

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

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

Fort St George

From Mr Benfield enclosing Lieutenant Dawes disbursements for the Repair of Pennacoil and representing the difficulty of his proceeding to Negapatam on Account of the Monsoon and enclosing the Surgeons attested Certificate before the Commandant and officers of the Garrison -

My Lord and Gentlemen

I received last night your Secretarys Letter of the 10th Instant: & Copy Batta &c Charges to the Garrison of Pennacoil of the several discriptions of people, for the month of Succeeding the last payment made to them respectively has been given as this payments consists of parts of different months from November last and is Chiefly on Account of the Army Arrears I beg to be informed if I am to furnish the paymaster of the army with the particulars of Such payments to be included in the Army Accounts or if I am to transmit the Account of those abstract payment to the Superintendant at Madras, as no particular months Account of Pennacoil Expences can be made up till a Clear month is paid off. This payment has required nearly Nineteen hundred

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Pagodas and the Remaining Cash will admit of another Such payment if it be your pleasure

In Consequence of your Commands the Commanding Officer has delivered to me the Inclosed Accounts of the money he has disbursed for the Works &c as well as for Grain Provisions &c with the Accompanying Letter, and I have to request your Orders concerning the different payments he applies for

I fear it is totally impossible at this Season in the middle of the monsoon to build Accommodation that could afford protection against the inclemency of the weather, and so far from having a Pleasure to dwell in, as you are pleased to express, I am confined to the Shelter of an old Tent full of holes procured through indulgence from the Sepoy Lines

With respect to my going to Nagapatam upon leave of absence from Lieutenant Dawes, for one Month, it is an Indulgence I must own I am perfectly unable to avail myself of: first as the State of my Health will not allow of my undertaking a Journey

of

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of near one hundred and fifty Miles through the height of the monsoon if the Journey were practicable and Secondly as it would surely be a very expeditious Journey to cross the Colarroon and the various branches of the Cavery and get to Meagapatam at this Season in a fortnight, and through the same weather necessarily requiring the same time to return: of course I could promise myself very little chance of bettering my Health or Constitution by such an undertaking be the plan ever so properly provided or convenient for my reception but as I understood Meagapatam to be destroyed and as able Medical Assistance must appear to you absolutely necessary, even to my Safety I fear I could Leave expect it Here

I am concerned that I should have occasion to give you so much trouble upon what regards my own State of Health, but as it has been already so fully testified to you and as it is my misfortune My Lord & Gentlemen to carry to evident marks of it on my emform and reduced State of Body chiefly confined to my Bed, it must surely supersede all discussion: But as you are pleased to call for the attestation upon oath of

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of the Surgeon Five I have Again Submitted to him my Situation and your Requisitions and his attestation in the form you have bin pleased to prescribe taken before the Commanding Officer of the declining state of my Health and Constitution of the necessity of able & medical Assistance and a change of Situation to some place of Accommodation I Have the honor to enclose and as you are pleased to Assure me of your tenderness for the Health of any Individual Suguest, and I trust I may hope you will allow me to seek in other parts of the Country for Shelter and protection from the Inclemency of the weather for proper and able medical Assistance in the dangerous state of my Health and Constitution, such as I may be best Satisfied with in my own mind, and that so I may be relieved from the duties here to which I am at present so totally unequal

I have the honor to be &c &c.

(Signed) Paul Benfield

Pennacoil
28 October 1783

To Paul Benfield Esqr
Paymaster

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

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27½ President and Select Committee to deliver to you an Account of Disbursements made by me an Account of the Repairs of the works I am also favored with a Copy of their Letter to you and agreable to their orders Shall be happy to afford you every Accommodation & Assistance in my power you Know to the Extent of my Abilities The Tents are bad and I have no better The Sharon is too far advanced to think of Building a Quarters and at Present all my People that I was obliged to keep I am putting the furnishing Stroke to a Hospital for the Sepoys However if upon determine on the attempt to Build a Quarters I will as I before said give every Assistance on my Power with Pleasure

Enclosed I send the Account of what Disbursment I have made on Account of the works in a manner that Disbleses me be yound measure There is not a word said of the Payment for the Grain Store &c. by them But as you tell me you can not Pay it without a Special order from their Honors &c. I beg Sir you will do me the favor to mention this in your next Letter — I also Request

You

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you will mention the Surgeons Contingent Bills &c

He has Since he has been here been at a considerable

Expence for Medicines and other Necessarys which he

for a while did not get from Madras and had

Many Sick of the Army in the Hospital at

that time his Situation is Such as to make it

Very disagreeing to lay out of his Money.

I hope you may obtain Orders to Pay

him the Amount of his Demand

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Nat Dawes Lt

Commanding Pinnacle

October
23d 1783

Account

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27 Account of Sums Disbursed by Lieutenant Dawes for the Repairs of the works &c

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May 31 Account Repairs

To 957 Coolys from 17th to 31st Inclusive Bringing Straw Cutting Grass Bringing Earth & Water for the works at fs 2 ℔ Day is - 45.24 --

To 1 Conscoply Keeping Accounts of the Working Parties from the 16th to 31st Inst. @ fs 4 ℔ day - - 1.12 --

To 200 Cudgerow Potts to Bring Water for the wo[rks] - - 4 6 --

To Timber for 2 Doors to the Magazine - - 4 -- --

To D° for 4 Hinges Putting the Amunation in - - 2 -- --

To D° for 8 D° for fixing water Casks - - - 4 -- --

To 1 Master Bricklayer for 15 Days @ Cs 3 ℔ Cs - 2.25 --

To 1 Bricklayer - - - D° 1½ ℔ D° - - 2.10.40

To 20 Bundles of Charcoal - - - - - - - 1.32 --

To 2 Men Employed 10 Days to Repair Baskets @ 2/3 ℔ Day - - 1.18 --

To 2 D° for 4 Days Cutting & Repair[ing] Rattans @ 3 ℔ D° - - 24 --

To 2 Coolys Masters - - - - @ Cs 3 ℔ Month - 6 -- -- - 75.16.40.

June 30 To 2979 Coolys Employed on the works Bringing Brackish Water Earth &c up the Hill @ fs 2 ℔ day - 14136 --

To 1 Conscoply Keeping Accounts of working Parties @ 4 ℔ Day - - 2.36 --

To 300 Bds for the works @ 1½ ℔ ea - - - - - 10.30 --

To Timber and Planks for 4 Doors to the Officers Quarters - 8 -- --

To D° - D° for 10 Windows for - - - D° - - 10 -- --

To 3000 Bundles of Long Rash for Thatch - - - 2.16 --

To Cair Twine - - - - - - - - - - - - 36 --

To 45 Bundles of Charcoal @ fs 3 ℔ Bundle - - - 5.15 --

To 68 Coolys Employed Repairing Baskets @ fs 3 ℔ Day - 4.36 --

To 16 Dozen Baskets @ fs 9 ℔ Dozen - - - - 3.18 --

To 35 Coolys Cutting and Repairing Rattans at fs 2 ℔ - - 1.18 --

To 2 Cooly Masters - - - - - - - - - 6 -- --

To 1 Master Bricklayer - - - - - - - - 5 -- --

To 1 Bricklayer - - - - - - - - - - 4.21 --

To 267 Cooly Bricklayers @ fs 4 ℔ day - - - 25.18 --

To 115 Stone Majons @ fs 4 ℔ Day - - - 10.40 --

236.32 0 --

Carried Over - - - - - - - - - 311.48 40

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July — 31 — Brought Over — — 311. 48 40

	To 2755 Cooleys Employed Cutting Grass Bringing Earth Water and Sand up the Hill at Pa 2 p Day	131. 8. —
	To 1 Head Bricklayer — — — — —	5. — .
	To 1 Bricklayer — — — — — — —	4. 25. — .
	To 253 Bricklayers @ Fanams 1. ½ day — — — —	24. 4 — .
	To 42 Sawyers — — @ 2 ½ D° — — —	3. — — .
	To 225 Stone Masons — @ Pa. 4 ½ D° — — — —	25 — 18 — .
	To 1 Conveyply Keeping Account of working Catties @ ½ D°	2. 40 — —
	To 25 Carts and Bullocks 15 Drivers Bring Sand from the River near Pullianoor @ Fanams 8 p Cart — — — —	4. 32. — .
	To 150 Cudjerie Potts for the works — — — — —	4. 15. — .
	To Timber for Door and Frame Loading up to the Fort —	10. — — .
	To 55 Cooleys Making and Mending Baskets for the works @ Pa 3 p Cca —	3. 39. — .
	To 55 Bundles of Charcoal @ 5 p B — — — — —	6. 23. — .
	To 359 Fascine & Gabion makers Employed as Guards of the Commanding @ Fanams 2 p Cca — — — — —	25. 27. — .
	To Timber for Large and Small Chunam Tubs — —	5. 27. — .
	To 2 Cooley Masdrie — — — — — — —	6. — — .
	To 2113 Cooleys Bringing Sand from the River —	100. 26 — 353. 28 0 —
August — 31	To One Head Master Bricklayer — — — — —	5. — — .
	To 1 Bricklayer — — — — — — —	4. 21. — .
	To 279 Bricklayers @ 4 Fanams p Day — — — —	21. 34 — .
	To 159 Stone Masons @ 4 p D° — — — —	12. 12. — .
	To 300 Woman to Beat Chunam and Served the Bricklayers with Material @ 1. 40. p Cca — — — — —	12. 36. — .
frame	To Stone Chunam for Fixing the Plate Iron — — — —	2. 38 — .
9	To 530 Punah Punah of Chunam @ ½ Punah p Pagoda —	15. 30 — .
	To 127 Vis of Jaggery @ 10 p Pagoda — — — —	12. 20 32
	To 95 Sawers — @ 3 p Day — — — — — —	6. 23 — .
	To 430 Potts Bringing Water Chunam from the Patta to the hill for the works — — — — — — —	15. 15. — .
	To 2719 Cooleys Bringing up Clay Chunam and Water for the works up from the Patta to the hill at Pa 2 p day —	129. 20. — .
	To 54 Cooleys Bringing Gabion and Fascines for the Pettah up the Hill @ Fanams 2 p — — — — —	2. 24 — .
	To 2 Cooley Mastry — — — — — —	6 — — —
	To 3rd Bundles of Charcoal @ Fan. 1 5 p Bundle — — —	4. 17 — .
	To 1 Conveyply Keeping Account of working Cattles @ Fanams 4 p day	2. 40 — .
	To 4½ Vis of Brick to Tar for the Ditto — — — — —	— 24 — .
	To 18 Dozen of Baskets for the works @ 9 p Doz — —	3. 9 — .
	To 9 D° — — of D° for Repair @ 4½ p D° — — —	40. 10
—	To 3090 Cooleys Bringing Sand from the River @ Fanams 2 p Day	147. 6 — —
		457. 42 8. 72
	Pannd Over — —	1126. 11 9. 32

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Account of Sums Disbursed and due by Lieutenant Dawes for the Repair of the works &c 1783

1783				
		Brought Over	1126. 11P. 32.	
September 30	To One Mastry Bricklayer	5. —		
	To One Bricklayer	4. —	21. —	
	To 297 Bricklayers @ Sanams 4 P Day	28.	12. —	
	To 238 Stone Masons @ D° D° P. D°	22.	28. —	
	To 2590 Coolys Employed Bringing up water Chunam and Sand for the works from the Pallah &c Repairs	123.	14. —	
	To 245 Carpenters Repairing the Roof of Offices Quarters Building Lofts @ Sanams 4 P Day	23.	14. —	
	To Timber for D°	6.	21. —	
	To 329 Coolys Cutting Grass for Thatch' work @ 1/2 P Day	15.	28. —	
	To 460 Pwahs of Chunam @ 7 Sina P Pagoda	65.	30. —	
	To 125 Viss of Jaggery @ 10 Viss P Pagoda	12.	21. —	
	To 375 Womens Beating Chunam @ 1/2 P day	13.	16. 40.	
	To 389 Coolys Employed Building a Place for Hospital @ Sanams 2 P Day	18.	22. —	
	To 276 Polls for the Works @ 1/2 P. Pol	9.	36. —	
	To 1 Conveadly Keeping Accounts of working Parties @ 4 Sanams P Day	2.	40. —	
	To Timber and Plants bought of Sadasiwa ready for Sally Port Door Ladders & hand Spikes	15.	24. —	
	To Timber and Plants for the Matting Shed leader of from the Lower to the Upper Fort	9.	10. —	
	To Bamboo and for Carrying of Stones	3.	15. —	
	To Timber and Small Thatch Matting a Temporary Room	2.	12. 40	
	To 60 Coolys Cutting Grass for Thatch @ 2 P D°	2.	36. —	
	To 6 Thatchers for D° D°		18. —	
	To 2157 Coolys Bringing Sand from the River @ 2 P P Day	102.	30. —	
	To 2 Cooly Smarty	6.	— —	
	To 60 Sawyers @ 3 1/2 Sanams P day	5.	— —	
	To 66 Bundle of Charcoal @ P 5 P Bundle	7.	36. —	
	To 59500 of Bricks Saving Ambragdum Repairing the Lime Kotwan & Excavation	59.	21. —	
			555 306 —	

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Account of Sums Disbursed & due by Lieutenant Dawes
27 for Grain Provisions & Stores

1783 Pr
May - 31 Military Stores

To 9 Country Trades - - -

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

Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Upon Your Lordship &c being Willing to give Liberty / for one Month / to Paul Benfield Esqure Paymaster of Pennacuil to remove to Pnegapatam for the restoration of his Health provided that the Surgeon will upon Oath of him that He thinks His Removal Necessary to His recovery -

The Surgeon having been Consulted - is of opinion / and has upon Oath attested / that Mr Benfield is at Present dangerously ill with a General Decay of Body or Consumption - accompanied with a continual nervous Fever - and that notwithstanding His Constant attendance upon Mr Benfield and administering what in the regular course of Practice is necessary in Such Diseases - He is worse every Day - and therefore recommends His removal to Some more convenient Place in Point of Air -

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27 Accommodations Situated if Possible near the Sea
and where there is some able Practitioners in Physick
But is of opinion also that Negapatam will
Prove a Journey impracticable to Him on his reduced
State and recommends in Preference if not to Madras
Pondicherry Cuddalore or near Chinglepatt

(Signed) Hugh Hopley
Acting Assistant Surgeon
Gen. Remarks
Given upon Oath before me
This 23d Day of October in the year 1783.

In the Presence of (Signed) Nath Naves.
Thomas Nesbitt Lieutenant Lieutenant Commanding
John Brain Ensign Remarks

28 Received the following letter from General
Burgoyne

My Lord

From Lieut Colo Burgoyne has put Colo Sterling under an Arrest Colonel Nixon having released him Requests the President will in Consequence Order him Colonel Nixon under an Arrest —

I yesterday was obliged to order Lieutenant
Colonel Sterling of the 36th Regiment under an Arrest
for disobedience of my orders — Colonel Nixon of the
Company's Service has released him I should be Justified
in Arresting Colonel Sterling by force but having
conformity

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uniformly in the late disputes avoided every thing
which might bred Confusion between the Kings &
Companys Troops Shall not attempt the measure
but apply to your Lordship for redressing this insult
to his Majestys Service and flatter myself you
will immediately order Colonel Nixon under
Arrest.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Burgoyne. mr Gl

28 October 1783

Commander in Chief his Majestys
Forces in India for the time being

Recvd the following Letter and inclosure
from Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

Right Honble the President and Select
Committee of Fort St George

From Colonel Sterling
inclosing his further
Correspondence with
General Burgoyne &
requests the Committees
Conformation of Colonel
Nixons Release

My Lord and Gentlemen

I beg leave to enclose Sir Jo Hs
Burgoynes Answer to my letter of last Augt &
to get this with My reply and another from him
first received

as

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28 As you will perceive he threatens to add treating my Arrest to the Crime of disobedience of his orders I am to request your confirmation to Colonel Nixons release from My Arrest and your orders for me to assume the Command of the main body of His Majesty's 36th Regiment

I have the honour to be &c &c

(Signed) M.th Sterling
B.t Lt Colonel

St Thome
October 28. 1783

Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

Sir

having thought proper to ... your Arrest as your letter informs me you will abide by the Consequences I do again repeat to you its my orders you remain in Arrest for disobedience of orders - and do lament Sorry you are taking steps that in my Opinion will be of the worst consequences to yourself.

I am &c &c

28 October 1783

(Signed) J Burgoyne Lt. G.l

&c Commanding in Chief for His Majesty's Forces in India for the time being

By
M.th Sterling
B.t Lt Col.

Major

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Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bt

Sir

I Dare to consider Myself under the
immediate Command of Colonel Nairn & the
Service certainly absolves me if I gave
Obedience to his orders - he has as I before told you
ordered me out of Arrest and to run me the Risque
of the Main body of the Regiment

I never before during many years Service
recollected to have Heard of orders being sent to an
inferior Officer in Camp Garrison or Cantonments you
will please to remember that on the Evening of
the 22d instant in presence of Captains Aff[illegible]
and Speedman and Mr Troy your Secretary
You ordered me to Shew all your orders to Colo
Nairn before they are given out
Therefore request to know in what instance
I have disobeyed your orders

I am &c

Lt Thorne
October 28th 1783

Signed
Wm Sterling B Lt
Comg his Majs 36 Regt

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

Captain in 36th Regiment

Sir

I am favored with your letter and can only repeat what I have before mentioned in both my letters and Verbally by my Aid de Camp Captain Affleck That I do order you under an Arrest for disobedience of my orders and shall endeavour to move the charge when the matter comes before and General Court Martial – I beg you Sir for your own Sake to read the 19th article of the 12th Section of the Articles of War and avoid being Thought to Legal for a breach Thereof the penalty is so severe That I declare to you its for your Sake alone I would wish not to be a Forced to add to disobedience of orders Mattring you Arrest I beg to be Excused Saying any thing on the Subject thereof on the Tryal you will find I will advance nothing but facts

I am &c.

Signed J. Burgoyne M.G. &

Commanding in Chief His Majestys Forces in India for the time being

Recieved the

28 October 1783

Copy

W.M. Sterling

B.L. Col.

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Recieved the following Letter from Lieutenant General Lang to him from Colonel Nixon enclosing Copies of the Correspondence between Colonel Sterling and Sir John Burgoyne.

To Lieutenant General Lang

From Colonel Nixon to Commander in Chief Stating his proceedings respecting the Orders of General Burgoyne in putting Colonel Sterling under an Arrest -

Commander in Chief

Sir

Inclosed I send you some papers Received last night and beg leave to acquaint you that I took Lieutenant Colonel Sterling out of Arrest as I judged the manner of doing it to be Irregular and I certainly should have Detained him in Arrest Sir John Burgoyne and de Camp had I been apprized of the Business he came on Colonel Sterling has received a letter from Sir John this Morning Charging him with Breaking his Arrest I wish Sir you would obtain this Matter to be Settled soon or I suppose the Commanding officers of his Majesty's may be put in Arrest for obeying any one but Sir John Burgoyne who by Styles himself Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Troops for the time being I have the honor &c &c

Legnd Eccles Nixon

Recd -

St Thomé
October 28. 1783

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Received the following letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam enclosing Returns of a Company of the 102d Regiment just lodged in the office with Letter to him from their Commanding Officer of the Company and Copy of a Letter to him from the Secretary to the Supreme Council

From Masulipatam with account of the arrival there of a Company of the 102d Regiment & of their Orders to Join the Northern Army.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

K. B. President and Governor &c. &c. Chief Committee of Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith we have the honor to enclose a return of one Company of his Majesty's 102d Regiment arrived here from Bengal under the Command of Captain Lieutenant Church together with Copy of a letter which we have received from Captain Church enclosing a Copy of his orders from the Governor General and Council

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

Masulipatam 23 October 1783

(Signd) J. Daniell
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos. Barnard
Alex. Pringle

To

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To James Daniell Esqr

Chief &c and Council of

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I think it my duty to lay before you the instructions of the Honorable the Governor General and Council at Bengal bearing date the 29th September 1783 I humbly requesting that their orders therein Signified may far far as is consistent with the good of the Service / be carried into execution At the Same time I would it not be convenient for the Chief and Council to direct there orders immediately to be complyed with that they will order the Company now under my command to proceed to Ellore as part of the 102d Regiment is now in that Garrison

I have the honor to be &c &c

Masulipatam
22 October 1783.

(Signed) John Church
Captain Commanding
Detachment 102d Regiment

A true Copy

(Sgd) W. Scott Secy

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To Captain John Church

Commanding the Company of his Majesty's
102d Regiment at Fort William

Sir

In Consequence of the Extract of General
Jones's letter to you of the 29th of June last, from
Ellore which has been laid before the Honorable
the Governor General and Council I am directed
to Signify to you their orders to land your Company
at Masulipatam and proceed to join General Jones
in Such manner as may be concerted with the
Chief and Council of that Settlement or with
him The owner of the Ann and Amelia on
which you are to Embark has consented to her
touching at that Port for the purpose of landing
you

I am &c &c

(Signed) J. P. Auriol
Secretary

A true Copy

W. Scott
Secretary -

Fort William
29th September 1783

Dispatched the following letters -

To

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To Major Lysaght

or Officer Commanding at

Combum

Sir

To Major Lysaght with Copy of a Letter from the Commander of Tippoos Troops in the Carnatic to Meer Kumer ud Deen Khan with Orders to him to keep within his Bounds to lay in a Quantity of Provisions & detachment to March to Hellore in a few days for his Reinforcement

Enclosed I send you a Letter from Meer Moheen ud Khan Commander in Chief for Tippoo Sahib in the Carnatic to Meer Kumer ud Deen Cawn your Neighbour which was this day received by me from the former to be sent without delay to the latter Meer Mo Leid ud Deen Cawn and Tippoo Saibs Vakeels here assure us in the Strongest and most Solemn manner that the Disturbances raised by Meer Kumeer ud Deen are totally unauthorized and contrary to the Intentions of their Master That the inclosed Letter will have a proper effect in desisting from any further Hostilities you will please to forward it to him but you are in no respect to abate your Vigilance or permit him to go beyond his bounds but repel him with vigor whenever he makes an inroad into your Power of Bengal Sepoys and the Grenadier Company of the 102d Regiment will march in a very few days to Cantor at Hellore

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Nellon and proceed to your Assistance if
if Necessary By this Letter to Mer Kummerud
Dewi has a proper effect upon him you will
lose no time in increasing your Stock of provisions
in order to be prepared against pretence Accidents
or his way Leither I am obliged to
you for your Intelligence this Major Lyttenham
to Which I shall pay every attention to
I am &c.

Fort St George
the
28 October 1783.

(Signed) Macartney

To Paul Benfield Esqr.

Paymaster
at
Permacoil

To Paymaster of Permacoil
with orders to pay Lieutenant
Dauer a part of his
Disbursements & with
permission to proceed to
Trangueber for his Health

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 23d Instant with
its Enclosures and to inform you that the batta
and all extraordinary Charges of the Troops in the
Garrison of Permacoil ought to be charged to the
Superintendant
The pay of the Company's or Kings
Troops in all out Garrisons is to be charged to the
Military

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28 Military paymaster General as also the annexed

of Batta to officers who do not belonging to

the Garrison and the Accounts thereof must as

usual be transmitted to the Military paymaster

General.

I am further directed to inform you

that the Nagapatam is at the distance not

requires the time for arriving there that you

mention yet that if an absence of one month

from your Duty should not be sufficient

for the Recovery of your health the same motive

which led the President and Committee to

grant you that Indulgence will extend it

as much farther as may be really necessary; and

they leave you likewise the option of going to

Tranquebar if you should prefer that place to

Negapatam; but they do not think it expedient

to grant you leave of absence upon any other Condition

than that of going to either of those two places &

of returning to your duty at Permacoil as soon as

the State of your health will permit

and I am directed to observe to you that the

longer

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28th longer you delay your Journey to Nagapatam
or Tranquebar it will every day grow less &
convenient to you and you will only have yourself
to blame -

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. Huddleston Secy

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October 28th 1783.

P.S. The Money now remaining in
your Hands you are to advance to Lieutenant
Dawes in Account of the Balances due to him
for his Disbursements and of the Money
which will be Shortly sent to you he is
to receive over and above a Month Pay and
Batta to the Garrison -

Dispatched Letter to Lieutenant
Dawes / as entered in Miscellany Book No 1 /
advising him of the orders sent to the Paymaster
to furnish him with the remainder of the Money
in his hands on Account of his Disbursements
and desired he will inform the Committee of the
Accommodation Mr Binfield has received what
he has offered him

Sent the following Letter to Mr Morgan

To

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To Mr George Isaac Hoysard

To Mr Hoysard appointing him Commissary to the Southward with Instructions for his Conduct a monthly allowance of 230 Pagodas made him in Consequence

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you to proceed to the Southward as Commissary on the part of the Honorable Company to confer with the Representative of the French Nation or Such persons as may be appointed on the Subject of Such Regulations relative to Trade as it may be necessary to frame according to the late Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and France and to the Instructions received from the Honble Court of Directors of which Inclose an Extract for your Information and Guidance

You will observe in those Instructions that this Government is to secure to the Subjects of France a Safe free and independent Trade Such as was carried on by the late french East India Company & Leither it be carried on by them

as

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28 as Individuals or as a Company The nature of the Trade is explained by reference to that which was carried on by the French East India Company From the year 1763 you are to Assure the French Governor that it is the Sincere Intention of the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee most punctually to fulfill this Article of the Treaty and that Agreeably to the Companys Instructions they are willing to settle such Stipulations on the subject as may be necessary to Secure to France the full effect of it and to remove all occasion of Dispute between the two Countries

Should the Marquis De Bussy or the French Representatives propose any Agulations in consequence of you are to transmit them without delay to the Select Committee and wait their Instructions

You are authorized to Superintend the police at Pondichery untill that place shall be delivered up to the French according to the definitive Treaty which may be soon expected in the mean while you will attend to the duties

of

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of this office and endeavor to the utmost of your
power to promote the convenience and Accom-
-modation of the Inhabitants and Suggest every
occasion to evince the desire of the Select Committee
to cultivate the most friendly understanding
with the French by reciprocal good offices

You are to be particularly attentive
to the Conduct of the Armedan Stationed at
Pondicherry and to prevent him from buying
more than the established duties or Committing
any other Injustice upon either the French or
Native Inhabitants

You are to use your best endeavors
to make yourself Acquainted with the conduct
and views of the French Representative and to
transmit Intelligence thereof from time to time
to the Select Committee But you must be
careful at the same time to do it in such
manner as not to excite Suspicion or Observation
and the executing effectually this part of your
Instructions will therefore depend on your Cir-
-cumspection and address It may be prudent
to

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22d to avoid as far as possible the appearance of
Much Busines or very frequent letters tatling care
at the same time to convey to the Select Committee
by proper channels every intelligence & information that
you think they may be desirous or interested to know

As you will necessarily incur considerable
expence in executing the Service now entrusted to
you the Right Honorable the President and
Select Committee are pleased to grant you a
Monthly Allowance of 230 Pagodas to commence
from the day of your Departure from the Presidency

I am &c &c

Fort St George
28th October 1783.

Signed John Hudleston Secy.

Sent the following Letters

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

To General Burgoyne on the Subject of Colonel Sterling arrest and approving of Colonel Pearsons Conduct -

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee to acquaint you that the President had received and laid before them your letter of this date as well as a Copy of your letter to Lieutenant Colonel Sterling in which you Say that you order him under an Arrest and also

Copies

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Copies of other letters and Papers relative to that Transaction as transmitted to the Committee by Lieutenant Colonel Sterling together with the order for his Release from Colonel Nixon on Account of which Release you apply to the Governor and flatter yourself that he will immediately order Colonel Nixon under Arrest, when you made this Application you must be Supposed to have forgotten that in a Paper Signed by you and bearing date the 22d Instant you declared Lieutenant Colonel Sterling to be immediately under the Command of Colonel Nixon when likewise you Say that you have uniformly avoided every Thing which might bred Confusion between the Kings and Company's forces you must be equally be Supposed to have forgotten even your letter of Lo date as of the 25th Instant where you find fault with Lieutenant Colonel Sterling for not concealing from Lieutenant General Lang the hour chosen by you for the march of the 36th Regiment: as you expressly acknowledge the meaning of your

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your order to have been purposely to prevent
obedience to the orders of that General and
That by such Communication the very thing
you wanted to prevent took place which was
his making your Leave for that Regiment
marching his own and giving out orders for it
If the Ignorance of your Leave and the Appointment of a different hour could indeed
have any consequence, it must be that of
breeding that confusion the Prevention of which
occasioned your disapprobation in your letter
of the 25 instant but which confusion in your
letter of the 28th Instant you declare having
uniformly avoided The real desire of preventing
Such a prejudice to the Service was too conspicuous
in the very proper precautions taken by Lieut
Colonel Sterling not to merit the praise of the
Committee and forms too conspicuous a Contrast
with your conduct not to occasion their
disapprobation of the latter -

your

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28th

Your Conduct indeed in attempting to resume the Command of the Kings Troops after having withdrawn from that Command and to bred Confusion between the Kings and Company's Troops, prevented before the Committee Orders for Cantonments the Junction of the 39th Regiment with the Main Body of the Army as you disclaimed the Power of Lieutenant General Lang to give Orders for that Purpose and your Conduct therefore did effectually prevent the Committee from putting that Corps on Batta in such it would have received in the field in the same manner as those of your Regiment were allowed who accompanied on foot the Army at the Beginning of the year you are in a mistake also in asserting that the 39th Regiment was exactly in the same Predicament with your Regiment when you applied for Batta for it as the former was reported fit for Actual Service very soon after its Arrival in which Situation only it is agreable to the Company's Orders to allow Batta as the Right Honble President truely informed you whereas the latter could not be mounted

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mounted till a very few months ago The Presidents Declaration on this occasion was not therefore an insidious offer to draw his Majestys Officers from their Duty, or indeed any offer because the Position of the Troops on which Batta Depends was not within their Choice: but at the sole Disposal of Government except where you attempt to interrupt the proper Subordination and Obedience due to it

Lieutenant Colonel Sterling appears also to the Committee to have acted with Strict Prosperity in his Reference and obedience to Colonel Nixon his immediate Commanding Officer: and that as Colonel Nixon acted very properly in releasing Lieutenant Colonel Sterling from Arrest The Committee cannot comply with your Application for ordering the former under Arrest

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Huddleston Secy

Fort St George
28 October 1783.

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

To Lt Col Sterling approving of his Reference to Lieut General Lang and of His & Col Nixons Conduct

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Fort St George
28 October 1783.

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling

To Col. Sterling approving of his Reference to Lieut. General Lang and of His & Col Nixons Conduct

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

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28th

President and Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with their Enclosures: and to acquaint you that they have also received a letter on the Same Subject from Major General Sir John Burgoyne of which a Copy is enclosed with that of their answer by the latter of which you will perceive that your application to Lieutenant General Lang and your reference and Obedience to Colonel Nixon, on his Release of you from Arrest have met with the entire Approbation of the Committee -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed John Huddlestone Sec.y

Fort St George
28th October 1783

To Colonel Nixon

Commanding at St Thome.

F. Colonel Nixon will
Copies of the above two
Letters -

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you by direction from the Right Honorable the President and Committee a Copy of my letter to Lieutenant Colonel Sterling on the Subject of his Arrest as also of one in answer to the enclosed from Sir John Burgoyne

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed John Huddlestone Sec.y

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October 1783

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Sent Letter to his highness the Nabob / as entered in Country Correspondence 4th / respecting the Negociations for Peace and mentioning that the Release of Prisoners must be among the principal Objects of the present Deputation

Sent Letter to Captain Flint as entered in Miscellany Book 4th / representing that the Committee Cannot at present adjust His Accounts but that a Day will be appointed to settle his & Several others of the same nature

Sent note from the President to Mr Burtle / as entered in Miscellany Book 4th / relative to the Adjutant of Captain Flory Bornes Accounts –

Dispatched the following Letter to Messrs Bayley and Thompson

29th

To Messrs Edward Thomas Bayley
&
George Thompson

Gentlemen

To Messrs Bayley & Thompson
To send immediately to Madras Some Newspapers left by the Army at Cuddalore
Inclosing Quadruplicate Copy of Letter to them of the 14th Instant directing their immediate return to the Presidency –

The Select Committee having been informed that the Paimaster with the Army

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Army was under the necessity of leaving behind at Cuddalore forty eight double Cart Tyers and Tarpaulins which were placed under your care and for which you delivered to him your joint Receipt

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire you will immediately take the necessary measures for conveying to Madras the abovementioned Carts &c which the Committee trust may be easily accomplished from the number of Cattle in the Neighbourhood of Cuddalore, and as the Cash you received on the Companys Account for the Sale of Grain and Horse Gram will fully enable you to purchase as many Bullocks as may be necessary for the purpose Should that Sum contrary to the Committees expectations prove insufficient you will be pleased to Draw upon the Agent at Madras for what further Cash may be absolutely requisite

I am likewise directed to enclose A to you a Quadruplicate of my Letter of the 14 August and to express to you the Astonishment of the Select Committee that the Orders of your immediate return

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return to the Presidency has not yet been complied with

Fort St George
29th October 1783.

Sam. G. & D.

Signed I. Huddleston Secy

Sent the following Letter to Major David Campbell of the 98 Regiment.

To Major David Campbell
of His Majesty's 98th Regiment

To Majr Campbell
Acquainting him that
General Stuart not authorized
to make the Lay a distinct
Cantonment -

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to them of the 24th Instant enclosing an extract from General Orders and in Answer to inform you that the List is considered by Government as included in the St Thome & Cammandt and that General Stuart had no authority from the Select Committee to consider it as a distinct Cantonment and they are therefore of opinion that the General Order in question does not entitle you to the allowance of Batta

Fort St George
2d October 1783.

Sam G. & D.

(Signed) I Huddleston Secy

Lieut

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Sent letter to Bengal Paymaster as entered
in Miscellany Book N° / agreeing to his Objection
of Responsibility for the Monies due for Rice &c
by the Officers and Troops sent away by Government
allowed two Writers to assist him -

Received the following Letter from
Commissary to the Army -

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

From Mr Jackson
delivers to the Bengal
Paymaster the Accounts
& Vouchers &c

My Lord & Gentlemen

Conformably to your Directions
I have delivered over to Mr Anderson Acting Paymr
to the Bengal Detachment the Accounts & Vouchers
for Rice and Gram served the Bengal Troops in
the year 1781 and 1782 the Balance due to the
Honorable Company at that Period after deducting
the Money paid on Account Amounts to the Sum
of Forty three thousand nine hundred and fifty
Star Pagodas fifteen Fanams and one Cash
43958. 15. 1.

I have

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29th

I have herewith delivered to Mr Anderson the accounts and Indents from 1st of January to 30th April of this year amounting to the Sum of Twenty two Thousand Two hundred and Fourteen Pagodas / 22213 / to which Sums I have debited him for in my Books of your Lordships Yr a May depend that no Time Shall be lost in finishing the whole accounts of the Bengal Detachment for Grain to the 16th of this Month after which I shall deliver them to the acting Paymaster.

I have the honor to be &c.

Cantonments near Madras 29th October 1783

Signed W Jackson
Superintendant of army Grain &c.

Received Letter as entered in Miscellany Book 4th / from the Commanding Officer of Pennacoil requesting a Supply of Saving Cannon and requesting the present State of the Strength of that Garrison

Received Letter from Commanding Officer of Tripatore / as entered in Miscellany Book 4th / will exert his utmost to defend the Fort Should it be attacked Aman from Sole Sahib

Comp.

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29th Comp. reports that the War will be continued

Sent Letter to the Surgeon of the 15th

and 10th Hanovrian Regiments, as entered in

Miscellany Book No. 1 Stating as the Committee

have long since agreed that all Surgeons

Accounts for his Majesty's Troops should be

arranged upon the Pay List System of his request

to make them out agreeably to the Hospital

Contract is in Consequence inadmissible

30th Received the following Letter from Lieut.

Colonel Sterling with Copy of his Letter to General

Burgoyne of the 29th Instant

Right Honble the President & Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

permit me to return you my

warmest thanks for the very kind and handsome

One manner in which you have been pleased to

Approve of my Conduct in your Letter to Sir John

Burgoyne as also for your release from my unjust

Arrest be assured I shall retain the utmost

grateful sense of your attention -

I beg

From Colonel Sterling returns his thanks to the Committee and his Lady that his Conduct has met with their approbation enclosing Copy of his last Letter to Genl Burgoyne.

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30th. I beg leave to inclose a Copy of my ultimate resolution sent last night to Sir John Burgoyne which I hope will meet your approbation -

I have the honor to be &c &c

St Thome
October 30th. 1783

(Signed) M. Wm Sterling
D. Lt Col. &c

Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

I have the honor to inclose your Copies of two letters I this day received from the Select Committee with a Copy of their letter to you on the Subject of my Arrest, as the Right Honble the President and Select Committee in his Stead and you have Acknowledged to be the Supreme power of this Country, have been pleased to approve of Colonel Nixons conduct in releasing me from an Arrest imposed contrary to all Military Rules and in their Second letter of this days date to Release and order me to resume the Command of the Main body of the Regiment I shall consider myself at large and resume the Command Accordingly, Agreable to the To the Twenty Second Article of the Fifteenth Section of the Articles of War which expressly authorize a power Superior to the Officer who

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to
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who confines another to release him I shall at
all times pay the proper attention to your orders as
the Kings Eldest officer Signified thro' Colonel Braun
and meeting his approbation but in order to prevent
all interference with the orders of Government I
shall not receive any orders except from Government
that do not come thro' him as long as I continue
under his Command nor make any reports or
returns to any person whatever but in the same
channell unless I receive Governments express order
for so doing I have Searched in vain for any thing
Applicable to my Situation in your Twelfth
Section of the Articles of War in which there
are only two Articles. Convinced that His Majesty
in sending his Troops to India fully intended they
Should Co operate with and unless bedience to the
Government of the Country I shall to the utmost
of my poor abilities and judgment further
intentions so Salutary to the good of my Country
and the British possessions here and trust that
whenever a Commander in Chief arrives invested
with

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30th with powers for Assembling a Court Martial my conduct will appear to have been open & manly and Sincere not Caught to with any understand Subterfuges but what a Soldiers ought ever to be tempered with every respect and obedience to your orders so long as They were not incompatible with my obedience to the Government when They were so They ceased to be lawfull and can inferior Officer are allowed to be judges of their own actions in Such a case or the articles of War or that Head are useless but indeed this much is unnecessary as I am only conscious of your being able to impute to me the Smallest infringement of any part of your orders in that one point of writing to Lieutenant Genrale Lang and that having passed many days ago and having also received a severe reprimand from you for it I concluded entirely over I shall therefore my correspondence of this Subject having now Signified my ultimate resolution and let the matter rest till a Commander in Chief's arrival I am &c (Signed) M.r Sterling D.A.G.

Arm.d The main Body of his Majesty's 36th Regt.

Recd

St Thome
October 29. 1783

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Received the following Letter from Genl Burgoyne.

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

From General Burgoyne Stating to the Committee having Approved of Colonel Nixons & Sterling Proceedings & refusing the decision of the matter till the Arrival of a Commander in Chief from England.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have this day received yours of yesterday in Answer to mine of the same date relative to the matter of Colonel Nixons having released Lt Colonel Sterling, whom I had ordered under Arrest for disobedience of orders wherein you tell me Lieutenant Colonel Sterling appears to you to have acted with strict propriety in his Reference & obedience to Colonel Nixon his immediate Commanding Officer and likewise that Colonel Nixon had acted very properly in releasing Lieutenant Colonel Sterling from his Arrest for which reasons you cannot comply with my Application for ordering Colonel Nixon under an Arrest for Colonel Sterlings Sake I shall be exceeding sorry if he is governed by your Opinions as he must Answer for such flagrant breaches of Military discipline before a

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a General Court Martial as I shall be likewise
Col: Nixon: and nothing now prevents me from
Arresting the persons of both the one and the other
by an Armed force but the same determination
which I have uniformly kept to of preventing
Confusion between the Kings and Companys Troops
which word Confusion My Lords & Gentlemen you
seem to misunderstand - by it I do not mean that
Confusion which your unprecedented Conduct
has brought upon the whole Army by having
broke through every Rule & Custom of the
British Service but I mean by confusion which
Thanks God I have prevented / the Kings and
Companys Troops cutting Each others throats
which would have been the Consequence had
I gone no farther perhaps than what I should
have been Authorised to do but this Small
never happen at least if I can prevent it. for
which reason I shall content myself with a
Nominal Arrest only of Colonel Sterling
till a Commander in Chief properly appointed
by

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30 by His Majesty and the Court of Directors arrive
from England and there to the Colonels Sterling &
Nixon shall answer for their Conduct before a
General Court Martial

You are pleased to Contrast my
Conduct with that of Lieutenant Colonel Sterlings
& to add your disapprobation of mine however
I may feel the disapprobation of so respectable a
body as your Lords hips and the Select Committee
on most things your ignorance of Military
discipline makes me easy on that head and tho
I am Emboldend to advance by your doctrine relative
to Arrests

You are pleased likewise as you have
done in a Another Letter before / to say I have
attempted to Reassume the Command of the
Kings Forces and I do here again tell you that I
have not Reassumed the Command of the Kings
Forces because I never gave it up its in present in me
as the Kings Senior Officer in India and never
shall be given up but in Consequence of His
Majesty's

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30 Majesty's Orders or Those of one of his officers
Superior to me - its true I withdrew from the
Army because I would not Submit to the
indignity of Serving under one of your Colonels
and because I would not disturb the Operations
of the army then on the field for this I am
ready to Answer and in my letter of the 20th
September / the day after I left the army / told
you so but Supposing I am Culpable for so doing
Supposing I am punishable does it follow that
I have forfeited my Commission or the Rank
I held in the Kings Service nothing but His
Majesty, or a Court Martial can take either
from me Therefore I do and will remain to all
intents & purposes Commander Chief for the time
being of all His Majesty's Forces in India
I have always acknowledged myself obedient
to Government Except in the instance of Acknow-
-ledging Colonel Lang my Superior and This
I will never do for I am convinced you will
not be Warranted from home in the Violent
and

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I unprecedented Stretch of power you have made in
his appointment

I send by your order that the
Detachment of the 101th and the Grenadier Company
of the 102 Regiments are ordered to join the Corps lately
under the Command of Major General Lowes which
tho' I always conceived was hazarded on a plan
contrary to every principle of Military Operations
from the beginning Yet I now agree with you tho.
if possible be Extricated from the dangerous and
disagreeable predicament it is in yet as Commander
the Kings Troops I cannot but object to their Mov'd
the 101th forming part of their Relief they are only
the recruits drawn from the Body of the Regiments
and ought to certainly to be sent to the Southern
Army where it is - are not above twenty Men in
all - and belonging to different Companies.

I have the Honor to be &c &c

29th October 1723

(Signed) I. Burgoyne Cap. Pt

Commander in Chief His Majesty's
Forces in India for the time being

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Committees remarks on the foregoing

The President and Select Committee make the following Remarks upon the foregoing Letter

For Committee 29 October 1783

It is unnecessary to return any Answer to Sir John Burgoynes letter Letter of the 27 Inst

It would indeed be idle to argue upon the Supreme powers inherent in Government with one who constitutes himself the Judge of the measure of his obedience to it but it may be proper to remark that there is no such order as he alludes to with respect to the Detachmts of the 101st and 102d Regiments They have indeed been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to move at a moments Notice as well as some other Troops but there is no mention in any order of the particular Service which they are to be employed upon It therefore does not appear why Sir John Burgoyne should say he agrees with the Committee in Love.

4751 To Fort St George October 1783.

30 whose Intentions or Opinions have not been

communicated to him—

(Signed) A

D. S

During the inclemency of the present

rainy Season I feel for the Crew Bengal &

Detachments remaining till after the Rains

They cannot Act with propriety till the Monsoon

be over

I approve of the Right Honble Presidt.

reasoning in respect to General Burgoyne

A

Dispatched the following letter

to Major Bruce.

To Major Thomas Bruce

Commanding at

Trichinopoly &

To Major Bruce

Directing the Restitution

of Some Horses he had

required on Supposition

of their belonging to

the Enemy

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable

the President and Select Committee to enclose to you

Copies of a Petition and other papers received from

Fuzzul Ally Jr. and to desire if the facts therein

Stated

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30 Stated be true that you will receive the Horses taken from the Petitioner under the Supposition that he was connected with the Enemy

On the Contrary Should the Assertions contained in the enclosed Papers prove groundless I am directed to desire you will dispose of the Horses in question and Carry the Amount to the Company's Credit.

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
30 October 1783

Signed John Huddleston Secy

Received Letter from Superintendant of Army Grain Accounts as entered in Miscellany Book N° / enclosing two Receipts from the Bengal Paymaster for the Grain served to the Bengal Detachment from the earliest Period to the 30th April 1783.

Received Letter as entered in Miscellany Book N° / from Major David Campbell requesting the Committee to reconsider their former Determination relative to his allowance of Batta as Commandant at the Luz.

Received.

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Received Letter from Colonel Pearse as entered in M B A° / requesting leave for Lieutenant Constable to join the Detachment

Received Letter as entered in M B A° /

From Captain Lloyd representing the various expences he has been put to from being sent to different Garrisons & requests in Consequence that his Field Batta Bills may be signed from the time he left Elore

Dispatched the following Letter to the Commanding Officer of Permacoil.

To Lieutenant Dawes

Commanding

Permacoil

To Lieutenant Dawes relative to the Garrison of Permacoil hopes to be able to provide better accommodations for Mr Benfield before her return from Trangueber

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint you in Answer to your letter of the 25 ult

That they have laid before them that they are very sensible that Permacoil in its present State notwithstanding every Exertion has been made on your part to Increase its Strength since it last fell into our Hands must be unequal to resist any very

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Serious Attacks and that to be almost to be expected

from it is that it may be defended as a Post untill a

Succours can be sent to you that it is impracticable

at this Season to furnish you with the means which you

deem Essential to its present Security but it is intended as

soon as circumstances will permit to put it in a better

State of defence They have the most perfect Reliance

that every thing that is possible will be done by you

in the mean time to guard against a Surprize and they

must depend on your Judgment to apply the Force

you have to the purposes most likely to ensure that

End If you conceive that the Pettah cannot be

maintained it must of course be abandoned the

protection and Security of the upper Fort being the

first object The Select Committee equally rely on your

Discretion for Continuing or withdrawing the Post at

Kellenour as occasion may Require and you will consider

whether the advantages of maintaining it or that of

having the Troops there to reinforce your Garrison in a

Case of necessity is to be preferred and act Accordingly

The Select Committee having granted Leave to Mr

Benfield to go to Negapatam or Tranquebar at his option

for the Recovery of His Health he will not be Subject

to the Inconvenience you mention at Permaul and

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it is possible that you may be able to provide
better accommodations for his before his return.

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I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Huddleston Sy.

Received Letter from the Committee of
Assigned Revenue / as lodged in the office / inclosing
3 Copies of Representations from the Renters of Arcot
and Trichinopoly and the Vakeel of the Zemeendars and
and Vencatagherry respecting the Loses Sustained by
his Master From the Renter of Arcot on Account
of Sir Eyres Head Dubash having seized his
Aumeldar and from the Renter of Trichinopoly stating
that a Stop is put to Cultivation by the Seizure of
the Cattle for the Troops -

Received the following Letter
from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with a Petition
from the Aumildar of the Arcot Country

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

From Committee of Assigned Revenue with Petition from the Arcot Aumildar representing the Cruelties & Extortions of the Enemy -

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the Honor to lay

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before your Lordship &c for your Information
copy of a Representation presented to us by Bauboo
Row an Amuldar in the Arcot Country

We have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Aubray

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

Fort St George &c &c &c

The humble Representation of
Bauboo Row Amuldar

Sheweth

I with the greatest Submission
beg leave to represent to your Lordship that after
your Lordship was pleased to grant me an Order that I
might Keep within Bounds of my Districts and
Carry on the Management thereof, as the Enemy
would do the Same and there would not happen
any Disturbances between them; agreeable to your
Lordships Order under which I was carrying on the Affair

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or Ourselves. The Enemy on the Contrary to your
Lordships order entered and forced away all the
Inhabitants or Husbandmen of all my Districts
to Chingee. wherein they by Violences & oppressions
Extorting Money from them this which Cruelty
& threatments two Brammys of Chingee District
2 of Trevellore and another of Arella died
and a part of the Inhabitants of the above
Districts came here on purpose to lay their
Deplorable Case before me: the troubles of the
Enemys Horses and his Hummelars continuing in
the Country, I can hardly subscribe to your Lordsp
inspection

I further beg leave to Acquaint your
Lordship that all sorts of Tradesmen and Husbandm
of Callaceurichy woolandoor Petta and Nunnalur
Petta &c. of Casapa Turnamalur were taken by the
Enemys and sent them up to Bergalore with all
their Familys and likewise they plundering and
Cutting the People with all sorts of severe treatmts
every where -

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I more over beg leave to inform your Lordships that I sent one named Balagee Puntoolvo as Amuldar on my side to Chingee in order to take Possession of its Depending Villages who Accordingly under the Protection of Permoocal took possession of a few Villages of Chingy that was free from the Enemys and whilest he was Carrying on the Amuldarship the Enemys entered those Villages Plundering all the Produce of Corn and forced away all the Inhabitants of the said Villages and treating them very Severely and likewise the said my Amuldar Ballagee Puntoolvos Family. who were on their way to Permoocal from Trecolore in the mean time about ten Horses came and attacked them within two Miles distance to Permoocal plundering them off their Joys Jewels &c Effects to the amount of 300 Pagodas and released them with their wearing apparels without further Troubles Thereupon the said Balagee Puntoolvos Family arrived in Permoocal. he laid all the deplorable Circumstances before the Commanding Officer of that place who utterly refused giving any Assistance

to

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to him relating that he will not do any unless he got a Short Order in his name from the Humble Company now the Enemys who took Possession of all the Villages from Ballagee Puntwlw my Amuldar and are always greatly troubling the Inhabitants of the said Villages

I therefore submitting the aforegoing Case to your Lords kips Serious Consideration and most humbly intreat your Lordships will grant a positive Order to Commanding Officer of Permocal to Assist my Amuldar in taking Possession of Chingy Districts and also whatever Assistance he requires

For which Act of Humanity As in full Duty Bound.

I Shall Ever Pray.

Fort St George

(Signed) Jno Lapsdon

Received Letter from Lieutenant Dawes as entered in Miscellany Book 4/ with intelligence Respecting Sidee Saheb's Camp

Received the following Letter from his Majesty's Paymaster General.

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My Lord and Gentlemen

from Mr Burke respecting the Ballance due by the Company to Government —

The 22d Instant I was honored with your Answer to my Letter of 23d ultimo I return your my Thanks for the general Order issued in Consequence of your Minute of 13th Instant

In my last Letter I professed my confined myself to the one Point of the Issue of the Subsistence for the Kings Troops throughout the Kings Paymaster I must now beg leave to recall your Attention to the other Branch of my Duty stated in my Letter of 12th of July relative to the Arrears of the Pay of the Kings Troops which Arrears by the Instructions from the Directors July 12. 1782 Paragraph 20. is directed to be paid to me by Name and which your Lordship &c may See by the Instrument of my appointment I am ordered to pay over to the Commander of the Kings Fleet

Sir Edward Hughes has certainly not pressed me with any Vehemence for the Payment of these Arrears: but his Acquiescence arises simply from that Benevolence of Mind which so honorably distinguishes that gallant Officer and which prevents him

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31 him from urging a Man for Money which he knows is to be received at the Discretion of others

I say this the more expressly because tho' the Admiral does not urge me for Payment yet he has given me to understand that it would be very convenient to the Kings Service, that he should receive the Arrears which his Instructions direct him to get from the Paymaster of the Kings Forces in the East Indies

I must therefore as the Fleet is on its Departure intreat your Lordships &c that I may forthwith receive the Arrears of the Pay of the Kings Forces employed under this Settle= =ment in order that I may furnish the admiral with the same for the Service of His Majesty's Fleet

I need not trouble your Lordships &c with any particular Account it is indeed impossible that I should as yet be acquainted with the Detail of my Office But the Books of the Pre= =sidency will enable your Lordships &c to state the Amount of the Arrears. for you will easily see the Dates of the Embarcation of the respective

Corps

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Corps your own Books will inform your how much has been paid to them respectively the Difference between what has been actually paid and the Amount of two Lacks of current Rupees & Anna for every Thousand Men embarked is the Amount of These Arrears.

In conformity to a Part of Usage that has obtained here I have adopted the Term "Arrears" but your Lordships & it will observe that no Such Terms occurs in any one single Instance in the Act of the of The King &c. 17 which Clause is the real Agreement between the Government and the Company -

The Clause sets out with the Condition of two Lacks of Current Rupees p.r Annum to be paid for every Regiment consisting of 1000 Men 2.d G. It directs the Manner in which the Payment Shall be computed Viz.t "From the Embarkation until the Return to Great Britain" and Lastly without the least Reference to the Distinction that has obtained here between Subsistence and Arrears

The

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the Act directs That the Remainder of Such
Allowances Shall be paid &c The term the
remainder of Such Allowances cannot I humbly
conceive bear any possible Construction save that
Such part of the two Lacks of Current Rupees &c
as Shall not have been paid for the use of the
Troops here Shall be paid "according to Such
"Regulations / says the Act / as Shall be settled
"between the Paymaster General of his Majestys
"Forces and the Secretary at war for the time being
"and the Court of Directors of the said united
"Company" The Instruction from the Court of Directors
July 12th 1782 run in exact Conformity with the
Act and bear no Allusion to what is called
Arrears "We / say they / direct that you pay over
"to Mr Burke so much Money as Shall remain
"due from the Company beyond what may have
"been or Shall hereafter be paid in India"

My Lord &c I beg you to do me
the Justice to believe that it is the furthest thing
imagible

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imaginable from my intention to press any thing upon
You vexatiously I am in Truth very Strongly impressed
with the Justness of the Publick Claims upon the
Company and Standing as I do the Officer of Publick
Receipt for Publick Service Virt For the use of His
Majesty's Navy I find myself bound to urge the
Publick Claim: and I am persuaded that if you
find me importunate you will believe That nothing
but a Strong Sense of my own Duty impels me
to call upon you so earnestly it is manifest That
I can find no possible Interest no possible Convenience
in the Success of my Application I am to receive
and instantly to pay over what I receive so That
the Success of my Application has personally
no Effect to me except the intervening of my own
Trouble but it is a Trouble which my Duty exacts
from me and I must not decline it.

With great Deference allow me to say
That any Inconvenience that can arise to the Company
from the immediate Discharge of the Demand in
Question

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31 Question does not seem quite a Satisfactory Plea for their declining their Engagements They have had all the Benefit which they looked for from their Agreement and in common fair Dealing they are bound at whatever Inconvenience to their part of the Burthen It must too be remembered that the Nation with which is the other Party in the Agree= =ment is herself extremely burthened: with great Deference to I must Submit it to your Judgmt. whether the respective Presidencies are competent to decline fulfilling the Engagements which the Company have entered into and which the Instructions from the Company expressly command them to fulfill

whether the present Distress of the Company is of so Serious a Kind as to Stand for a justifiable Plea against her fulfilling her Engagements is a Subject that can be excuded on only between Government & the Board of Direction Government will doubtless pay a generous

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generous attention to the Distress of the Company
but we have not heard / that I know of / any Plea
of Inabelety to fulfill her Engagements offered by
the Company since her Stipulations for the Kings
Troops at a certain price that Stipulation has
been long known by the Several Presidencies and
I believe no Presidency has Apprigeed the Directors
of their Inabelity to fulfill their Instructions, so
that on the whole I Submit it to your Lordship
Hon. whether the Presidency is not bound upon -
every Principle of Justice and Reason to find
the means of obeying their Instructions in fulf-
-filling the Companys Engagements

As the Fleet is to Sail very
Soon I must Intreat your Lordship &c. to take
this matter immediately under your Serious
Consideration

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

(Signed) William Burke.

Fort St George
Sept. 23. 1783

Sent the following Letter to Mr
Burke in answer to the aforegoing

For -

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To William Burke Esqr

To Mr Burke
in answer to the ongoing

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acquaint you in answer to your letter of the 23d of last month in relation to the Demand for a Balance due by the Company to Government for Troops sent to India that whenever it may be in the Power of the Committee to discharge the same they will do it with the same Readiness with which they have to the utmost of their abilities provided monies for the Subsistence of those Troops according to the Regulations made in England for the Augmentation in the mean time of their Commitd to discharge such Balance they are accountable to their Employers and have ordered as Strong a Reason as that which you mention having prevented Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes from urging your [illegible] money which he knew was to be received at the Discretion of Others

whenever funds may be found for

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31st for this Purpose the Account will be Stated
According to the Instructions by which the Committee
is to be guided and the Amount of the Same will
be paid to you as the Officer appointed for receiving
the Same

I have the Honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
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(Signed) John Huddleston Esq

Received the following Letter from
Sir John Burgoyne.

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

From Genl Burgoyne protests against the the propriety of the Conduct of Government in obliging Lieut Col Sterling from his Corps

My Lord & Gentlemen

I should not now trouble you even with this Short Letter was it not in consequence of your Letter to Colonel Sterling of the 29th Instant in which you desire he will not consider himself under an Arrest but Continue in the Command of the Main body of the 36th Regiment - In obedience to the Government of this Country I must Submit to

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to this fresh insult but at the same time protest against your interference with the discipline of the Kings Troops now under my Command - your release of Lieutenant Colonel Sterling is subversive of all Military order & Subordination contrary to every Rule in the British Service and betrays a Consciousness in your of Colonel Sterlings guilt who if innocent ought to be happy to prove himself so before a Court Martial and not take advantage of the authority with which you & My Lord & Gentlemen have thought proper to Exercise in his favor but with which neither can or shall partner him on the End.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed)

J. Burgoyne Mr Gl

Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces in India for the time being

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Received the following Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with Enclosures as lodged in the Office

For

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

&c &c &c

From the Committee
of Deputed Revenue

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the Honor to enclose to your Lords hph &c the following Papers which have come before us and the Subjects of which fall properly under your consideration Vizt

A Representation presented to us by the Vakeel of the Zemindar of Vuntalagherry concerning the Usher his master has sustained during the War and engaging for the payment of the Peishcush of the present Year with Copy of the Perwana granted to him by the Nabob for the remission of his Peishcush during the war

a representation made to us by Vencat Row the Renter of Arcot &c districts respecting the Seizure of his Amuldar by Mr Bugg's Head Dubash -

and

Copy of a Letter from Vencat Soubiah the Renter of Trichinopoly representing that a Stop is put to the Cultivation by the Seizure of bullocks for the Troops. We have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Mowbray -

Fort St George
28th October 1783

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At a Select Committee

Present

Friday
31st October 1783.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

K.B. Anthony Sadleir

Lieutenant General Robt Lang

Alexander Davidson

Morgan Williams absent with the

Committee of Circuit

The Minutes of last Committee read

and approved -

The President observes to the Committee

that in consequence of the Intelligence received from

the Southward that Tippoo Sultaun had broken

the Agreement for a Cessation of Hostilities and

Seized the person of Brigadier General Macleod

it was resolved at the last meeting that the

departure of Mr. Sadleir and Staunton should

be Suspended but having since spoken to the

Naiteb on the Subject they have given him the

strongest Assurances of their having received

a letter from Tippoo Sultaun of so late date

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as the 12th October and delivered an Extract of the Same which the President now lays before the Committee

Extract of a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to Appagee Row and Seenvasa Row dated 11th Jeliand or the 12th October 1783.

I have received your Arzie and understand the Contents - you inform me of your arrival in Madras that Verdapulla and Trumbuck Row were Sent to receive you. that you had visited the Governor and that he complained of the Hostilitys committed in the Cudolajah Country during the Negociation for Peace and you desired that I would Send orders to Meer Camrudeen and the other Sardars or the Borders not to commit the like in future. - Meer Camrudeen was unacquainted with the negociation and at the time of the Hostilitys in question there was no such negociation the English Troops having advanced was the Cause of what happened the moment the Sadleirs Letter arrived Hostilitys ceased against Mangalore and orders were Sent to Meer Camrudeen and the other Officers upon the Borders of the Circar to desist from any attacks which order will be

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be complied with in future you have desired
that I would send a Letter with Dryden and
Jewells to the principal Gentlemen at Madras
I know such Attention is proper to Friends and
I accordingly sent them to Mr Mahadeen Chou
who will forward them to you the English have
before made Proposals towards a Peace but nothing
was concluded by the favour of Heaven these
Proposals are renewed - if Peace is concluded upon
the terms proposed by the Circar it will be
fortunate - but if that cannot be done conclude
the Business upon terms that will be consistent
with the Dignity and Force of the Circar - I
have upwards of a Thousand Officers and Men
belonging to the English in my Custody if both
Partys come to an Accommodation the Prisoners
will be released In my former proposals a great
number of Requisitions were made these I have
relinquished and have only asked such Things as
may be granted and by which the Company
can sustain no Loss, you write me that Lord
Macartney is a good man and that he is dispos-

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to make Peace with me so he appears to me.- I
have sent an Order to Meer Camrudeen to desist
from Hostilitys and he has written a Petition
acknowledging his Error you are the faithfull and
old Servants of the Circar you have been trained
in the Service and I therefore expect that you will
Settle according to the Paper I gave to you and bring
Some Man of consequence along with you here.-
as the Distance makes all Communication
with you tedious I have given Powers to Meer
Mohadeen you will therefore write him concerning
every Thing which he will immediately Settle
from the time Mr Sadleirs Letter arrived I have
given Orders to the different Tahsildars to furnish
the English Soldiers and Officers with Good
Provisions and to give the latter Some Money for
their Expences make this known to the Governor
I have Translated the Letter I have written to
the Governor in to Hindoos and have Send it
for your Information-

Translation of a Note

According to your desire last night I
send

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Send

Send you a Copy of the Proclamation and his Lordships Bahadur promised that he would send me word to day when the Gentlemen who are going would depart &c. &c You send me Information accordingly as you have desired a Passport for some things to be sent on before I have yet the Rocket men and Horse ready. if you will send a Hircarrah to give Information when the things are dispatched the Horse and Rocket men will be sent

Directed on the Cover to Veeraupermaul Pillay

The President also lays before the Committee the following Intelligence

Intelligence given by Candiah from Soucars letter from Mangalore Dated before 33 Days. Rec'd the 29th Oct 1783

Tippoo Saib was then near Mungalore

Which Fort is in our Possession from whence Gentlemen came to Tippoos Army whenever they pleased and return to the Fort with Flower &c. Tippoo Supplies Provision for the use of the Garrison It is reported that the French Troops have Embarked but 3 Officers are only now with him

There being no Information of the unfavorable Intelligence from Tellicherry and the above

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above Letter from Tippoo Sait as well as the declarations of the Vackeels carrying every appearance of a Sincere disposition for peace it is Agreed that the Deputation shall proceed as soon as the weather will permit

The President lays before the Committee the following draafts of a Commission and Instructions for Messrs Sadlier and Staunton which are accordingly read.

By the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B. &c as expressed in the Instructions

To Anthony Sadlier and George Leonard Staunton Esqrs

Whereas Tippoo Sultaun Bahander hath Signified his Disposition to accede to the Pacifications made in Europe & hath sent certain Propositions of Peace by his Vakeels or ministers to this Presidency to which Propositions Answers have been given And whereas the Said Vakeels has requested that Persons with proper Powers from Government be sent towards Tippoo Sultaun Bahander

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Beharder for the Purpose of settling any subsisting Difference between his Propositions and the answers made to the same and for accelerating the desirable Event of Peace and for obviating the Difficulties which might occasion a renewal of the war notwithstanding the pacific Inclinations of the respective Parties and whereas the said natives have expressed their Persuasion that such a Deputation would be attended with such advantageous Consequences and in which Persuasion the Commander of Tippoo Troops in the Carnatic has concurred and whereas as the term for the Cessation of Hostilities has been limited to the 2nd day of December next and that the Delay occasioned by the Transmission of Propositions from hence to Tippoo Sultaun Bahadar on the opposite Side of the Peninsula and the return of his Answers might be such as that no final Arrangement could take Place before the Expiration of that term and whereas the Captivity and

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Sufferings of the British Prisoners in the Custody of Tippoo Sultaun as well as the other Calamities of War may be shortened by agreeing to the Request of Sending a Deputation vested with Sufficient Powers for attaining the End proposed by it. we have thought proper to appoint you Anthony Sadleir Esqr. Second in Council and Comr. to of this Presidency and George Leonard Staunton Esquire as Persons on whose tried Prudence and Integrity we repose full Confidence and hereby authorize and desire you to proceed towards Tippoo Sultaun Bahauder and to enter into such agreements for a Pacification as shall be agreable to the Preliminary Articles of Peace concluded in London and to the consequent Instructions of the Court of Directors with copies of which you will be furnished for such Purpose and whereas it may not be practicable to terminate such Agreement before the 2nd Day of December. The further authorize you to

Send

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Send Directions to the respective Officers Commanding the Kings or Companys Forces and to all other Persons whom it may concern for the purpose of continuing the said Armistice as long as in your Discretion it may appear to be necessary & whereas it may happen Contrary to our Wishes and Expectations that Tippoo Sultaun Behauder Should not agree to such arrangement for a Pacification as Shall appear to you agreable to the Principles which are to be your Guides or that he may commit or cause to be committed Such Act or Acts as may require a Renewal of Hostilities and that the Public Service may not be materially be injured by Such Hostilities being retarded until the orders were arrived from hence after our receipt from you of the Motives compelling the Necessity of Such Hostilities we hereby further Authorize you to transmit orders to the Officers Commanding the Kings and Company's Forces as aforesaid and to all other Persons concerned to recommence Hostilities with Such Directions

as

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or in your Direction shall appear to be necessary and in general we authorize you to take in the course of this Business such further measures consistent with the said Preliminary Articles and the Companys Instructions as the Circumstances which may arise shall appear to you to render necessary or be conducive to the welfare of the Company

Given in Fort St George the 31st Day of October in the year of our Lord 1783

By the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.K.B.:

The Commission delivered to you from us by which we vest in you sufficient Powers to complete with Tippoo Sultaun the Pacification arranged in Europe and acting the object of your Mission and the Principles

on

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on which it is to be conducted the Copy which we enclose of that Arrangement as contained in the 16th Article of the Preliminaries as well as a Copy of the Consequent Instructions of the Court of Directors and of the Propositions and Answers between us and Tippoo Vakeels together with your intimate Knowledge of our Sentiments and our confidence in your Discretion and attachment to the welfare of the Company precludes the necessity of Private Instructions to you from us on this Occasion in which unforeseen Circumstances may occur that cannot be precisely foreseen and in which we must necessarily refer to your own Judgment and Prudence. We desire therefore only that you will please to have present to your minds that we have determined on this Deputation in compliance with the wishes of Tippoo Sultaun as Signified to us by his Representatives in order to convince him and the other Indian Powers of the Sincerity of the Desire of the British nation and East India Company for Peace

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Peace on Terms of Moderation beyond in which their
Power might have enabled them to make very consi-
-derable Demands: And in order that your Prudence
and Exertions may obviate these Difficulties and
Misunderstandings which might lead to a Renewal
of the War Notwithstanding the Disposition of the
Belligerent Powers to put an End to it and that
you may otherwise accelerate the Release and
Relief of the British Subjects and Dependents
now in the Custody of Tippoo Sultaun and we
have chosen you for such a Deputation as the
Person in whom we consider the most likely to be
able to attain those desirable Purposes We enclose
to you a Copy of His Highness the Nabob
wallajahs last letter to our President enclosing a
List of Several persons who are prisoners with
Tippoo Sultaun and we desire that the Release
of them may be object of your particular attention
And copies of such papers as you shall think
may be of use to you in your present Mission
Shall be delivered to you from the office on
your requisition

Reports

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Reports having prevailed of Tippoo Sultaun
having violated the agreement made by him with
Major Campbell and Seized the person of General
Macleod altho there are no authentic ground
for such reports we think it right to empower
you to return or to proceed on your Mission according
to the Intelligence you may receive on the road.

You will see the Commander of Tippoo-
Sultauns Army in the Carnatic and we empower
you to make the Cessation of Arms permanent
with respect to his own force

You will please to forward early
and repeated Communication of your Proceedings
to us as well as to the Select Committee of Bombay
whose Situation connects it as ours does us with
Tippoo Sultaun and as the object of Both Pres-
-idencys is to be the Peace Safety Honor and
advantage of their Employers-

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Mr Davidson - I agree to the Commission and Instructions to the Deputation on the principles of my minutes on this Subject of the 14th & 25th Instant and

The Committee Approve and Adopt the foregoing Commission and Instructions and it is agreed that they be copied fair and Executed without delay

Mr William George Gosey who Accompanied Mssrs. Sadleir and Staunton as their Secretary on their late Deputation to the Marquis de Bussy having been since Appointed Deputy Military Secretary a Station which will not admit of his being absent from the Presidency it is agreed that Mr William Collins - Secretary be Appointed Secretary to the present Commission to Tippoo Sultaun -

Agreed that the following Letters be written to the Select Committee at Bombay and to Colonel Fullarton

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee.

at Bombay -

Gentlemen

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whose Situation connects It as ours does us with
Tippoo Sultaun and as the object of Both Pres-
-idencys is to be the Peace Safety Honor and
advantage of their Employers-

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Mr Davidson - I agree to the Commissions and Instructions to the Deputation on the principles of my minutes on this Subject of the 14th & 25th Instant and

The Committee approve and adopt the foregoing Commission and Instructions and it is agreed that they be copied fair and executed without delay

Mr William George Gorge who accompanied Mssrs Sadleir and Staunton as their Secretary on their late Deputation to the Marquis de Bussy having been since appointed Deputy Military Secretary a Station which will not admit of his being absent from the Presidency it is agreed that Mr William Allens - Jackson be appointed Secretary to the present Commission to Tippoo Sultaun -

Agreed that the following Letter be written to the Select Committee at Bombay and to Colonel Fullarton

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee.

at Bombay -

Gentlemen

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Gentlemen

We have the honor to inform you that the Vakeels or Ministers of Tippoo Sultaun After having conferred with us on the Arrangements and Conditions of a Pacification agreably to the Intentions of his Britannic and most Christian Majestys having requested that we should Send Persons vested with Sufficient Powers from this Government to treat and terminate personally with their Master Tippoo Sultaun And as the same Request has been repeated by Meer Mohud not Deen Cawn Commander of Tippoos Troops in the Carnatic and appears also consonant to the wishes expressed in the letters of Tippoo Sultaun and more especially as by Such a Step our Difficulties may be Surmounted and mistakes explained which might otherwise occasion a Renewal of Hostilities and a Prolongation of the War and on the Release and Relief of the Prisoners in the Custody of Tippoo may be

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accelerated by it we have determined to depute
Anthony Sadleir Esquire Second in Council and
Select Committee of this Government and George Leonard
Staunton Esq.r a confidential Servant of the same being
Persons on whose tried Judgment Prudence and Integrity
we repose with entire Confidence we have given them
full Powers and we request you will consider their
Letter as Conveying the Sentiments and Draught
with the Authority of this Government

As the Object of this Mission cannot
be Accomplished before the 2d Day of December
next or Expiration of four Months from the
Ratification of Terms settled at Mangalore we
have determined to Continue the Armistice beyond
that Period as long as may be necessary for settling
Peace unless Tippoo Sultaun shall have previously
to that Period actually ordered Acts of Hostility on
his Part in which case we or our Commissioners
will Send directions to our Forces for the Renewal
of the War But we trust it Conformity
to the Sentiments of our Sovereign and our Employers
that the Mission of our Deputies may terminate

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terminate in their Declaration of an entire

Pacification -

We have the honor to be &c &c

(Signd) Macartney &c -

Select Committee -

The Same to Mr William Fraser

Resident &c Factor -

at Tellicherry

To Colonel William Fullarton

Commanding the Southern Army -

Sir.

I am directed by the Rt Hble

the President and Select Committee to inform

you that at the desire of Tippoo Sultaun

Signified in his Letter and by his Vakeels they

have been pleased to appoint Anthony Sadleir

& George Leonard Staunton Esqrs to proceed as a

Deputation towards him / Tippoo Sultaun /-

to enter into agreements for a pacification -

according to the preliminary Articles of peace

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concluded in Europe and the Consequent
Instructions of the Court of Directors and as
it may not be practicable to terminate such
Agreement before the Second of December
The Select Committee have authorized the Gentlemen
of the deputation to send directions to the
respective Officers Commanding the Kings and
Companys Forces for the purpose of Continuing
the Cessation of hostilities as long as in their
discretion it may appear to be necessary and
they are in like manner authorized to transmit
orders to the officers aforesaid and to all
other persons concerned to recommence hostilities
with such other directions as they shall Jto
be necessary -

You will therefore be pleased to
Correspond with the Gentlemen of the Deputation
and follow any Instructions they may judge
it necessary to send you.

Teppoo Sultaun as well as his
Vakeels

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have having given the Strongest Assurances of his
desire for peace and of his having sent Orders to
all his Officers to desist from Hostilities The
Select Committee hope you will be able to obtain
provisions for your Army from his Countries in
your Neighbourhood and you are accordingly
to make Application to his Officers for whatever
you may Stand in need of and inform them
that a Refusal on their part will be considered
as Contradictory to the friendly Assurances given
by Tippoo Sultaun to this Government and as
Such will be represented to him

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Huddleston Secy.

The Same to Major Campbell or Officer
Commanding at Mangalore

To Brigadier General Mac Leod -

& to Major Lyraught.

Agreed that Letter to the
Same purport with the foregoing be written to Genl.

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Macleod Lieutenant Colonel Campbell and Major Sydenham.

Signed that Ensign Fonblanque be appointed Aid de Camp to the Commissioners to Tippoo Sultaun and Cornet John Leonard Quarter Master and Ensign Macalister Adjt. to the Escort.

The Commander in Chief is desired to give orders for the Detachment at Trivelore to March to Vellore as soon as shall judge it advisable and to order to it an artillery Officer also to let the Company of the 101st Regiment remain here as there is another Company of the 102d arrived at Masulipatam from Bengal.

Read the following Letter

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

My Lord

I have the Honor to acknowledge
the

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The receipt of your Lords hips Letter dated the 22d and to inform you that the enemy after laying waste a large tract of Country belonging to the Vencatagherry Rajah closes a frontier of this district have retired into the Combum Ghaut and so Surrounded the Northern army as to prevent the most trifling Supplies getting to them and private Carcarrahs with great danger and difficulty effect it at the time General Lowes and the first advice of Typoo Sait having Acceded to the Cessation of Hostilities he was laying with his army at Commaroole in possession of the whole Combum Ghaut since when the Enemy have pushed forward and are in possession of it and plundered all our friends in that Neighbourhood and are daily offering some insult to Our Army Rey Lawabs. The passes leading into the Palnaad district which has greatly allarmed the Inhabitants - I am happy your Lordships has been pleased to order

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order a Reinforcement hither It will enable me
effectually to protect this District and serve
greatly to quiet the mind of the people in the
Palnad

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Edwd Edmonds

Capt.r Comd.t

Ongole
25th October 1783

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Last Night I had the Honor of
receiving your Letter of the 23d Instant and by
immediately dispatched a Letter to order Lieu.t
Lieutenant Brickmeyer whom I had sent to the
Westward to cover the frontiers from Small parties
of the Enemy that might enter the District
through the passes Suspect him here the 28th
and shall send off the Detachment upon his
Arrival

The Communication with Ongole is still
quite

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quite open and I am informed that the
Troops that were expected in the Angole Country
went back from Poodily with their booty, and are
now about Sedwat and Budavila It is also
said they are in want of provisions and salt &c &c
intend to pay us a visit soon I have endeavoured
to raise a Body of Polygars for the defence of
the District but have not yet succeeded Indeed
they will be of little use if I should get them
without a Body of regular Troops to support
them as the Frontiers are very extensive and in-
-lets numerous and the distance not less than
50 or 60 Miles from hence I have wrote to
Captain Edmonds on the Subject of the reinf-
-forcement according to your Lords Ships Orders
as this Garrison could not well spare the
Number of Troops ordered for Angole I thought
it necessary to Lord and Order that one of the
Officers and a Company and an Half of the
escort sent with the Bullocks I should come
back

back immediately leaving the other officer and a Company to proceed

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

Vellore
20th October 1783.

(Signed) Geo: Campbell

The President reads Extract of a private Letter from Major Lysaght by which it appears that he is much in want of Salt and Tamarind for the Troops at Cummum

Agreed that Captain Campbell and Captain Edmonds be directed to send Salt and Tamarind to Major Lysaght that they make application to the Nabob of Tippoo Sultaun for passes for the safe passage of their people and also for provisions from his Countries and inform him / the officer / that a refusal on his part will be considered as a renewal of hostilities

Read the following Letter from Monsieur Martin entreating the Three receipts mentioned therein

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President and Governor and to the Gentlemen of the Council at Madras

My

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My Lord and Gentlemen

Political reasons no doubt having induced Colonel Brathwaite in 1780 not to leave behind at Pondicherry / where he commanded / any of the Arms which were in the possession of Individuals and were considered as commercial objects:— he made a requisition for them caused them to be conveyed to Madras and at the same time engaged in the name of the Company either to restore them or to pay to the owners the amount of their value whenever Peace should be concluded between the two Nations:— I now My Lord and Gentlemen claim those Arms which were taken from us and have in consequence the honor to lay before you two Receipts of Colonel Brathwaite - waite and one from the Sergeant who Superintended the Arsenal several other persons who received Similar Acknowledgements at Pondicherry have directed me to make the same demand in their Name & to the Season of the year does not at present admit of our carrying away these Arms. I hope My Lord & Gentlemen that you

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you will not refuse me an Order empowering me to take them wherever it can be done with Safety and upon my producing the Receipts that were given to me by Colonel Brathwaite and the Officers or Sergeants who were entrusted with the management of the Arsenal.

I am with respect &c &c

Madras
24th October 1783

(Signed) Martin.

Agreed that the Arms claimed in the foregoing Letter be delivered to Mr Martin and that his letter be sent to the Committee of Stores with orders for that purpose

Read Letter from the Surgeon Major with the Army as entered in Miscellany Book F representing his having expended Pagodas 340 Pags before Cuddalore on Account of the wounded penned Prisoners from the 13th June to the 15th July, on their being delivered back as per Lieut (the Surgeon Major) for an Account of the Expence but he declined to accept of any Reimbursement from that Quarter

Agreed that the Military Paymaster be

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be directed to Reimburse the Surgeon Major the Sum of 340 pagodas expended for the wounded prisoners at Cuddalore and to carry the amount to the Head of "French Prisoners"

The President says before the Committee the following papers delivered to him by Captain Gowland of the Ship Prince William which was pressed last year to carry Rice and Stores to Negapatam and now a Store on the Appearance of the French Fleet

To Captain Gowland

Sir I hereby engage that the Honble East India Company will indemnify you for the Loss of your Ship and Cargoe in Consideration of your staying in the Roads of Negapatam at this time and until the Fleet now in Sight shall Depart or prove to be an English Fleet.

Dated in Negapatam this 3d Day of Octr 1783

Witness Signd John Sullivan

Registered in Book B No 42 VVJ } Page 164

Calcutta the 25th May 1789.

Signd - P. William Paterson Not Pub.

A true Copy. Signd P. W. Ware Dept Secy.

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To Captain William Gobland

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Governor General and Council to acknowledge your address of the 8th of February last and to acquaint you in reply thereto that as the Prince William at the time she appears to have been run on shore was under the orders & Assignment of the Right Honble the President and Council at Fort St George and Mr Johnson Sullivan whose letter of indemnification you appeal to is a Servant of the Company upon that Establishment the Board think it proper to refer you for the Adjustment of your Claim to the Presidency of Fort Saint George.

I am &c &c

Fort William
the 7th April 1783

A true Copy
(Signd) H. Russell Secy.

(Signd) W. Wasey Dpty Secy

As it appears from the above Letter from Mr. Sullivan that the Company is pledged to make good the loss of the Ship Prince William the President is requested to endeavour to adjust the matter

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matter with Captain Gowland on as reasonable terms as pyssible

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute and report from the Adjutant General.

I have the Honor to lay before the Committee the accompanying report from the Adjutant General of the State of the officers in the Army with a list of Vacancies and recommend that the following officers be accordingly Struck off or Invalided

Ensign Samuel Davies Lo hn Lang & Richard Green Robert Street Browne, Lo hn Pearse Samuel Pagrow Roger Warne Simeon Bunny Robert Gahan Lo hn Haynes Jonathan Cuthbertsonthe Pagan I have William Fleming and Wm Hamilton to be Struck off

agreed if they dont appear and Struck

James Foster
Lieutenants Thomas Underwood and Lo hn Tabuner and Ensigns Henry Robotier David Hotblade James Price and Thomas Broughton to be Invalided

agreed

I observe from the Adjutant Generals report

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Sir

I report that Seven Ensigns Stand on the List who are not Arrived from England I presume the Committee will see the propriety of Striking them off and when they join the Establishment They may be placed in their rank on the List this I believe is the Custom of the Service

I observe also that Lieutenant Colonel Harper has been Superceded by the promotion of Colonel Hirzer I do not think therefore that he can with propriety Stand on the Effective List in his present rank nor can I with the Justice I owe to the Service give my recommendation of Major Short for promotion on the effective list In other Respects it is my Opinion that promotion Should be ordered to fill up the Vacancies reported in the Adjutant Generals letter and that for the present as Peace is Still uncertain, the Army under Orders for Field Service, and as we have no correct information regarding the numbers in each rank of the officers prisoners with the Enemy that whatever promotion is agreed on by the Committee Shall include the Prisoners as Supernumerary in the Same manner as has been followed hitherto —

I

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I recommend the following officers to fill up the Staff Vacancies reported in the adjutant Generals letter

Lieutenant Jno Munro to be Quarter master to the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment vice Frost

Ensign Hyder Stuart to be acting adjutant of the 2d Carnatic Battalion vice Everton Resigned

Ensign Thomas Grove to be Adjutant of the 2nd Circar Battalion vice Gibbs deceased.

Ensign William Penn to be Fort Adjutant of Vellore vice Everton resigned

Lieutenant Henry Dighton to be Adjutant of the 1st Carnatic Battalion vice Weymss deceased

Lieutenant George Barclay to be Adjutant of the 6th Circar Battalion vice Westropp resigned -

I also beg leave to recommend to the Committee the Consideration of the State of the Corps of Engineers and Cavalry.

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Ross Lang

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To Lieutenant General Lang

Commander in Chief

Sir

I have the honor to report the Casualties and Vacancies in the Army not yet filled up.

Artillery

Deceased - Major Donald Mackay 28th Sept. 1783.

Present State of the Corps of Artillery is as follows.

1	Lieutenant Colonel	Compleat
	Major	1 wanting
8	Captains	Compleat
8	Captain Lieutenants	Compleat
16	Lieutenants	Compleat
24	Lieutenant Fireworkers	8 Supernumerary
NB. Not included above	3 Captains 2 Lieutenants	Prisoners.

Infantry.

Deceased - Ensign & adjutant William Gibbing of the 2d Coast Battalion

Lieutenant and adjutant David Weymss of the 9th Carnatic Battalion 24th September 1783.

Lieutenant Lescomb Stratch of the 2d Batt.n 2d Regiment 4th October 1783.

Vacancies - An adjutant to the 2d Coast Battalion vice

Gibbing an adjutant to the 9th Coast Battalion vice

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vacancies. Vice Wemyss an acting Adjutant to the 2d Carnatic

Battalion Vice Ensign Weston Prisoner

Fort Adjutant to Vellore - Vice Weston

a Quarter Master to the 2d Battalion 1st Regiment

in the room of Lieutenant Smart Appointed aid

de Camp — Lieutenant John Munro Lar alone

the Duty of this Post Since it became vacant

first on the room of Lieutenant Smart who

was Appointed acting Aid de Camp and afterwards

when he was confirmed in that Appointment.

Lieutenant Munro was in June or July last

recommended by General Stuart to succeed to

the Post and is now acting as Quarter Master to

the Corps until the pleasure of the Select Committee

is known.

Lieutenant Westropp Adjutant of the 6th Cesear

Battalion commanded by Captain Bridges

wishes to resign his Post in favor of Lieutenant

George Barclay and Captain Bridges recommends

this Officer as well qualified for the Station

Present State of the Corps of Infantry is as follows.

2 Colonels	Compleat
3 Lieutenant Colonels	1 wanting
3 Majors	1 wanting

By.

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69 Captains — — — — — — 3 wanting
161 Lieutenants — — — — 1 wanting
344 Ensigns — — — — — — 57 Supernumerary

Lieutenant Colonel Harper although lately superceded by the Promotion of Colonel Nixon is included above not having been ordered to be Struck off the Infantry List

413 Not included above { 1 Colonel, 10 Captains, 34 Lieutenants, 29 Ensigns } Prisoners

The following is a List of Officers included in the above State with such Information of Casual and otherwise as I have received concerning them placed opposite to their Names and in which I include Some Officers on leave because they have been long absent from the Duty of their Stations and that during that Time I have not received either from themselves or the Officers Commanding the Corps to which they Stand appointed any official Report -

Lieutenant James Foster - about the beginning of the War had leave of absence to go to Sea on Account of Health has not been heard of Since -

Lieut

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Lieutenant Thomas Underwood - Had leave from Sir Eyre Coote in 1781 to go to any Part of the Carnatic on account of Health. I have heard nothing of this officer lately further than from common report that he is at Madras.

Lieutenant John Tabbiner — Has been very long absent on account of Health I believe at Trangquebar but of this I have neither late nor certain Information

Ensign Samuel Davis - Had leave of absence to Bengal in the End of 1781 - I have not had any report of this officer since that Period.

Ensign John Lang - - Had leave to Bengal in June or July 1780 no report of this officer since that Period -

Ensign Richard Greene - - Has not been heard of for a considerable Time nor do I find him in the Returns of any Corps in the army,

Ensign R. Street Broom - - - Had leave to Bengal about the beginning of the war - no report of this officer since that Period

Ensign John Pearce - - Had leave to go to Bombay and I believe from there to England about the beginning of the war - no report of this officer since that Period Ensign

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Ensign Samuel Pagson — Not heard of since his Promotion —

Ensign Ryger Warne — Belonged to the Coast Detachment sent to Bombay under Lieutenant Colonel Brown Did not return to this Coast nor have I any Information concerning him.

Ensign Simeon Bunny — I was informed nearly four years ago about the time of his appointment that this Gentleman was then in Bengal no Report since —

Ensign Robert Gahan — went I believe on board to Bengal upwards of Twelve Months ago where I understand from common Report he bears a Commission and Acts as Fort Adjutant of Calcutta

Ensign Lohn Haynes — This Officer went to Bengal a considerable Time ago but I have had no Report of him since

Ensign Thomas Hunt — I cannot learn that this Officer has ever joined His Establishment

Ensign Jonathan Cruttenden. The Same

Ensign Bagar Shaw — The Same

Ensign Henry Robarts The Same

Ensign William Fleming — was a Volunteer and promotion for His Establishment went to Bengal about the Time of his Promotion I have not since heard of him.

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Ensign David Hirtzbride — Insane at Chingleput

Ensign James Price — — — Insane, I am told and late of
the Garrison of Pullicate

Ensign Thomas Broughton — Confined for Tirranty accomodable
Time at Madras have not lately
Heard of him

Ensign Lt Colo Odingsells Seventh Batt
George Matcham
Robert Nugent
James Shaw
Robert Bond
Alexander Dickson
Joseph Hunt
Henry Benjamin
— — Baird
Henry Ackland

} On the List but not arrived from England or by General Orders

The following is the present State of the Corps of Engineers

1 Lieutenant Colonel —	Compleat
1 Major — —	Compleat
4 Captains — —	1 Supernumerary
4 Lieutenants — —	2 Supernumerary
13 Ensigns — — —	11 Supernumerary

Lieutenant Colo Lemoir Stuart not returned from Parole
and Lieutenant Elisha Copland Absent at Bengal
included above

The following is the State of the Officers of Cavalry including those of the Infantry List employed on that Duty —

Captain

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Captain Joyne } Cavalry-
William young }

Lieutenant Henry Darley Irregularly appointed Lieutenant of Cavalry in the Company's Service but the European Troop having been reduced was placed on the Infantry List in which he is still returned although he has always served as Cavalry officer of the Company-

Cornets John Grant
A Henry Brooke
John Stuart
John Leonard
George Bengham
Alexander Grant
Robert Lt. Huddleston
} Cavalry having been appointed Cornets by Government accordingly stands on the List of Infantry officers-

Captains Dugald Campbell
Edward Swordan
} Hold Places in the respective ranks in the Infantry but have always done Duty in the Cavalry now paid by the Company with the Expectation of Lieutenant

Lieutenants John Foir
Phillip Sulivan
Thomas Dallas
} Phillip Sulivan who has served of late with some Independant Companies of Sepoys to the Lieut Ward

Lieutenant & Fort Adjutant Macalister - Holds a Peace on the Infantry List was first appointed by Sir Eyre Coote to act as Quarter Master to the 4th Regt of Cavalry and afterwards by Major General Stuart to act also with that Corps in his Rank as Lieutenant -

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Ensigns Alexander Watson
Arthur Saint Leger
Quarter Masters
Fort Regiment
Charles Rumley
Francis Story

} appointed in the Field to act as Cornets by Sir Eyre Coote and have served in that Station since the Commencement of the War are still retained on the Infantry List

Ensign Charles Cuppes - - appointed in the Field by Sir Eyre Coote to serve with the Cavalry and is returned on the Infantry List

Ensign Kenneth Campbell appointed in the Field to do Duty with the Cavalry by Major General Stuart is returned on the Infantry List

I beg leave to request your attention to the above State of absent Officers from the Infantry: whether in Bengal or doing Duty with the Cavalry they are equally useful to the Corps in which they Stand returned to the Prejudice of the Officers next in Succession the only remedy for this is I believe a regular Establishment of Cavalry Officers so appointed as not to be retained on returned as at present a burthen on the Infantry List and as this Plan has been adopted when Officers have been required from the Infantry for the Duty of the Artillery and

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and Engineer Corps it is to be hoped it will be thought equally applicable to the Cavalry & four Regiments and three Troops of Native Cavalry, are now paid by the Company exclusive of the European Troops. and commanded in general by their Officers.

The above contains a more exact account of Officers than what is represented in the State of the Establishment which I gave in on the 30th August to the Commander in Chief and which he laid before the Committee as Since the Time I had had further means of Information which has enabled me to ascertain their numbers with More precision I am therefore desirous that the State of the Establishment given in the 30 August 1st be returned to me that I may make the necessary alterations to this Date before it comes under the Consideration of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fort St George
the 10th October 1783

(Signed) Henry Malcolm
adjutant General of the army.

P.S. - I have the honor to enclose herewith for your Information a List of the Officers in each Rank in Succession to Succeed to Vacancies to prevent Mistakes I have inserted in this List a greater Proportion than perhaps may be required for Promotion - H M.

P.S.

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The Committee having attentively
considered the above Minute and report it is
Resolved that the officers recommended by the
Commander in Chief to Struck off the List shall
be Struck off if they do not Report themselves
personally or by Letter to the Adjutant General
within two Months from this date and that
the Same be published in General Orders -

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Henry
Pyby Harper and Major Lo Lo Short together
with the officers recommended by the Commander
in Chief to be invalided be put on the Invalid List

Resolved that the Ensigns Standing upon
the List but who are not yet arrived from
England be Struck off

as there is now no near a prospect of peace
for the Release of our officers who are prisoners
with Tippoo Sultaun the Committee are of opinion
and accordingly resolved that they be again
brought upon the effective List of the army and no
longer considered as Supernumerary.

Resolved that the following promotions
&c

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promotions do Accordingly take place together with the Staff appointments recommended by the Commander in Chief

Resolved that Lieutenant Simon Baillie be Appointed to the Command of the Sibbendy at Masulipatam

Resolved that Captain Pendergrass be appointed to the next vacant Coast Battalion and that Captain Stephen Towns Shall then Succeed Captain Pendergrass as Town Major at Masulipatam

Resolved that Captain Urban Vigors Shall be Appointed to the next vacant Carnatic Battalion and Captain Oldham to the Second

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute and Letter

I have the honor to present to the Committee a Letter addressed to them by Some of the Subalterns on the Infantry List setting forth their Sufferings in point of rank from various Causes as expressed in their Letter and I am of opinion that the Request they have made of a Captain Lieutenant to each Sepoy Battalion with the rank of Captain in the Army Should be granted not only as a mark of Justice to Officers who have Served So long and so ably in the Subaltern ranks but because it will in other respects be of advantage to the public by Securing to each Sepoy Battalion Two Officers at least of rank and Service and the only encrease of expence from this promotion will

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will be the difference of Batta between the rank of Lieutenant and Captain when on the field to the officers holding the rank of Captain Lieutenant for granting out the only increase of expence by the promotion of Captain Lieutenants to the Sepoy Battalions it is my Opinion that the number of Officers in each Shall not thereby be augmented that the Captain Lieutenants Shall Command Companies, but not to hold the Staff Appointments the Complement of officers in a Sepoy Battalion by this promotion will then be

1 Captain
1 Captain Lieutenant
2 Lieutenants
7 Ensigns

Supposing the whole to be constantly employed on the field which can hardly ever happen the addition of expence would be of very little consideration compared to the utility of the promotion which in my Opinion will appear in this extensive point of view. Besides the Justice done to officers who have served long and faithfully by a more equal distribution of rank than at Present carry with it at the same time the numerous Advantages to the Public Service of which this promotion admits and more particularly while the Sepoy Battalions are engaged on field Service

Signed Rich Comp &c

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The Right Honble Lord George Macartney

K.B. President &c. Select Committee

My Lord and Sirs

We the Subalterns of Infantry of the Coast establishment induced by the appearance of returning Peace to claim the attention of the Honble Committee and beg leave to represent the peculiar grievances humiliating and unparallel'd hardships which have operated against them since the commencement of the present war and particularly since the establishment of a Rank in the Corps of Artillery recommended by your late Commander in Chief Sir Eyre Coote.

We presume not to Arraign the wisdom the utility or necessity of that Measure we only beg leave to point out its injurious effects to ourselves in the most cruel disgusting and dispiriting of all Military hardships an unexampled Supercession and confident of your Attention to justice in an object of such importance as the just and equal view of a Set of Men who Sacrificing Country, Friends and all the Dearer ties of nature to a Service whose peculiar characteristic they were taught and till of late experienced to be a fair Succession of Rank only to be obtained by length of years dear bought by experience and two after at the expence of Health and

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and conformed also of the equity propriety and justice
of our claims we Shall venture to Subjoin a plan
of redress unattended with Additional expence to
the establishment which tho it will not alleviate
the injustice already mentioned will however in
some measure obviate the evil to some

The Nomination of a Captain &
Lieutenant to each Company of Artillery with
the Rank of Captain in the Army confirmed by
the Board on the recommendation of Sir Eyre Coote
in the year 1780 occasioned them a promotion so
rapid and established in that Corps Such a Superiority
over the Infantry as we conceive altogether inconsistent
with the nature of the Service but abstracted from
that and from every private consideration it is
only requisite to say "That Lieutenants of Infantry
of above thirteen years Standing have the mortification
to be commanded by Captain Lieutenants of Artillery
whose names have been but little more than four years
on the list of the Army" to pronounce it incompatible
with the general good.

This My Lord and Gentlemen is not
an imaginary or a temporary evil; it is a fixed and
encreasing grievance while the proportion of Captain to
Subalterns in the Artillery continues as one to two and
three of the Infantry as one to Six -

Hon

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Nor are our Sufferings in point of Supercession and Rank confined alone to the Corps of Artillery The Engineers The Troops of Bengal and Bombay have also a confirmed a galling and unmerited advantage over us.

That the disparity of Captain to Subaltern in the Corps of Infantry unconnected with the arguments already Stated may become of the most Serious and alarming importance from our conjunction with the Troops of His Majesty: numberless instances might be adduced one we will venture to present. which will Sufficiently evince our Assertion during the late Service at Cuddalore a part of a Battalion of Sepoys was directed to be reinforced with Some Europeans in consequence of an expected Attack the Battalion was commanded by a Lieutenant of above Thirteen years Standing and a Young Gentleman in the Kings Service Scarcely so many Years of Age joined him & Assumed the Command.

We leave it to the Honble Committee to judge of our Sufferings in Such circumstances and to determine of what advantage our experience can be to the Service obnoxious to Such contrast We will now lay before the Honble Committee a plan conceived to remedy in Some measure those accumulated hardships which the present System of the Service has imposed upon us and with every attention to

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to Avoid increasing the difficulties which this expensive War has unfortunately involved the humble Company.

That Two each Battalion of Sepoys there be appointed a Captain Lieutenant upon the footing of those already established in the Corps of Artillery, and that he Shall command a Company in the Battalion in the same manner as before his promotion which will consequently occasion no increase of Officers to the establishment

This Regulation we are hopefull will appear to the Honorable Committee well calculated to remove the inconveniencies to ourselves and to the public Service by encreasing an Officer of that Rank and experience with those Corps which during the present War have been often commanded by Lieutenants liable to all the difficulties to which that Rank has already been captained to Subject them

We have the honor to be with the most profound respect &c.

(Signed) Jn Richardson
Jas Campbell
Wm Smart
R Gomond
BJ Close
Jos: Hill

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Jas Ogg
J Sundt
J Dighton
Jas Mitchel
N Dilks
Williamson
T. Hill
C. Sloper
H Dowie
P Dease
T Munro
Thomas Hart
James Stephens
John Hunt
Richard Powis
Chas Godfrey
George Kippen
J. Dyce
Wm Elliot
Carey Lelande
Wm H. Lloyd
Jn Tyrroff
J Lawrence
JC M'alister
Chas Rumley
Alex Dyne

Edw Ferguson
Lieut

A Watson
Leonard
Jn Pringle
The Dalles
Hen Darby

Fha

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The Committee having considered the foregoing Representation together with the recommendation of the Commander in Chief in its favor are induced to consent to the promotion requested on the Infantry line not only with a view to the ability and advantage which they think must occur to the public Service from ensuring to each Sepoy Corps officers of rank and experience but also in consideration of the gallant and meritorious Services of the Subalterns with the army in the late trying Campaigns and at the same time to Ensure a more equal rise in the different Corps of this Establishment Such being the motives which govern the Committee in this occasion and the additional expence to the Company being very inconsiderable they cannot doubt of its meeting the approbation of their Employers

Resolved

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Resolved therefore that the Establishment of Officers for the Carnatic and Circar Battalions of Sepoys shall be in future -

1 Captain
1 Captain Lieutenant
2 Lieutenants
7 Ensigns - The Captain Lieutenants to have the rank of Captains in the Army from the date of their Commissions as Captain Lieutenants and to Command Companies in the Battalions respectively but they are not to hold the Regimental Staff Appointments which are to be filled by the Lieutenants and Ensigns -

The following Lieutenants are accordingly Appointed Captain Lieutenants with the rank of Captains in the Army from the 2d November and to rank with respect to each other according to their former Commissions

Agreed that the Sum of 5000 Pags. be

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be Advanced on Account of the expences of
the Commissioners the Amount to be carried to
the head of 2d war with Hyder ally

The Commander in Chief recommends
Mr Joseph Farrow to be appointed his Secretary
which is agreed to Accordingly -

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Read the following Letter from the
Committee of Inquired Revenue

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

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

In our Consultation of the 20 August
which were laid before your Lordship &c we observed
that if it were deemed expedient to Separate the Peacock
of Terriore from the Trichinopoly Farm Agreeably to
the Arrangement proposed by Mr Sullivan it would
be necessary to deduct 2 Lacks of Rupees from the
Rent on that Account, as the Peacock is estimated
in the Proposal of Vencata Soubah Precisely at
that Sum. ——

Your Lordship &c approved of Mr Sullivans
mode of Arrangement for Separating the Peacock,
as appears by the Letter from that Gentleman dated
the 29 June last, but the Peacock for Terriore, as
proposed by Mr Sullivan on the Close of that
Arrangement is 169,000 Rupees, upon an Average
of the 3 preceding Years — For the 4 year in Case
the Assignment should Continue so long the Peacock
according

Peacock of the
Terriore Farm to
be Separated from the
Trichinopoly Farm

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according to Mr. Sullivan's Settlement with the [illegible]
Two Lacks of Rupees at which it is afterwards to
remain — We have only to request the Permission
of your Lordship &c. to make the Deductions proposed
from Vencata Soubiah's Cowle —

We have the Honor to be &c.

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(Signed) Charles Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo. Mowbray

Sent following Letter to Mons. Martin

To Monsieur Martin

Sirs I am directed by the Right Hble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 24 ultimo with its
enclosures and to inform you that they have ordered
the Arms therein mentioned to be delivered to you and
for that purpose referred the Papers relating to them
to the Committee of Stores

I have the Honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
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(Signed) John Huddleston Secretary

To Mr. Martin the Arms mentioned to be delivered according to his request —

Read Letter from Colonel Pearse (entered on Miscellany Book No) representing the Distress

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Distress of Several Cadets Lately arrived

owing to their unability to proceed to Bo

Establishment to which they are at[tach]

requesting the Interference of Govern[ment]

and the Commanders of Two Ships bound the[re]

in these Roads to give them a passage

Read Letter from Lieutenan

Commanding at Pennacoil (as entered in Mess[enger]

book No) giving Intelligence of Said Lieu

detached from his Camp 200 horse to Chellum brom

Cangeveram a Small Party towards Vellore and

another between his Camp and Ginjee

Received a Letter from Lieutena

Dawes Commanding at Pennacoil

To John Huddleston Esqr.

Military Secretary Fort St. George

Sir

I have favored with your Lett

of the 28th Ultimo I beg you will make the Rig

Honble the President and Select Committee acquai

that I have a due sense of their Consideration of my

Situation in respect to the advances of money m

by me, In regard to the accomodations offer

by

From Lieut Dawes
is unable to afford
Mr Benfield any
other accomodation than
a Tent there being
but one House and
that out of repair

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Lyons to the Paymaster of this Garrison on his Ar-
rival, as well as the orders respecting the set forth
in your Letter — I beg you will Inform Theirs &c
Honors, that on my receiving accounts of this being
near the Garrison, not having a Quarters for him,
I ordered 2 Tents to be Pitched for him in the Pettah,
one of which is Returned Unserviceable, and tho' there
a good deal Tore and out of Repair, but they were the
best — There is but one House in the Pettah, Built
formerly by a Black man as a Pagoda, and afterwards
Converted in to a House by some former Commanding
Officer Here, But was Totally out of Repair without
Doors windows or any Effectual Covering, it had
been used by the Enemy as a Stable & Cookroom, and
for want of a Proper Place Liyar, as a Hospital
from the time this became a Post, it was Exceedingly
Filthy, and Uncovered in Many Parts that was
at this Service, If it Could have Accomodated Him
in the Condition it was but the Fort was Preparable
I had some Days got to repair it, as well as the Season &
Circumstances would Admit of, when I received their
Honors

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1st Honors orders to put a stop to all Works of Cons
at this out Post the Dwelling and Hospital being
a Quarters fit for a Person labouring under
Bodily Infirmities the Condition Mr Benfield
appears to be in at Present — I do not think
Situation in the Pettah all Safe, in the Mon
Situation of Officers, totally Defenceless, and in the
Hill there is not a Place for Him — The Old
Shultry in which I live myself, is a very bad
Habitation, when it rains the Floor is Covered wi
water leaks through in Four Parts and the
rains beats in besides it is full of Bats that m
at being Removed This Ostrocld no doubt offer
was fit for him, I do not think it Improbable
short of it may fall this Monsoon it is Surp
to See by what a Slender Wall some of the Ca
Pillars and Stores are Supported owing to the
that have struck in many Places one end of it
Totally Knocked Down by the Enemy with mos
to the other Quarters on this Hill I before
their Honors How the Officers are accomodated
Considering the attention to Re
to this Port and the Situation of the Pettah, to w

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I am only able to send 50 Noncommissioned and Private for a Guard of at least 2/3 of that is in no degree Defenceable — I judged it necessary to Send the Garrison orders of which Duplicate or Copy — that will Shew their Honors the Situation I am in from the Danger the Pettah is exposed to any accommodations the Place affords Mr Benfield shall be welcome to, as it would afford me great Satisfaction could I in his reduced State of Health) in any Degree Contribute to his recovery or Convenience

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Nath.l Dawes Lt Col.o Commd.g Tannacoil

Tannacoil
November 1783.

Read Letter from Lieutenant Dawes as (entered in Miscellany Book No) desiring permission to make a new Gate for the Pettah, the old one having fallen down — Said Sebas People have informed has drawn from the Villages of Vencatarama Pettah the Amildar & People belong to the Company

Read Letter from the President and Select Committee of Bombay received this Day —

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

Bombay
Castle January 1784

My Lord & Gentlemen, We have with this few —

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At Bussorah enclose copy of letter from him wch Govern themselves by the Proceedings of this Government relative to Tippoo Sultaun apprehended the Cessation with him

few days been favoured with receipt of your Letters dated the 27th June and 7th July with Copies enclosed of the Letters from Messrs Sadlier and Staunton to the Nabob Tippoo Saib and the Officers in Command of His Majestys and the Companys Forces on this Coast

The Letter from your Lordship &c of the 5th of July, mentioned in your Letter of the 7th has not come to hand — your Lordship &c have reason to expect surprize at not receiving advices from this Government by the True Briton an Important an Event as the Conclusion of a Peace with the Powers of Europe — We cannot Account for the Miscarriage of our Packet but we beg to assure you, that we transmitted by that Ship in a Letter dated the 28th May every Intelligence we had received from Bussora regarding the Peace, together with a Copy of Mr Fitzherberts Letter to his Excellency Sir Robert Barnsley advising the Signature of the Preliminaries, and as we have the Pleasure to observe that the Duplicates which accompanyed our Letter of the 19th June, had reached you by the Brittannia We doubt not but you will be fully Satisfied that the want of advices from

This

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This Government proceeded solely from Some &c
accident or Miscarriage to our Packet which we cannot
at Present explain &c —
We also sent by the Pow Briton
the Same advices for the admiral and the Governor
General and Council &c —
We shall govern ourselves &c
Strictly by your Proceedings with the Nabob Tippoo
Saib that may result from the Invitation sent
to him to accede to the Peace of which we request you
will send us regular and frequent advice — yours
Letters may now be conveyed with Safety and
expedition either by the Route of Poona Goa or Anjango
We doubt not but the Honble Companys Letter of
the 6th of March containing their Instructions
for the Execution of the Treaty has long ago reached
you and that you received early advice of the &c
Situation of your affairs at Mangalore and of the
articles for a Cessation of Hostilities concluded between
Tippoo Saib and Major Campbell, which did not
Come to our knowledge till the 11th Instant —
These Articles are not adjusted
upon Such Secure and equal Terms as we could
wish

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2 We do not find any further precautions against a Surprize as demanded in the Letter from Majr. Sadleir and Staunton, and we observe that the Nabob so far from complying with their demand for the release of the English Prisoners as a proof of his Desire for Peace, refuses even to release the Inhabitants at Bednore in Compliance with the Terms of Capitulation There is no period or Term fixed for the Duration of the Armistice or Stipulation for notice to be given previous to the renewal of Hostilities ... the particular restriction likewise under which the Garrison of Mangalore is laid, may not be thought to give Evidence of Confidence or give good Intention on the Part of Nabob, on the other hand from the Probability there appear that the Nabob would have made himself Master of Mangalore before relief could be afforded, had he Intended the siege and his making overtures in such Circumstances for a Cessation of Hostilities immediately on receipt of the Invitation from the English Commissioners, there is strong reason for Deduction that he acts with Sincerity and Ground for hope that he entertains a real Disposition for Peace, We are not yet informed

2 of his having withdrawn his Forces, and we find from our latest advices that he still continued in Person in the Camp before Mangalore so late as the 9th Augt but we consider ourselves entirely precluded by the Articles of Capitulation from taking any measures for the relief or security of that Fortress so further than to Encouraging the intended Reinforcement at Bombay till such advice either of a Peace being Concluded or Hostilities being renewed, and sending such a Supplies of Provisions from Month to Month as are permitted by the Articles We should certainly Consider Tellicherry as a Convenient Station for the Troops, as in case of the War being Continued they would there be in readiness to join the Reinforcement and that which we depend upon Such Event come Round from Madras, and be at hand to be thrown into Mangalore or to raise the Siege of that important Fortress, but such Steps we Apprehend might be deemed an Infringement of the Peace and by raising doubts and Suspicions in the Mind of the Nabob, interrupt, or raise Obstacles

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Obstacles to the Negociation for which could on no
account admeniter Any Plea, or Occasion by Any
Proceding on Our Part we must therefore of necessity
leave Mangalore at Some hazard but did we even
think Ourselves at Liberty to take this Measure, the
State of our Finances would not permit us to equip
and Sendover Force off the Island, and to be receive
Supplies from Bengal were Objects to Support them
at Tellicherry or in the Field &c

Upon the whole under the Obliga-
by which we are held by the Articles of Cessation, and
in the present state of our Intelligence we do not
think any further Measures than above Stated for
Security of Mangalore, we Shall Caution Major
Campbell whose Gallant defence has done him
such Infinite honor, to Continue upon his guard and
Shall soon hope to hear that Tippoo Saib has
ordered his Army above the Ghauts, as mentioned in
the first article and that the French Troops have
been recalled and withdrawn from the Lines before
Mangalore — we Shall likewise send instructions
on this Point to the Commanding officer at
Mangalore

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obligate

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Major

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Mangalore agreeable to the Directions contained
in the Companys Letter of the 6th March
We presume the Negociation
will be carried on by your Presidency under the direction
of the Governor General and Council, and hope soon
to hear what powers and Instructions are Issued for
that purpose — We trust the Interests of this Presidency
will be attended to, and that we shall shortly be
informed of the Plan fixed upon for adjusting and
Securing them by the Treaty, when we shall not
lose a moment in taking every Necessary Measure
either by Communication or Agency, as may be determined
by the Governor General and Council —

We have advices of Major Gells
arrival at Bufarah early in the Month of June —
with Duplicates of the Companys Orders of the 6th March
and of the orders from the French Court, to their "
Commanders in India by Sea and Land, We soon
expect his arrival at Bombay and have Some days ago
forwarded to Bengal by the Warren Hastings, the
Duplicates of the French Orders for the Marquis "
De Bufay and Monsieur Suffrein, and now inclose
for

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4834 2 For your Notice a Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Major Gulls from Bufsarah —

The Hanoverian Troops having arrived at Mangalore after the Cessation was concluded have been disembarked at Tellicherry, and we are sensible of your attention in taking so active a measure for the relief of that Fortress — General Macleod addresses you from Mangalore, and we daily expect his Return with a Report of the Interview appointed with the Arabob Sepoy Sails —

We have the Honors &c

Wm Hornby
Rt Gambier
Thomas Day

Bombay Castle
the 16 September 1783.

/Signed/

true Copy J Hebbersley
Secretary to Govt.

The Honble William Hornby Esqr
President and Governor &c Select Committee
at Bombay —

Honble Sir and Sirs

I have the honor to inform you of my arrival at Bufsarah the 18 Instant with dispatches from the Honble the Court of Directors relative to the peace and Duplicate of the orders of the Court of Versailles to their Officers in India on the same Subject that I left London the 7th Ins. the

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Q 2d the 21st of March

as there is no probable means of a
Conveyance to India under an English vessell &c
arrive in orders to give the present dispatch every
possible Chance of reaching you soon, I have with
the advice of Mr Latouche taken the liberty of &c
Forwarding the French orders to Mysore with
a Copy of them, which I received at Versailles, to
gether with Preliminary Articles to your Honr &c
as Mr Latouche sends at the same time a Copy
of those of the Company) I have only to entreat
that so soon as they reach Bombay they may be
forwarded to Fort St George & a Copy of them sent
to the Governor General and Council, your Honr &c
will observe some difference in Our orders, and
those of Versailles particularly in the Time of &c
withdrawing the French Troops from Hyder ally, and
Continuing Hostilities against him should he not
immediately quite the Carnatic as I particularly
at Paris presented out that Circumstance to Mr &c
Fitzherbert, I must further take the liberty of adding
his Opinion which I conceive may best be done
here

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2 Sincerely join heartily in wishing the Success I put with his answers which I read to him at the Time and he desired me I might put his name to it I thought proper — Should Hyder ally not refuse to discontinue Hostilities but refuse to withdraw his Troops from the Territories of the Nabob of Arcot reserving to himself the Term of Four Months to deliberate on His Final accession proposed, are we at Liberty to Continue Hostilities in order to recover the Countries any Hostile attempt of ours — with the Terms of Limited & Mr Fitzherbert took upon as an infraction of the Treaty —

Do Mess.rs Lally and Cossigny with their party come within the discription of French Troops and are they to be withdrawn at the same time .. all the French Troops —

I have likewise a letter from Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, but as their Lordship did not think proper to allow me any Communication of it, I beg you will be pleased to inform the Admiral of this and that I do not think it Warrantable to risk it before I go myself

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I have with all due respect &c.

Honorable Sirs and Sirs

your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Thomas Guils

Bussorah
12 June 1783

A true Copy
Jno Pe Morris
Dy Secretary

true Copy
H Robertson Lieut 27 Sol.

Copy

Par les articles 13. 14 & 15 des preliminaires
Signés entre la France & L'Angleterre le 20 Janvier
de cette année, avec connoissance des devoirs établissement dans
lequels La ctt doit être retablie dans le Pays
Vous devez être Remis en possession de
ses etablissements & mais après la ratification du traité
definitif ou plutôt de fait a point mais conviendrez
d'avance avec Generaux ad Le Gouverneurs anglois de Negapatam
le plus convenable pour assurer aux Sujets de Le M. Commerce
sur Lebre et en dependant Lettre que Lue et promis par l'article
13 des preliminaires

Conformement a l'article 14 des dit
preliminaires Pondicherry and Karrikal doivent vous
etre remis avec les districts designés pour leur service savoir
ce qui ment les districts comprennent autour de Karrikal 54
Negapatan composés de 81 Villages et autour de Pondicherry
Villanour et Bahour comprenant 90 Villages

Par l'article 16 des dits

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dito Preliminaries il est accordé aux alliés respectifs des
deux Puissances un terme de 6 Mois pour accéder a la
Pacification de deux Couronnes and en cas de refus de
leur part Leurs M.S. Let. B. conviennent de ne leur
donner aucune assistance directe ou indirecte contre les
Possessions de leurs alliés respectifs

Leur intention due est que vous
vous conformez a l'exécution exacte des l'esprit et des
termes des dits articles 16 vous signifierez en consequence
a Hyder alle Kan que les Hostilités doivent cesser entre
les troupes de Roi et celle de la Grande Bretagne au
moment ou le présents ordre vous parviendront vous
leur ecrirez a en faire autant de la part and vous lui
offrirez votre Mediation pour manager une accom-
dement entre lui et la Nabob d'Arcot et la rajah de
Tanjore Dans le cas ou Hyder Alli refuseroit ou
a cesser les Hostilités ou dans le cas ou il manquoit faut
sa parole a l'expiration de 6 mois assignés pour
l'armistice vous vous retirerez avec les troupes
du roi a Pondicherry ir cet établissement vous a été
a l'époque ou l'expiration de 6 mois sera accordé
en dans tout autre lieu que vous estimerez le plus
convenable en dans celui que la Cour de Londres ou
donne Orders a ses Commandants de vous indiquer
vous

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vous vous concerterez avec les dits Commandants tant
a cet egard, que pour assurer la Subsistance de vos
troupes et vous assurerez les anglois les anglois et leurs
alliés dans une entiere liberty Dager pour recouvrir
ce que Hyder ali se trouvera occuper de leurs
anciennes Possessions

Nous entendons ici par les
anciennes Possessions des Princes Indiens nos alliés reduit
a celle que leur appartenoient en 1776. avant le commence
ment de la guerre.

Il est entendu que les anglois ne
seront obliger de vous mettre en Possession de terres sous
sur la cote de Coromandel que apres que eux et leurs
alliés les auront recouvrir

C'est d'apres ces principes que
vous mettrez a l'execution le traite que vous sera envoyé
et dont je vous envoye le Duplicat

L'intention du roi est que
vous vous Conformiez aux presents soit qu'ils
Parviennent en oregenal ou par Duplicate

A true Copy
Jno Morres
D. G. Sec.y of S.e &c.

Copy
H Wilberly

Fanjour 27 October 1783.

Recieved

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Recvd Letter from Mahein addressed
Copy as entered in Country Correspondence No 1 Contradicting
in practice Terms the report of his Master Tippoo Sultaun
having sieged upon the Fort of Mangalore
The following Letters from the
Right Honble President and from the Select Committee
to the Marquis De Bussy are now Dispatched

The Marquis De Bussy

Sir

As Monsieur Martin proposes to
return soon to Pondichery, I cannot miss the Opportunity
of repeating to You the Satisfaction I have had on this
occasion, He will, I hope, convey to you
Gentlemen's acquaintance, He will, I hope, convey to you
the assurances of my desire to maintain by every good
Office in My Power, a cordial Understanding between
the two Nations, and as well as the Esteem & attention
I bear personally to wards you he can also inform you
from me that the termination of the War with the
all of France, will now depend on the result of the
Conferences which are to be held with him by Messieurs
Sadlier and Staunton who had already begun the Work
of Peace when Sent as Deputies to you at Cuddalore,
and whose dispositions are known to you, Our Principles
and

To Mons.r de Bussy with
assurances of every
desire to maintain
a Cordial understanding
between two Nations
Peace with Tippoo will
Depend upon the result
of his Conferences with
Messrs. Sadlier & Staunton
who when at Cuddalore
had begun the of Peace

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and Instructions are perfectly conformable to the
Preliminary Articles of Peace stipulated under the
Authority of and ratified by your Sovereign and Mine
and Consequently must be Agreeable to you

I have the honour to be &c.

Fort St. George
2d November 1783

(Signed) Macartney

To the Marquis De Bussy

&c &c &c

To Mons.r Bussy
Mr. Pybus and Stratford
Commissary on behalf
of the Company at
Pondicherry

Sirs We have already acknowledged under
Date the 26th of September the receipt of your Letter to
Us of the 17th of that Month — and have now the honour to
inform you, that in consequence of your Wish so
expressed in that Letter, that in order to avoid written
discussions — respective Commissaries might be
appointed to determine upon the Articles to be
carried into execution, after a reciprocal Ratification
We have Nominated as Commissary on behalf of the
English — East — India — Company at St George Isaac
Pybus a Gentleman of abilities, and Rank in the
Companys civil Service, who has been directed to

Proceed