061

476

2. Date
3. Initia

The entries made in pencil on the margin in the Volume were made with the help of the papers in the bundle at the time of the weeding and destruction of records.

12-6-43

4843 Fort St George November 1783

Proceed immediately to the Southward, to Onore with such Persons as you may appoint on the Subject of the Regulation relative to Trade, which it may be necessary to frame in consequence of the late Treaty of Peace, which has been concluded between Great Britain and France, and Mr Hoyland has accordingly received from us Instructions for that purpose as likewise for the Regulation of the Police at Pondicherry till that Place shall be formally restored to the Native

We beg leave to recommend to your Mr Hoyland to your attention and good offices

and have the honour to be &c

(Signed) Macartney &c

Select Committee

Fort St George
1st November 1783

Sent following Letter to Mr. Lind

To Mr Frances Lind

Paymaster at Bellary

Sir I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will send without delay a quantity of Salt and Tamarinds to Major Lysaught for the Troops under his command in which you will receive every Necessary

&c

For Mr Lind directing him to indent quantity of Salt & Tamarinds for Major Lysaught

4843 Fort St George November 1st

Copy of a Letter from Captain Campbell

Fort St George
3 November 1783

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

Sent the following Letter to Lieutenant Dawes
Commanding at Permacoil

To Lieutenant Dawes
Commanding at Permacoil

Sir, I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th Ultimo, and to desire that you will continue to make strong representations to Seid Sait of Any disturbances or irregularities that may be committed by his people and inform him that Mr Sadlier & Mr Staunton will set out in a few days and in their way will confer with Mohadeen Cown on the Subject, and hope that before their arrival he will have removed all Cause of complaint.

I have the Honor to be &c
(Signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St George
2d November 1783

To Lieut Dawes to
Continue his remonstrances with Seid Sait
against his irregularities
to acquaint him that
Mess.rs Sadlier & Staunton
will set out in a few
Days and will confer
with him

4344 Fort St. George November 7, 1783

Sent the following Letters Capt.r Campbell

To Captain George Campbell

Commanding at Nellour

Captain Campbell
Send the Paymaster
sending Salt and
Tamarinds to Major
Lysaught Mr Kerlbach
wanted to be Sent also
Major Lysaught

Sirs

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 26th Instant and to desire that
you will give the Paymaster of your Garrison every
Assistance in conveying Salt and Tamarind to
Major Lysaught agreeable to the Orders now sent to
him —

You are to apply to Meer Cumrudeen or
the Officer Commanding the Troops of Tippoo Sultaun
for passes for the safe passage of your People through
his Countries which it is hoped will be easily obtained
as the Vakeels have given the strongest Assistance
That Tippoo has sent Orders to Meer Cumrudeen to
desist from Hostilities and the same is Confirmed by
Letters from himself

If Mr Kerlebanks Services
should be wanted at Cannanore — you are to
Direct him to Proceed thither Accordingly

I have the honor to
Sirs &c
John Hudleston

Fort St. George
7 November 1783

4845

Fort St. George November 1783

Sent the following Letter to Capt.n Edmonds.

To Captain Edmonds,

Commanding at Angola —

Sir,

To Captain Edmonds

per to send as much

ell and Tamarinds

s he can procure to

Major Lyoungbt —

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Ultimo and to desire that you will provide and forward without delay to Major Lyoungbt, a quantity of Salt and of Tamarand for the Use of the Troops under his command.

You will apply to Commer Dien or the officer commanding the Troops of Tippoo or Sultaun, for passes for the Safe passage of your People through his Countries, which it is hoped will be easily obtained, as the Vackeel have given the Strongest assurances that Tippoo has sent Orders to Meer Commer Dien to desist from hostilities, and the Same is confirmed by Letters from himself

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) John Huddleston J.

Secretary

Fort St. George

2d November 1783.

1846 Fort St. George November 1783

Sent

Send the following Letter to Major Lysaught

To Major Lysaught

Commanding the Troops at Cannanore.

To Major Lysaught
desiring him to apply
to the Commandant and
Paymaster of Nellore for
Tamarinds & Salt for
the Troops and also
desiring him to procure
passes for his People
from Hyder's Comm-
anding Officer ——

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President and Select Committee to inform you that
understanding you are in want of Salt & Tamarinds
for the Troops under your Command they have dir-
ected to the Commanding Officer and Paymaster at
Nellaur to forward to you a quantity of those Articles—
The Select Committee desire you will apply to
Meer Cannardeen or the Officer Commanding the
Troops of Tippoo Sultaun in your Quarter for
passes for the safe passage of your people and also
for any provisions you may want from his Country
which is now considered as that of a friend the Vackeel
and Tippoo Sultaun himself having given the
strongest assurances of his desire for peace and of his
having sent order to Meer Cannardeen to desist from
orders
hostilities you are to inform that Officer that his
refusal to grant the passages or to permit you to
purchase provisions in the districts under his
Command

4848 Fort St. George November 1783

represents the absolute necessity of a new Gate at Permacoil Lyd Sahibs People commit Ravages

beg you will inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that I shall strictly conform to my instructions as by them Directed

I beg you will make their Honors acquainted that the Frame of the (North.) Pettah Gate gave way Yesterday and one half of the Gate fell Down — I shall for the Present Repair it in the Manner Possible, a New one is necessary but I shall wait their Honors Orders for making it — A man of the Name of Sambaly Inger waited on me this Day He says He is appointed Amildar of Vellesporam and some other Villages, by Mr De Souza to whom one of the Head Amildars, has made that Distrect over — The Amildar of this Place Informs me that Sive Sahibs People have Drove from the Village of Veneketra Pettah, the Amildar and People going to the Company

Permacoil
the 30 October 1783.

I have the honor to be &c
(Signd) Nathl Dawes Lieut Col

Received the following Letter from Mr Hepburn with Letter from Colonel Fullarton

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

From Mr Hepburn Sirs

My Lord and Gentlemen I have the honor to transmit

4849

with enclosure from Colo Fullarton respecting his operations —

Tanjore

29 October 1783

Fort St. George November 1783

To your Lordship &c. a Dispatch received this morning from Colonel Fullarton I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Jno Hudleston

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the honor to Enclose an official Letter which I have Instant Received from Messrs Firth and Patterson at Tillachery together with an allosted Extract of a Letter from Mangalore respecting a breach of Firth and a Recommencement of Hostilities on the part of Tippoo Sait From the same Head — the Honour of receiving your Letter of 15th August, I have Strictly and Literally adhered to the Instructions contained and shall continue to consider them as the invariable Rule of My Conduct, until by you I shall be Pleased to Transmit me other orders —

In that Letter you were pleased to direct that I should cause all Hostilities against Tippoo until I should hear further from your Lordship and the Honorable Board unless I shall receive Creditable Information of any Hostilities being Continued on his part against any of the Troops Subject to or Protected by the

4850 Fort St. George November 1783

the Company — I have considered with usual serious
attention the Nature of the Intelligence communi-
cated by Messrs Forth and Patterson, and I conceive
that in Such an Event it is your Meaning and
Intention that I should take the most Effectual
Measures, Counteract any hostile Operations & to
resent any breach of Faith on the Part of Tippoo Saib

In obedience therefore to your Instructi-
ons I — understand them and in Consideration of the
very alarming State of Affairs on the Malabar Coast
I think it my Duty to Use every Effort to produce
a diversion on the part of the Enemy in that Quarter
and with this View I shall move as soon as possible
to the westward —

I am fully aware My Lord and
Gentlemen, of the very Serious public Consequences
that must attend every Operation of this Army in the
Present Crisis, To advance any possibly protract
the War to a Period would throw this Army on the
Southern Garrisons without the means of Paying
or Subsisting so large a force, and without the hope
of being able in any moderate time to renew Ho-
stilities from this Quarter and to remain Stationary
on

4351 Fort St. George November 1783

2

on our present Position is Impossible From the
larger Magazines which are found here in June
last, have since been Somuch diminished or
Destroyed that our uttermost Effort will hardly
do more than subsist the Army from Place to Place
until the new Crop shall be collected ——

Under these Circumstances My Lord
and Gentlemen it may Possibly not Prove Unfor-
tunate that the Conduct of Tippoo Saibe has reclined the
army from the most Embarrassing of Situations —
Whatever difficulties I may have to Contend with in
Conducting so large an army into the Enemys Coun-
try, without Money and without Consequence of
Subsistance in part from that I have already Collected, or
may hereafter procure, I feel them in Considerable
when Compared with those that would Arise from
Inaction in our present State of wants and arrears
The Expectations I had formed of alleviating
the distresses of the Army by remittances from Tanjore
have been disappointed for the Present, for the Collections
in that Quarter, although Stated to be extremely
Considerable, are not yet Completed, and the other
Provinces to the Southward are Stated to be so
Exhausted

4852 Fort St. George November 1783

2 Exhausted that no Subsidy can be derived from them —

In this Situation My Lord and Gentlemen

I should be wanting in my duty to your, and to the

Public, if I did not Solicit in the most urgent ma

that you will be pleased to order such Sums to be

remitted to this Army as may Enable Mr Digby

the Paymaster to Issue Monthly Payments to the

Troops and Public Followers, for an encrease of Arrea

at Present could hardly fail to defeat the importan

Public Expectations of a Force so respectable as that

with which you have done me the honour to Entrust

me — Should your Lordship and the Board be pleased

to Comply with this Solicitation, I am Confident that

few undertakings will be above our Strength. But

should any Circumstance whatever prevent our receiving

the Supplies in Question, I trust My Lord and

Gentlemen that you and the Public will not be

Surprized if every Exertion of mine and of every Field

Officer and Staff Officer in this Army should be

inadequate to give Effect to its Operations —

While the Sepoys remain nearly Twelve

Months in Arrears and the Public followers of every

Department

4853 Fort St. George November 1783

2 Department are in a State of still greater distress — I shall feel a very heavy load upon my mind, until I shall receive your Instructions marking out the line of Conduct that I am to hold in present Posture of affairs and pointing out the mode of supplying the growing wants of the Army In the Mean time I shall do Endeavour to Call forth the Every Effort in my Power to render the operations of this Force Effiecent and respectable &c

I have the honors &c &c

(Signed) W Sullivan

camp South of
Parapparam
7 October 1783

To Colonel William Sullivan &c

the Commanding officer of the Tinjore and Bombay Forces near Pondegul

Sir

On the 1st Instant our Resident, received a Letter from Anjengo enclosing a Copy of one from Moore Tippoo Sultaun acting Resident at Tanjore &c &c advising the Recommencement of Hostilities against Tippoo Saib, and having Yesterday received another &c Letter from the Northward (Extract of which we now enclose) mentioning that Tippoo had taken Genl St Leger with all the Officers and Troops who were out of the Fort

J.

Fort St. George November 1783

of Mangalore Prisoners and had again Made violent
attempts to get Possession of that Place we think it
it necessary to acquaint you that we are of opinion
the marching of your Army towards the North-
ward might Occasion a Diversion in favor of
Mangalore, In case you should think this step
advisable the Canga Rajah has been wrote to and
has been Promised to afford the Troops under your
Command, every assistance in his Power as soon as
you may advance towards his Country which
lays nearly in the same Latitude with this place

We are
Sir yours &c.

Tellicherry
3 October 1783.

a true Copy
W. Fullarton

(Signed) Wm Forbes
G. Patterson

P.S.

advices this Instant received from Goa mention
that Peshwa Saibs Officers at Onore and Carwar seem
much inclined to Break the

Received the following Letter from Mr Shephardy
with enclosure from Tellicherry

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

My Lord & Gentlemen I have the honor to cover to the

Copy of Mr Shephardy's Letter

4355

Fort St. George November 1783

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit by this conveyance to your Hon.ble Board the accompanying Copy of a Letter received a few hours since, Copy of a Letter from Colonel Fullerton dated Tanjore the 27th October 1783 containing information of Tippoo having detached a Force against Mangalore—

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Hoxe Hickesley

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

Hon.ble Sir & Gentlemen,

We now forward you Duplicate

of

4856 Fort St. George November 1783.

2d

of our address of 2d Instant

We have the Pleasure to inform your Honor &c. that General McLeod arrived here yesterday from Mangalore, who informs us that Hostilities have not as yet recommenced at that Place but that Tippoo Saib neither will supply the Garrison with Provisions himself nor will he permit those We have sent to be received into the Fort — We have the honor to be &c

Pulicherry
13 October 1783

(Signed) W Firth
G Paterson

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

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Resident having received from Anjango a Copy of a Letter from Mr. J. Cox Resident at Tanjore to Mr Hutchinson &c 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, and which we are

of

Fort St. George November 1783

of Opinion might cause a favorable Diversion —

We think it necessary to inform your Honor &c. that a Gentleman Lately arrived from Bombay Stopped at Mangalore the 21st Ultimo with an Intention to Land some Refreshments he had brought with him for that Place, but that he and another Gentleman who was on the Boat with him were taken on Shore into Tippoo Saibs Camp where they were Detained two day and that they were prevented having any intercourse with our Troops on the Fort or from Sending in any of the Articles brought down — Those Gentlemen say they were eye Witnesses to Tippoo Saibs People working night and day at their Fortifications and to their carrying Planks for flatforms —

Notwithstanding we Some time ago informed the Bibbee of Cananore of the Disposition of Hostilities her People still Continue committing depredations in the Cherrick a Country and have now conquered the greatest part thereof —

We have the honor to be

(Signed) W. Fortik
G. Paterson
F. J.

Tellicherry
2d October 1783

4853

Fort St. George November 1783 —

P.S. Since Closing the above a Letter has been received from the Northward Extract of which we now enclose for your Honor &c. — advices also this Instant received from Goa mention that Tippoo Saibs Officers at Onore and Carwar, Sum Brach enclined to cessation the Cessation and 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 Mordack Brown Imperial Resident at Ballapatam

Extract of a Letter to the Resident at Tellicherry dated the 29 September 1783 & received the 2 of October following —

My present enclosement to you, is to give you Intelligence of the treachery of your Enemy in Mangalore, for although Private & Public views may make our Interests 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 has been

a.

2

at work underhand getting every thing in readyness
and by degrees indeavouring to fill up the ditch, and
now has seized and put on Irons the Troops General
and Gentlemen who were out the Fort & the Troops
who were dispersed a few Leagues in the Country
on Purpose came all 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 Mahie, but have been
stopt at Cuddalore by 2000 Men sent 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 of his succeeds there but. his views are
for your Place such is the Intelligence I have got
and 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 Brother Jno Dove will Suggest
to you the Necessity requisite on what I have wrote you
the least word blown would cost me my life Therefore
hope you will not impart it to any body whatever from
what Quarter you had this Intelligence —

above Extract (Signed) G Paterson Secretary

4860 O2

Fort St. George November 1783.

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor and the Select Committee at Madras

My Lord and Gentlemen —

I find it my duty to acquaint your

of the Situation of things on this Coast, respecting Tippo

Saibs, it is at present irregular and equivocal, on the 2d of

August last, Lieutenant Colonel Campbell who has so

nobly defended Mangalore Signed articles of Capitulation

of Hostilities with the Nabob, in consequence of a Letter

from your requiring him to do so on the 15 the quadruplic-

Copies of the articles whereto also signed and a Copy of them

with Letter from Lt Col. Campbell dispatched to you -

as I have reason to suspect that the Nabob is not so

scrupulous, on stopping dispatches I now enclose another

Copy of those Articles on the 7th I arrived in Mangalore

Road where on the 18th I was joined by Capt Burney

with his Majestys Ships Bristol and Isis having on

board Major Browne and a detachment of Hanoverians

In the evening Major Campbell came off to us, when it was

agreed by us all, that the Hanoverians could not be landed

and the Ships should not remain in the Road exposed

to the bad weather so incident at that season — I

therefore requested Captain Burney to land the troops

at

Fort St. George November 1783

at Tellicherry and he himself determined afterwards to go to Bombay — on the 20th I landed at Mangalore, by the permission and desire of the Nabob, I found him in possession of both points which command the entrance of the river, and Consequently, master of all succours by water I immediately paid him a visit of Ceremony — and returned next day to talk on business, We had very long conversation, his part of it consisted in expressing a great esteem for the English nation, and a strong desire to have a Solid Friendship with it, my part was to encourage these good dispositions, by proving from a General View of India from the comparative Forces of the Nabob and the English now disengaged from all other Enemies and from the State of his own dominions, that war must be disadvantageous to him; I also assured him that the Circumstances were now in our favour, we would willingly make a fair, equal and Honourable Peace with him, on the Principle that a peace too unequal on either side could not be lasting. He allowed the Justness of my Statement, and asked if I was empowered to conclude already with him offering

eagerly

2 eagerly to settle it at once — I answered that I had
no such powers, but as a man who admired his "
great military talents and wished well to his Fame —
I exhorted him to begin by giving the English a proof
of his Sincerdesire for Friendship with them, of
his generosity, and Confidence in them by immedi=
ately releasing all the Presoners in his Possession
He replied that it seemed extraordinary, that the
Sardars who make war should not also make
peace, which led me to explain to him the British
constitution in India, the Power of the Governors
and Councils at Bengal Madras and Bombay,
since that time he has written Letters to Governor
Hastings, by the Warren Hastings to Bombay
by one of the Company Ships and to your own
Land, He asked me if I would be answerable that
the presoners should be restored to him in case
the treaty did not go on I promised, on forfeiture
of my head that they should, He then said, that if
I would go with him to Serongapatam he would
deliver me every English Presoners to be sent to the
different Presidencies that he would then give me

his

Fort St. George November 1783.

They pretended they had none upon which to bring the Matter to the test — I sent to Pillechierry for a Supply which arrived the 5th ist The Arabs Stopped it, I wrote to Sum I went to Sum, I reasoned, I entreated I threatened, all to no purpose I got the French Envoy Mr Duiron — who was witness to the Treaty to do the Same he always gave fair words, but I constantly found he had given strict orders of Prohibition to his people By having laid always since the Cessation one Orginal Stock there is not above eighteen days Rice at full allowance remaining by going to half allowance it will last near Six weeks if in that time the Garrison is not relieved it must fall your Lordship and the Select Committee will easily perceive the difference This will make it the in Peace or war I have written to the Governme of Bombay that I will relieve the place if they c send down three Battalions of Sepoys and the fifty Gunn Ships and I am now looking out anxi here for the Whole or part of Sir Edward Hughes's Squadron from which I hope to derive further a assistance I think it necessary to advise you of these things that the Armies under your direction may

4866 Fort St. George November 1783

Sullechirry
13 October 1783

may be warned That hostilities may recommence —

I have the honour to be &c.

(Signd) Norman Macleod

Brig.r General

I have to mention that the regiment de Cole de France Commanded by Mr Cossigny took a Sudden resolution to leave Typhoo, on account of ill usage, which they accordingly did September 17th after a most painfull march they arrived here on the 8th instant and are now encamped within a mile of this Place Mr Cossigny behaved in the most honourable manner during the Siege in Return the Kings and Co.s Company Officers and Civil Servants have done every thing possible to oblige and Accommodate them and Assistance. (Signed) N.o MacLeod —

held.

At a Conference the Nabob Typhoo Sultaun Bahadar and Brig.r General Macleod Lieutenant Lyttleton Interpreter in the Nabobs —

Durbar September 24th 1783 —

The Nabob informed the Brig.r General that he had desired to see him to explain to him the Terms on which he is willing to make peace with his nation He requested the General to take pen and Ink and

and write them down by articles from his own mouth to Carry this articles home with him, and to give the Nabob his opinion of them as soon as possible which was accordingly done and they are as follows —

1st A form peace is to be made between English and Mohamid ally Khan Nabob of the Carnatic, on the one part, and the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahadar on the other part to be signed by each of the contracting parties —

The Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahadar Agrees to give up Arcot, and all the conquests made by him during this war or by his Father to the Nabob Mahomid ally Khaun, and the English — The Nabob Tippoo demands in Return that the English will give up to him all the Conquests made by them on the Coast of Malabar being Calicutt Mangalore, Onoor and Sydapeger —

2d The Nabob Tippoo also demands that Phager Batramalore and the and the Country of Colouroky be also given Rip to him,

3d The people belonging to the Zamarins Dominions, who have fled to the Ram Rajah or must be permitted to return, if they Chuse it or

and

4868 2

Fort St George November 1783

and the Nabob Tippoo will return the English &c

Deserters

4th The Nabob Tippoo will release all the English

Prisoners, and he demands Hick Agas with his

money and Jewels to be delivered up to him ——

5th The Friendship between the English and the Nabob

Tippoo will last while there is matter in the Sea

or while the Sun and Moon shall Continue to &c

Shine If he engaged in war he desires that the &c

English should assist him with their force, and

if they are engaged in war he will assist them

wherever they Can go by Land the English are not

to assist his Enemies and are to withdraw any

forces they may have with his Enemies — This articles

are to be signed and Confirmed by the Governments of

Bengal Madras and Bombay ——

6th The Nabob purpose to send home to England with

the General a Ship of his own and five Ambassadors

To the King ——

On the 26 of September Brigr General Macleod &c

returned the following answer to the Nabob Tippoo

Sultaun Bahadar ——

By desire of your Highness

I &c

4869 2 Fort St. George November 1783

I have carefully examined the Articles of Peace, which I wrote down in your Durbar on the 24th of this Month and I beg you to receive the following answer which is inspired by sentiment of respect for your highness and duty to my own King and Country —

I never will desire you, that I may to you - shall be true without disguise when I spoke to you the first time a month ago, I told you that I had no power to make peace but on your desiring me to stay here, and go to Seringapatam with you and after receiving English Prisoners to go to the Madrass, and use my good offices to make an honourable peace for you, I agree to do so If I was to make answer to each Article which you have offered, it would be exceeding my power, and would be only — deceiving you, My advice and request to you was, and is to begin by giving the English a mark of your Confidence and Greatness of heart by releasing their Prisoners and I — engage myself that they shall be restored to you if the Peace is not settled if you do this I will do

Every —

4870 2

Fort St. George November 1783

Every Thing in my power to procure you a good peace, but I cannot promise any particular article till I see Madras or the Commissioners from that place I think if you are sincere, that you will get a good peace your Dominion will every probably be restored to you and you will be strengthen'd by the Friendship and alliance of the English, who are the greatest European Nation in India you will then have leizar to settle all your own Dominions, to amass Great Treasures and to Compleate the discipline of your army to grow a rich and powerfull prince and no other Enemy will dare to appear against you the English have been great Suffers in this war, they came in distress when it begun, they are not in distress now they are great and powerful they will Surely demand Some Thing for their losses what that Demand will be, I do not know but, if you desire it, I will do every Thing Consistent with my duty to make that Demand reasonable and moderate it is impossible to finish

The

4871/2

Fort St. George November 1783

the Peace while you remain here, if you realy wish for it
you will soon go to your own Capital, and release the
Prisoners and the whole will be settled in a few weeks
this Place will be given up to you at once, if you
are Reasonable in other articles — I Landed and Staid
here at your request to be of Use to you, if I cannot
soon do you Service by going to make the Peace for
you, I will go in the first ship to Bombay where
my business is ——

Crowds

My god will give you great wealth
many years and continue to exalt your Great Name
among the princes of the Earth ——

Given at Mangalore
26 September 1783.

(Signed) Norman Macleod
Bregadier General
Commanding in chief &c.

a true Copy
Thos. Lyttelton
Secy.

Received Letter from Mr Benfield

3

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have this moment received your
Secretarys Letter of the 28th Ultimo The Months accounts
as paid off Compleatly in which from I understand
they are usually made up shall be transmitted

From Mr Benfield informing that his acct. of the months disbursements shall be sent also that his health will not permit him

as

4872 C 3

Fort St. George, November 1783

Sirs to go to Tranquebar at this Season requesting permission to come to Madras

as you are pleased to direct, and conformable to your Orders the Balance of Cash shall for therewith be paid to Lieutenant Dawes an account of the Balance due to him for his disbursements

I am so Extreamly ill, that it is with the utmost difficulty, I am able even to date this Letter and Circumstanced as I am altogether, I am induced to hope for your indulgence Lieutenant Dawes, whom you have been pleased to instruct concerning some accommodation for me, assures me he has nothing better than the Fort I now possess, and Indeed I know of nothing better here at Present but he acquaints me he has addressed you Concerning the Accommodations, and the Situation of the Coast where I now lay—

As to Tranquebar where you have been pleased to permit me to go, I fear I am at present unable to undertake such a Journey, but utterly so at this Time in the height of the monsoon when the Rains have been sometime set in, even if the Rivers and Roads were passable and I submit to the consideration

of

4873 3

Fort St. George November 1783

of your Lordship &c. how far it is possible in the very height of the Monsoon for me with my Servants and baggage to Cross the Colaroon, the different Branches of the Cavery, and to get over the waters that overflow the Tanjore Country at this Season no boats can be expected to be found at the different Rivers and Branches and without Such I am sure you will allow that I must find them altogether impassable I have again applied to the Surgeon here, the only medical person I have to attend me, concerning the permission you have been pleased to grant me to go to Tranquebar and in Consequence he states to your Lordship &c. my unability at this time to undertake the Journey in my weak state of Body and further Represents and Recommends my Case to the Consideration of your Lordship &c. that I may remove to some place within the reach of my Strength, where I may obtain Accommodation with able and Proper medical assistance, that he assures &c.

your

4874
3

Fort St. George November 1783

your Lordship &c. are absolutely necessary to my
recovery His address to your Lordship &c I have
the honor to enclose —

I must feel my situation trying
indeed when reduced to Trouble your Lordship &c
with any Entreaties for restoration of Health, my
possibly from the Surgeons Sentiments of my
Situation what still more nearly concerns me
I will therefore trust and hope your Lordship &c
will have due consideration to the Circumstances
of my Situation and allow me to move to
some Place of protection from the Inclemency
of the weather within the reach of my Strength
where I may procure for myself able and proper
medical advice such as the dangerous State of
my Health requires and that I may be most
Confident will afford me assistance

I enclose your Lordship &c have
the monthly Returns of Military Stores &
and Grain &c Provision Stores belonging to
this Place I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Paul Bensfield —
Lt

Pennacoil
1 November 1783

4873 3

Fort St. George November 1783

of your Lordship &c. how far it is possible in the very height of the Monsoon for me with my Servants and baggage to Cross the Colaroon, the different Branches of the Cavery, and to get over the waters that overflow the Tanjore Country at this Season no boats can be expected to be found at the different Rivers and Branches and without Such I am sure you will allow that I must find them altogether impassable I have again applied to the Surgeon here, the only medical person I have to attend me, concerning the permission you have been pleased to grant me to go to Tranquebar and in Consequence he states to your Lordship &c. my unability at this time to undertake the Journy in my weak state of Body and further Represents and Recommends my Case to the Consideration of your Lordship &c. that I may remove to some place within the reach of my Strength, where I may obtain Accommodation with able and Proper medical Assistance, that he assures

your

Fort St. George November 1783

4874
3

your Lordship &c. are absolutely necessary to my o.
recovery His address to your Lordship &c. I have
the honor to enclose —

I must feel my situation trying
indeed when reduced to Trouble your Lordship &c
with any Entreaties for restoration of Health, my
possibly from the Surgeons Sentiments of my
Situation what still more nearly concerns me
I will therefore trust and hope your Lordship &c
will have due consideration to the Circumstances
of my Situation and allow me to move to o.
some Place of protection from the Inclemency
of the weather within the reach of my Strength
where I may procure for myself able and proper
midical advice such as the dangerous State of
my Health requires and that I may be most
Confident will afford me assistance

Inclosed your Lordship &c. have
the monthly Returns of Military Stores o.
and Grain &c. Provision Stores belonging to
this Place

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) Paul Bensfield —
Lo

a

Pennacoil
8 November 1783

487 3

Fort St. George November 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

It being the pleasure of the Honble Board to grant leave to Paul Benfield Esqr. Paymaster of Permacoil to remove to Nagapatam or Tranquebar he has requested of me, as attending His illness to give my opinion to your Honors respecting the Safety of his removal there — His state of Health considered at this Season when the Monsoon rains are Set in and if I think him able to perform the Journey —

Therefore take the Liberty to address your Honours on the Subject — and must confess that Mr Benfields present State of Health will not admit of Such a Journey it would require too Long a time, he is daily getting worse, his disorder encreasing and Should he attempt to go to Nagapatam or Tranquebar which

Fort St. George November 1783

3

which I understand could not be accomplished in less than a Week or more, even if the Rivers and Country was passable he would I must fear contract Cold that must prove very detrimental to him, and possibly very probably endanger his life — at the same time — I think it highly necessary he should be removed from his Place — it being Totally destitute of accommodation for a person in his dangerous and reduced Situation and as a Surgeon — I feel the necessity of it for his Safety — So I hope your Honours will have the goodness of his Strength when he may be moved without so much Danger — and where he may obtain suitable accommodation, with able and Proper medical assistance — for I can most truly Assure your Honours it is become absolutely necessary to his recovery I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Hugh Mosley Acd. Aft.

Pennacoil
1st November 1783

Received a Letter from Captain Patterson (as entered in Miscellany Book No) enclose a Return of Troops

Received

4877/3

Fort St. George November 1783.

Received a Letter from Sir. John Burgoyne —

To The Right Honble the President and

Members of the Select Committee —

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir John Burgoyne requesting that additional Carriage may be provided for the Cloathing of two Companys of the 102d Regiment.

Having been informed by Captain Armstrong the Adjut. Officer of the 102d Regiment now here that the Cloathing of the two Companys of that Regiment which were at Bengal is absolutely necessary to be carried with the Detatchment now under marching orders (the men having been near three years wearing the same Coast) I have to beg that you'll give orders for Sufficient additional Carriage being allowed the Grenadier Company of said Regiment for the Carriage of its own Cloathing (which there has not been time to fit since its arrival) and also for the Cloathing of the other Company of Said Regiment landed at Masulipatam I am

Your &c

2 November 1783

(Signed) J. Burgoyne. M. G. &

Comd. in Chief his Majestys Forces in India for the time being —

4878 B 3

Fort St. George November 1783.

Sent Letter to Lieutenant Dallas as entered in Miscellany Book No) with orders to consider himself with his Cort entirely under the orders of Messrs Sadleir and Staunton —

Sent Letter to Colonel Pearse as entered in Miscellany Book No) acquainting him that Messrs Henry Preston, John Bell and James Jollie Cadets for Bengal had been ordered to join the Detachment under his command —

Dispatched Letter to Mr Hippesley as entered in the Miscellany Book No) " enclosing a Packet to Bombay with a Desire that it might be forwarded immediately

Received a Letter from William Burke Esq Paymaster of the Kings Troops / as entered in Miscellany Book No) enclosing an application from " Lieutenant Slater of the 102d Regiment for an " allowance of five Shillings p Day as commanding a Detachment of Different Regiment and requesting that if just it may be discharged —

Sent a Letter to Mr Burke as

entered

4879 3 Fort St. George November 1783

entered in Miscellany Book No) acquainting
him that Lieutenant Lators Claim is inadmissible

#4

Received a Letter from Colonel Fullarton
as entered in Miscellany Book No) enclosing
application to him from Captain Dewar for permission
to return to Europe and requesting that leave be given
him accordingly —

Received the following Letter from Co.
Captain Edmonds Commanding at Angola —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Captain Edmonds with the junction of the Troops ordered to Angola all enter to Course with General Joness out of Mir Rummuzad= Dien's Country prepares to canton his army —

I have the Honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 23 with a Copy of your Letter
to Captain Geo. Campbell Commanding Nellore
both by This days Dastpal — Depend Gentlemen that
such manner shall be concerted as to insure the safe
arrival of the reinforcement at this Place, which
I doubt not will Effectually prevent the Enemy
making future incussions into this Neighbourhood —

all

4880 Fort St. George November 1783.

4 all the intercourse at present with General Jones's army is by private Harcarahs Two of mine returned last night and inform me that Meer Kummrud Deen Cawn has given up of all hopes of our quitting the present post occupied by the Northern army at Cummum and that he was preparing to relieve with his force 600 horse excepted and Garrisons in Cottak and Yermacoil the Latter of them place he is rebuilding, and report says he means to Continue part at Banddawell and part at Sadonte — The 600 horse are to remain in the neighbourhood of Cummum —

I have the honor to be &c.

Sir Edward Edmonds
Capt Comd

Angole
24 October 1783.

Received the following Letter from Mr Stephenley

Duplicate

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

My Lord I have the Honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a Letter from Ensign Crump the Officer Commanding the Detachment to Killondilly I am further to inform your Lordship that

Former Mr Stephenley
inclosing Letter from
Ensign Crump —
Commanding the
Detachment to
Killondilly Sendiman
re —

4881 No 4

Fort St. George November 1783

requests the Suspension of the orders of Government

that having yesterday received application from Tondemon by his Vakeel, to delay the Execution of the orders of Government, till he had received advices from a Vakeel whom he has sent to the Presidency I thought it my Duty to reply, that so far as the execution of the orders of Government was dependant on me, I did not Consider myself authorised to Suspend their Effect for the Smallest interval of time and that Government would certainly expect to be informed of the immediate transmission of their orders to Tondeman, and of his immediate acquiescence in the orders so transmitted

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signd) J Coxe Hitchcock

Tanjore 27 October 1783.

Copy

To John Coxe Hitchcock Esqr.

acting President

Sir,

I have to inform you that I arrived with the Detachment under my Command, at Pattucotah yesterday morning having taken from thence as a Reinforcement one Subadar one Jemidar and

D

4882 Fort St. George November 1783

11/4

and Forty Bank and fill which is all that could be

Spaid having many on leave at Rammad — I

marched this morning from Pattacolah expecting to

be at Ardengy in the Evening but was Spoiled here

by an excessive heavy rain having no tents / were wo

obliged to Shelter under the Bandals of a few old o[illegible]

Huts which has Thrown me into a Fever having

been very ill Since the Night I left Tangore —

The information that I have

received this day from Ardengy mentions that

Sundamans people have taken every thing out of

the Fort of Tellenelly some days since and have

only left there as a Garrison about Forty men the

rest having taken refuge in the Jungle near

the Fort were they have Several Barriers for the

Conveying off and protecting the Grain they are

now cutting which is Carried there every Night

as they are acquainted of a Detachment coming

there to take possession of the Fort and districts

I shall march Tomorrow o[illegible]

morning to Ardengy and proceed on the Evening

to Tellenelly to demand it

I am Sir

Your &c

(Signed) Sandle Crauford —

Payyrowhoory
26 October 1783 —

(true Copy J. Chippisley)

4883 Fort St. George November 1783

No 4 Copy

Instructions to Ensign Rosbotham

Sir, On your arrival at Adraghatam you will deliver the accompanying Letters to the Commanders of the Snow Friendship and Charles Sloop and you will use your best endeavours to Engage them to proceed agreeably to the tenor of those Letters — Should they not readily acquiesce you will represent to them that there is a probability of the Hostilities recommencing with Tippoo Saib that on Such event their acquiescence might save the Garrison and Port of Mangalore, which is reduced to the greatest want of Grain and that their now Compliance might as probably occasion the loss of it and Should they Still express reluctance or doubt you will shew them perhaps the accompanying abstract of General Macleods Letter Respecting the State of the Garrison of Mangalore —

You will Endeavour rather to Confirm my Engagements of General Indemnity than are clear to enter into especial Engagements

Endorsed

4884 Fort St George November 1783

holding out the Commanders, if necessary the probability of their experiencing the Liberality of Government

Should they not be satisfied with this General Assurances, you will then be pleased to transmitt to me in Duplicate (by Tartpads which will be Stationed between this and Trincomalee) their Specific Demands but I trust you will have the address to persuade them to proceed immediately In which case you will be pleased to forward the accompanying Letter addressed to Mess.rs Sibbold & and General marked addeing Under your own Signature whatever may be necessary for their further information with respect to this transaction

I am Sir
Your most
Obed.t Hum.e Serv.t
(Signed) H.t Hobbesby

Trincomalee
28 October 1783.

True Copy
H Hobbesby

Copy

Captain Patterson

Commanding the Snow Friendship

Sir

Mr Rosbotham who has received full authority from me will explain to you

The

4885 Fort St. George November 1783

No. 4

The Importance of your absenting to the 5th requesition I now make to you in behalf of the Honble Company which is that you proceed in Company with the Charles Sloop to Tellicherry to the address of Messrs Sebbald Firth & Co the Chief and Committee appointed by the Honble Presidency of Bombay for the Management of your Conquests on the Malabar Coast, who will receive the Said Cargoes on the part of the Honourable Company, or Should the Exigency of the Service required, at your arrive there at the requisetion of the Said Chief & Committee finally proceed to discharge your Cargoe at Mangalore

For the Indemnification of yourself and Owners I do hereby engage on the part of the Honble Company that all such Extra Charges freight and resque which can fairly accrue by in consequence of your absenting to this requesetion shall be fully discharged and you may be assured that your Services on this occasion will recommend you in the Strongest manner to the Honble the Supreme

4886 No 4

Fort St. George November 1783

Supreme Council as well as to the Honble Co.

Presidency of Fort St. George and Bombay and

I can assure you that my representations shall not

be wanting to do justice to your Merits &c

I am Sir

Your &c

true Copy

H Shepheard (Signed) H Shepheard

Recieved the following Letter from

General Jones

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Select Committee Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From General Jones representing the imminent danger of his Situation without having any means of Extricating himself

I have waited untill the last moment in hopes of an answer to my Repeated Solicitations for a reenforcement before I ventured to make use of the Power you have been pleased to honour me with in regard to ordering the Corps of Irregular Horse and Foot to join my Army Should I think such a measure necessary I had expectations of Troops of a very different Sort but being reduced to three days Sallin of the

articles

4887 Fort St. George November 1783

No. 54

articles in the same proportion I can see no other method of being supplied but by their assistance and at the same time desiring Captain Edmonds to send same from Angole to Carnaguery which is in their Route from hence to this Place, There is not passing the Country between this and Angole but has got either Paliggars or Horse belonging to the Enemy in them I once more take the liberty to mention — that I suppose their Vakeels might remedy this — a letter wrote me on this and sent under cover to me would I suppose have the desired effect — I have consulted on with Major Sydenaught not only upon this Head, but every other since I have had his assistance in India and it is a singular pleasure to me, that my resignation cannot be in the least detrimental to the good of the Service, he being next in Command I need not take up your time in Panegyric on his Character as your Lordship and the Gentlemen

4888 No 14

Fort St George November 1783

Gentlemen are as well acquainted with it as I am

I think it my duty to inform

your Lordships and the Select Committee &c

that I have not had the least assistance &c

from any of the Polygars connected with &c

Captain Edmonds they on the Contrary &c

having applied to me for Battalions and Guns

to protect their different Countries — what their

engagements were I do not know, Indeed &c

I had not transactions for them nor money had

they offerd their Services Pyhat Naigue returned

from this without leave and left one hundred

Peons for the defense of the Coimbatore Fort

and Country, he has been repeatedly wrote

to by my order, but without Effect your &c

Lordships and the Gentlemen I suppose will

take notice of this behaviour ——

Last Post brought me an account from &c

Captain Church that he had arrived at Masula-

patam with General Bowley's Company of

the 102d from Bengal by order of the Honble

Governor

4889 4th

Fort St. George November 1783

Governor General and Council and was to march to Dare in a few days —

I hope this measure will meet with your approbation, as it cannot proceed from any other view but the good of the Service I have been employd in, as my Commandment must end before they can possibly arrived — I once more return my most hearty — and since thanks to your Lordship and the Select Committee for the Honours they have at different Times conferd upon me since my arrival upon the Coast as

Camp Cumbum
27 October 1783 —

I have the honor to be &c
(Signd) Tho. Jones
Major General

Received Letter from Mr Cockrane with Intelligence as lodged in the Office contradicting the Report of Tippoo Treachery against Mangalore

Received Letter from Mr Stippealey as entered in Miscellany Book No enclosing Letter from Ensign Crumpe acquainting him with his being in Possession of the Fort of Pellemilly

Received

4890 4th 4

Fort St. George November 1783

Received Letter from Mr Kyd Jaily

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney

&c &c &c

From Mr Kyd Jaily inclosing Packet from Genl Macleod intending the Loan of Friendship to Tellicherry with Provisions for 3000 men for three months

My Lord, at the Contents of the accompanying Packet have relieved me from much painfull anxiety I am persuaded your Lordship will think that General Macleods representation leaves us Something yet to fear and in this perswasion I am to hope for your Lordships approbation of my Endeavours to Consign to the address of Messrs Sibbald & the Cargoes of two Vessels which I am just advised, are arrived at Adoicapatam,

Mr Cochrine has transmitted to me his address to the Board by which it appears that the Amounts of the two Cargoes are adequate to a Supply at three months Provision for 3000 men In Ballancing the alternatives I have been led to think the one

I

4891 1/4 Fort St. George November 1783

I have presumed to adopt to be that which will appear to Government as the most Eligable, at least to be the One, to which I ought to incline from the present Complexion of the Companys Interest as they must appear to One from the present information and I must trust to your Lordships favorable representations to the Board which I do not address, till I can learn whether the Commanders of the Vessels will Comply with the requesteon I shall make to them

I shall send off without delay to adriampatam and I will presume to give an Indemnity to the Commanders for their acquiescence — not Thinking myself Justified to leave Tanjore I have requested Ensign Roos to whom / who has had the Honor to be recommended to your Lordship by Colonel Floyed) to be the Bearer of any Letters to adriampatnam as I thought it might be probable that some Questions

might

4892 Fort St. George November 1783

1/4 might arise which might lead to Delay were
I to trust the application wholly to my
Letters, I shall have the honour to address
the Board immediately of the Commanders
of the Vessels I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Hon. Sir Sydney

Sanjore
the 27th October 1783

Recvd Letter from Captain Coppage
as entered in Miscellany Book No) with agreable
to the Orders of the Committee be carefully on his
Guard against the Enemy

From Mr Burke (as entered in
Miscellany Book No) apologizes for having
troubled the Committee with Lieutenant Lators
application did not know that it had been made
and rejected before his representing it

Recvd a Letter from Mr.
Cochrane (as entered in the office) enclosing a
Intelligence from Tellicherry and acquainting the
Committee with the arrival of the Lathom
at Nagapatam with Stores

4893 1/4 Fort St. George November 1783

4894 4 4

Fort St George November 1783

Received Letter from Lieut Dallas
& entered in Miscellany Book No. 5 } acknowg.
ledging the Receipt of his orders to put himself
under the Command of Majors Sadlier and
Staunton

Received Letter from Mr Cochrane
as lodged in the Office enclosing intelligence &c
respecting Mons.r Bussy's behaviour to Hyder Naik

Received Letter from the &c
Governor General and Council

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Governor General and Council enclosing Letter from Mr Anderson acquainting them with Tippoo accession to the Marratta Treaty

The Governor General has &c
Communicated to us a Letter and enclosure this
instant received from Mr Anderson, by which
it appears that Tippoo Saheb has acceded to
the Terms of Peace Stipulated for him in the
marratta Treaty and that he has signified
his determination accordingly both to the
Paishwa and to madajee Sindia We enclose
Copies of these Papers for your Information

and

4895 4/5

Fort St. George November 1783

and are happy that they afford so fair a prospect
of a General peace In India

We are
yours &c.

(Signed) Warren Hastings
John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort William
the
the 14 October 1783

Extract of a Letter from Mr Anderson to the
Governor General Dated Bindo 1 October 1783

Sundiea Agent Eloo Bapjoo
came to me this morning and delivered to me
a Letter from Shaw Buckey informing
me that advices were last received from C.
Poonah the Particulars of which would be
communicated to me by Eloo Bapjoo —

Eloo Bapjoo then read to
me the Dispatches which he had received
from Shaw Buckey — The purport of them
was that Sundia had received a Letter from
Pursua Saheb dated the 29 July declaring his
acquiescence in the Terms of the Treaty settled
at Salbey, and likewise a Letter from C.
Nanah Phurnavese mentioning that he had

received

4896 #5

Fort St. George November 1783

received a Similar Notification from Tippoo &c.

Sahed For your further Satisfaction I

thought it necessary to take a particular Minute

of the Substance of those Letters as it was recited

in Bhow Buckssey Dispatches and Explained

to me by Etoo Bappoo which I now beg leave

to enclose to you —

Bhow Buckssey further &c

mentioned that this Notification from Tippoo

is given in consequence of a Peremptory Demand

made by Scindeas agent Permuck Row at

Poonah, to Noor Mahommed Caun the &c

ambassador who resides there on the Part of Tippoo &c

Sahib — That Scindia on Receiving those Letters had

Expressed a great desire of Seeing me in case my

Health would admit of my returning to Gualiar

but in case I should be still too Weak to travel

He would immediately send Bhow Buckssey to me

to Consult and Settle the measures now to be taken

in Consequence of Tippoos pacific Declaration &c —

as I have explained that I am not

yet sufficiently recovered to move from this place

I &c

4897 12/5

Fort St. George November 1783

I expect to see Below Bunkey in four days —
When I hope to be able to send you Authentick
Copies of the original Letters from Tippoo & Nanak
and to Send you Such further particulars as
may be necessary for your Information —

a true Extract

(Signed) Edward Hay
Secretary

(Copy)

Substance of a Letter from Tippoo Sahel to
Mahajee Sindia dated 28th of Shaboon (29th July)

Peace has been established between
the peshwa and the English through you —
This has been communicated to me by Nanak
Furnavees and Seemook Row, your Vakeel,
having acquainted, Noor Eawn, my Vakeel with
your receive and wishes the Said Noor Eawn has
written to me accordingly — Ramjee Dado has
also informed Noor Eawn of your Views and wishes
all this circumstances I have understood, and
from a Regard to our former Friendship, I have
approved of them, the peace which has been —

Established

4898 4/5

Fort St. George November 1783

Established through ayou, I agree to Shave written
the Circumstances of Friendship and good understand-
ing to Nanah and it is your Business to render
them firm and Constitute

Substance of a Letter from Nanah Furnavese to
Sindia dated 10th Shaval 16th September

Tippoo has agreed to make Peace
Conformable to the Terms of the Treaty — Having
determined this in his Council on the 29 of July
he dispatched Intelligence of it immediately to me
Intended to have dispatched this Intelligence to
you immediately on the Receipt of it but on account
of the absence of Sherry Punt, who had gone to
meet Rago bay and kept the Letter 15 or 20 Days
in his Pocket from Bathoo's Receipt of it
Bhaw Buckshy Dispatched 1st October 1783 —

(Signed) D. Anderson —

True Copies
Otway Secretary —

Dispatched

4899 B/5

Fort St. George November 1783

Dispatches Letter to Bengal —

To The Honble Warren Hastings

Governor General and Council Bengal —

Gentlemen

To Bengal Commission and Instructions to Anthony Sadleir and Staunton Esquires inclosed — —

We have the honor to enclose to you Copies of a Commission and Instructions which we have given to Anthony Sadleir and George Leonard Staunton Esquires by which you will perceive the Occasion Motives and Object of the Deputation for which we have chosen those Gentlemen as persons in whom we place entire confidence, and who on a Similar Occasion to Monsieur De Bussy &c. acquitted themselves with Propriety and &c. Effect — We have the honor likewise to Transmit to you a Copy of a Letter to us from the Select Committee of Bombay — which Corroborate the Opinion that the &c. Garrison of Mangelore must have fallen to the Enemy if a Cessation of Hostilities had

4900 Fort St. George November 1783

#5

had not been proposed to, and accepted by him
We had a Copy of a Letter from Major Gicls
at Bajcarah with an enclosure containing
the Sentiments of Mr. Fitzherbert on some
Points relative to the India as meant to be Settled
by the Peace he had lately negotiated and
which Confirms the propriety of our Ceasing
from Hostilities during the Period allowed to the
Enemy to make his Determination — The
Invitation to him arrived at his Camp the
22 of last July his Letter to us intimating
his acceptance of the same was dated the 26th of
July and it appears by the Enclosures in your
Letter of the 4th of last month which we have
the honor of receiving to day that on the 29th of
July Tippoo wrote a letter to the Minister at
Poonah — conformable to such acceptance
the agreement mentioned in this Last Letter
has not however been as yet Effected for the
Carnatic is not evacuated tho the Period Stipulated

For

Fort St. George November 178[illegible]

11
5 For it on the Maratta Treaty has long since
Elapsed The prisoners are not yet restored, and
we perfectly Concur in your Disposition to
make Exertions and even Sacrifices for preserving
Their lives and recovering Their Liberties, one
Considerable Object of the Deputation is that
of procuring for Them immediate Relief from
Their present hardships as well as of
accelerating Their release, and we have
employed our Credit, and added to our
Pecuniary Distresses in order to diminish
those of our Fellow Subjects in Captivity,
by purchasing and Sending by the opportunity
which this Deputation affords, the Articles
most necessary for their Immediate Comfort
and accommodation

We shall soon expect to receive
an account of your Compliance with the
requisition contained in our Letter of the
4th of October relative to the Treaty with
Tippoo Sultaun which account we shall
forward to our Commissioners

The

4902 #4/5

Fort St. George November 1783

The Delay of the Crocodile in which we trust ere you have embarked Money for the most pressing Exigencies of this Presidency keeps us in considerable Distress, the Distresses of the Army are arrived at almost alarming Height

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Macartney &c

Select Committee

Fort St. George
#5 5 November 1783

Dispatched Letter to Tippoo Sultaun Bahadar as entered in Country Correspondence No.) acquainting him that Messrs Sadleir and Staunton have hitherto been prevented proceeding to him by the bad Weather, but will now proceed without delay, Government expect his Troops will immediately evacuate the Carnatic Agreeable to his Accession to the Marratta Treaty

Received Letter from the Paymaster at Permacoil as entered in Miscellany Book A°) enclosing a Return of Provision

#6

Received Letter from Lord William Murray as entered in Miscellany Book

4903 Fort St. George November 1783

No 5 Book No 00) applying for Sundry Necessaries for
the 73 Regiment

No 6 ..... Sent Letter to Mr William
Collins Jackson as entered in Miscellany Book
No 00) acquainting him with his appointment
of Secretary to the Deputation ordered to proceed
to Tippoo Sultaun

Received Letter from Bengal

To The Right Honble Geo, Lord Macartney &c &c

President &c. Select Committee

at Fort St. George.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Bengal acknowledging the receipt of Information concerning General Stuarts dismission

We have been honored with your Letter of the 22d Ultimo and its several Inclosures with respect to the Arrest of Major General Stuart and your Dismission of him from the Companys Service — We are Sorry that your Differences have arisen to Such Extremities — your Justification must be to your Employers not to us, We have not Authority to interfere in the internal Transaction

4904 Fort St. George November 1783

Transactions of your Presidency which may not in any wise relate to the Controuling Power over the Companys Political Concerns which is vested in us by Act of Parliament — We have therefore received what you have Communicated to Us, as Information only, tho We know not whether you intended that We should so consider it or meant to appeal — to our Justice or Secure our Forbearance — but in either Case We conceive that it was totally unnecessary for you to convey to Us — " " " the Reproach which appears at the Conclusion of your Letter with your Observations upon Subjects which — We had Considered as long Since obsolete — As however you have thought Proper to revive them, We cannot Suffer your Remarks to pass without observing that We certainly had Good Grounds for desiring the Informations We applied for on the Occasions which you mention and that We are of Opinion that your

4905 Fort St George November 1783
11
6

your own proceedings and Correspondence alone with Diaham Jung warranted the Conclusions which We entertained on that Subject — In the present Instance of the Acts of your Government in the Dismission &c.a of Ma.r Major General Stuart We severally declare that We have not received any private Letters whatever from your Presidency respecting them — We have the honor to be &c.a

Fort William
15 October 1783

(Signed) Warren Hasting
John Macpherson
John Stables

P.S. Since the foregoing Letter was written the Governor General has had a Visit from an Officer lately arrived from Fort St George who shewed him two Letters from General Stuart relative to his Situation, but those We are assured do not contain any thing particular

(Signed) Warren Hasting
John MacPherson
John Stables

Recd

4906
4/6

Fort St. George November 1783

Received the following Letter from Lieutenant Dawes enclosing Returns of Stores and Provisions and Ca. Ord. ance entered in Miscellany Book

To John Studleston Esqre
Mily Secretary
Fort St George

Sir

I beg you will do me the favor to Inform the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, that for Some Days past a Prodigious Quantity of Rain has fallen which greatly Injured the Ran Temporary works — But yesterday from about 9 or between 9 and 10 A.M. it blew a Perfect Storm accompanied by heavy rain N°. and N.W. till about 5 P.M. it then abated in Little for about 2 Hours the wind at this time shifted round to the S.W. and blew if p.ble more Violently and Raind Harder than before. I never saw any thing equal to it in my Life. During that 2 Hours that it abated in the Morning I had Melancholey reports from all

From Lieutenant Dawes given account of the Storm enclosing Return of his Garrison Provision & Stores

4907. #6

Fort St. George November 1783

all Quarters of Worship giveing way Nothing but an appearance of Distress all rounds — Seeing the Storm Coming on a 2 time, I call in every Guard and took off every centries Possible to be with for fear of accidents (one Havaldar have received a Shott) and it was well I did or many would have been Blown away an Parished from its Severity —

I have at this moment a most Melancholy Picture of the Devestation made by the Storm, The work all Distroyed, Those not totally gone are so much Damaged, that I am in Dread of their falling every minute — The Officers Quarters all Unroofed — Mine in the Old Stone Chaultry so much Damaged, as to make its imminently Dangerous to Enter it, The Doors and Windows (Some frame and all) were Blown out and torn all to Peices, The Trees on the Hill Except 2 Tamarend one) all Tore to Peices, the The Sepoys Barracks were full of Water, The Serjeant Quarters Distroyed, all the Trees on the Side of the Hill where the wound had power

are

the[y] are Blown down, or Their Branches torn off —
The Tents in the Pettah that were Pitched for
the Officers and Men on Duty there and for &c
Mr Benfield, Blow all to Pieces Except the one
Mr Benfield was in and tho a good Deal tore
was kept up by the Camp Colourman with
the assistance of his own Balengueen boys, he
was Driven out of it and obligid to be carryed
to the Old House but there he found Scarce
any Shelter, the Rain Beating in, in all
Parts — a very large Banyan Tree and many
lofs Considerable ones, were tore up by the roots
and the rest of the Trees Stript of Their Branches
almost all the Black Peoples House in the
Pettah unroofed and many of the Walls Levelled
The Temporary Sheds from being Now's the wife
Secured against common Monsoon weather, all
gave way to the Storm

The Choultry where the Last
rice received from Chenglepute laid leaked through
in Parts The Rice was Covered with a Tarpaullin
Gunneys —

4909 1/6

Fort St. George November 1783

Gunnies and Bullock Saddles, tho it all of
Inroad Insufficient and it is very much
Damaged — I have not been able to Carry it
up to the Stores on account of its being wet
when it came Horse — I had Served The
Publick and Private follow in with 20 Days
Rice out of it, on account of the Condition
it was in, and I have now ordd the Troops to
be served with 10 Days, The remainder I shall
be able to manage Tolerable well — The weather
is now fair but Such a Picture of Flavoc[illegible] appears
all round is very Distressing The Villages
all unroofed and a great many Cattle and
that Blown into to the Tanks and otherways
Perished from the Severity of the weather —
From what I have said their Honors
will In some Degree Judge of the wretched
Situation I am in — I had the greatest fear
for that Magazines and Stone Rooms but the
repairs I gave the Terrace have withstood the
weather notwithstanding the Motion of the

Flag

4910 Fort St. George November 1783

4 6 Flag Staff which was expected to fall every minute, The Stores and Ammunition are all safe but the old Armory House that I have been obliged to Convert into a Magazine is some what Damaged, and if we have any more such weather it will Spoil the Ammunition

I shall take the utmost Care of it, have had the Plan examed and it shall be mended as well as possible for the Present, But it will be in vain to attempt any Repairs of the Works till the Place shall be properly fortified as I am thoroughly Convinced that Temporary Works on such a Rock, so much Exposed, will never stand — The Work in the Front of the Barracks has given way at one Side, Part of

5 The, N.o 1st Bartion on the upper Rock has fallen, The South Bartion on the Lower Rock

3 is gone in Part, The remaining Wall to it fallen &

The South East Bartion likewise, The walls &

1 between the Lower and Old Rock given way, The water lodged in the Bulk of earth has brought them down, the faced (and in Some Places laid in) with

4911 Fort St. George November 1783

16

with Chunam The work in the Front of Gate way has Jaited and I am apprehensive the heavy rains will bring it Down Observe the Mud Works tho, so much Damaged have Stood better than the Raw Stone work

The Post is now Destroyd as to any works or Fortifications, and as I before said all repairs I can give it will be of no Effect I shall still do my best to Defend the Rock to the utmost of any Power and ability but I beg the Commands of their Honors on the Subject of my Situation, and till then, I shall avoid every Expence in attending to repairs more than Watching the officers & Quarters and Securing them as well as I can for the present

Two of my Peons arrah are Just returned from Ginjee they were there During the storm it was very Violent there many Cattle Perished and Trees Blown down, they Inform me that there is a Small part of

Horse

4912 Fort St. George November 1783

11/6

Horse at Vandawash another at Chittepet and
a longer at Gingie that they are perfectly Quiet
not molesting anyone a Man is Just Come
in from Chellumbram He Informs me that
he has been Detaind 2 Days at Killenore,
That the wall of the Post is Distroyed in many
Places, The Longest Trees are burnt up by the
Roots, and he thinks it Reach and much further
to the South?

By a letter from Tanjore Same
informed that the Intelligence of Tippoos having
Seiged General Macleod at Mangalore is false
and proves to have Been the Political jeniafs
of a Frenchman accounts having been received
that General Macleod was safe at Tellicherry
but Nothing mentioned of his having been a
Prisoner it also mentions the French Troops being
Their Encampd having left Tippoos Service
Heartily Disgusted and much Reduced from
Sickness and difficulties they met with in the
Road

Same

4913 Fort St George November 1783

I am favord with your Letter of the
30 Ultimo I shall in Consequence thereof send to
Pallamcore to with draw the Post and bring away
the Provisions Ammunition &c &c — My Serrance
tells that brought your Letter was obliged
to Swim acrofs the Palar and the River at
Carangooly ran so Rapidly as to Detain him
2 Days The Storm has been — Violent that
way too He says large Trees are laying all o'
long the road torn up by the roots — I before
inform you that the Pettah wall was in
a Miserable condetion But the Storm has
made it Still worfe it has fallen down to
the N.d and E. of the west Gate —

Permacoil
4 November 1783

I have the honor to be &c
(Signd) Nat Dawes Lieut. Comd.

Sent to Masulipatam General
orders of the 4th and 5th Instant also to Vizagapatam
and Ganjam,

Received Letter from Mr Lind
as entered in Miscellany Book. N.o 1 enclosing
an account Current with the Assigned Countries
for the Month of October —

4914 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Saturday
8th November

At a Select Committee

Present

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

Anthony Sadleir Lieutenant General Peter Laing

Alexander Davidson

Morgan Williams Esqrs absent with the

Committee of Circuit

Read the following Letter from

the Marquis De Bussy —

My Lord

I now answer the Letter which

your Lordship has done me the honor to address

me on the 25th Instant —

Mr. Martin's Journey to

Madras had undoubtedly no other object in

view, than to evince Your Lordship more

Strongly of my desire of Effectuating a General

Pacification and of employing for the attainment

of that object those means which are prescribed

by the Preliminary Treaty of Peace, particularly

by the 16th Article and by the Instructions which

which both Courts have transmitted to their respective Representatives in India — but it would appear that your Lordship had pre determined that my procedure in this respect and the good offices of Mr Martin should prove ineffectual with the Vackeels of Tippoo Sultaun as They have been so narrowly watched that wheather from ill will on their part or from whatever other Cause Mr Martin has not been able to See them — His presence would not have been of greater Service in the Durbar of the Nabob, your Letter of the 26th August Sufficiently intimated to me your desire of concluding your Arrangements without our Interposition I beg leave to quote the Exact Passage, "as fortunately no differences "Continue at Present but between the Company "and Tippoo Sultaun, his Agents alone and "their will be sufficient, to discuss and Terminate "this Business" —

with

4916

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

With respect to Prisoners I have by the enlargement of all those in our hands &c. fulfilled what is respectively prescribed to Us — With regard to Those whom Mr. Suffren was requisitated to place in the Custody of Hyder, I beg leave to refer your Lordship to the Letter which I had the honor to address you on the 24th of May last — I shall not repeat that This Measure was adopted previous to my arrival — that those Prisoners are not in my power — nor that Mr Suffren was under the Necessity of transferring them to Hyder in consequence of refusal on the Part of the Government of Madras to accede to a Cartel established in Europe and after having declared that such refusal would oblige him to take that measure for the reasons stated in — his Letter of the 14th of April

In this Situation I can adopt no other mode than to represent to solicit and to exert myself in such good offices as are dictated to me by the + pleasing Intelligence that Peace

+ 2 Lines

will

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

will soon be reestablished between our two Nations
and by my desire to condole with you how much &
I am unavoidably interested in behalf of the
Prisoners —

If I have not written in answer
to Letter addressed to me by the Government of
Madras on the 26th September or to yours &
My Lord of the same date I have been
prevented by my ill state of health, and by
the Dispatches to Europe besides, those Letters
were only in answer to requisitions I had &
made to you, the only passages in them &
which might require a Reply on my part, were
those which related to the Prisoners, I should
however given it instantly if you had not been
at the very time in a Treaty for Peace with &
Tippoo Sultaun, and if I had not been &
Certain in my own mind that it would take
place, which the Style of your Letter sufficiently
Proves, and having myself at this present time

reason

4918 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

reason to believe that the Peace is concluded, or will shortly be so, I consider the liberation of all your Prisoners as a necessary Consequence and in this case I have no further Steps to take with respect to them, but left whatever will happen I shall always be ready to renue my endeavors ——

In this Letter from the Gentlemen of the Committee, I observe an equivocal expression which I think it incumbent on me to take notice of and to explain, I never said nor did I ever tell them, that the English nation had no allies — I have on the contrary named Mahomed aly Cawn to the Gentlemen of your Deputation as your ally in this Country, and intimated to them that, considered in this light he, as well as Tippoo Sultaun ought to be invited to accede to the Peace concluded in Europe they replied in very explicit terms, that you had no allies in this Country that the English nation

Fort St. George 8th November 1782

Nation possessed the Sovereignty of it and that they would produce proofs in due time and at a proper Season — This was said in presence of M. de Suffren — It was observed to them that the Claims of Mahomed ally Cawn were again insisted on the districts that your Nation &c. retook from Tippoo Sultaun particularly a Pormacaul, which Sayed Saib had abandoned — Those Gentlemen replied that the Claims &c. were of no consequence and abided by their &c. former assertion respecting Mahomed ally Cawn and the Province of Arcot, declaring to me (what I will know) that your Nation had the Marattas for allies, together with several other Powers of &c. Indostan ——

The whole of this discussion having been verbal, it is by no means surprizing that you have not discovered any passages relating to it in the Letters written by the Gentlemen of yr Deputation or by me ——

I do not understand that &c.

Paragraph

4920 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Paragraph of your Letter which Says that your Commissaries, were under the Necessity of objecting to the march of French Troops across This Country for the Purpose of joining your &c. Enemy — I never formed an Intention or &c. Conceived an Idea of marching Troops that are under my Command to the Dominions of Tipoo Sultaun of course there never could have been a requisition for marching across the Country — no part of the letter written by the Gentlemen of the Committee on This Subject has the least foundation

Give me leave however to &c. observe that you have neglected to answer — the letter I had the Honor of addressing to you on the 29th August last — enclosing a Petition from Seventeen French Prisoners that are still detained at Trichinopoly and at Tanjore The &c. multiplicity of business in which you are &c. engaged has no doubt been the Cause of yours &c. overlooking

4921 Fort St. George 8th November 1783 —

Overlooking it, I flatter myself with the hopes
that you will issue orders for their release without
loss of time —

Another Object engages my attention
equally interesting as the Foregoing it is the fate
of M. de Chanvigny, who I believe, was made
Prisoner at Tranquebar on the Cutter captured
by your Ships in that road, I have endeavoured
to discover where he is — I have been informed
that he was sent to Bombay, and that he
now remains there in confinement, which
I can scarcity credit — I request you will be
pleased to give me some Intelligence respecting
him — I am much interested in behalf of
this young man as he is related to several persons
of quality in France —

I now proceed to mention the
Impediments thrown in our way by by your
Commanding Officer at Pennacoil in the Forenoon
of Friewood &c — I am sensible that the period
will be very short before we shall again take of

Possession

4922 Fort St. George 2d November, 1783

Possession of our respective Settlements, and
that, after a discussion shall have taken place &
between your Commissary and ours a permanent
arrangement may be adopted for the regulation
of this point

If from time immemorial &
Pondicherry has always been supplied with wood,
come &c from Marcanon, I have reason to &
believe that the small wood, the only species
produced in the districts ought now to be, as it
always has been the resource of the Inhabitants
of this Coast, whether Europeans or Natives &
Consider this article as of the first &
necessity, and of Course included in the rights
of the Nations, and the Mooriah Government
which is frequently conquist and always litigious
has never prevented the Proprietors of this &
Species of Small wood or Bushes from disposing
of it neither has it prevented the Inhabitants
of the Coast from Purchasing it —

Having premised thus — so
much

4923 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

much, I flatter myself that you will receive
orders for obviating every obstacle at Present —
until a permanent arrangement on this Subject
may be adopted between your Government and
ours — With respect to the Complaints of the
Renters of Arcot I beg your Lordship will be
convinced that it never was, nor ever will be
my Intention that His Collectors should be
molested in the Receipt of the Duties in the
Valdore District it was only observed to his
people who were sent for but were not ill
Treated that it was not humane in the
present desolated and impoverished state of
the Country to levy the Same Duties as in a
time of plenty and prosperity It is conformable
to this principle that wherever the French
Flag shall be hoisted at Pondicherry it is
not my Intention to Establish any Duties
for Some time to Come —

That is no reason I allow that your
Renters should not receive what they may be
entitled.

entitled to, but the State of the Country is too well known to Your Lordship and you are too Sensible of the distress of the People not to be inclined to the Same Opinion with Regard in this respect — besides the goods which are carried into Pondichery and those brought from thence are of Such little value, that it is impossible that the Duties levied on that District can be of any Consequence and the assertion of your Renter that they Amount to 2000 Pagodas can only therefore refer to times of the greatest Tranquility on that Province

Moreover this Article ought as well as proceeding one, to be submitted to the discussion of our respective Commissaries, and I conceive it becomes necessary that they should immediately enter upon their negociations — In the mean while I can assure your Lordship (as I have already had the honor to mention) that you will never experience

4925 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Experience on my part, any unnecessary Difficulty,
any ill-founded pretensions — on the contrary &
I will take the lead in every point which can
mention between Us Harmony, Friendship.
and a good understanding but at the same time,
I will never suffer the smallest Insult to be
offered to the Dignity of the King my Master,
or to the Honor of my Nation,

I conclude this Letter by &
returning your Polite expressions Contained
in your Letter of the 26th and by assuring you
of my acknowledgements for whatever part
personally relates to myself —

I have the Honor to be with
Dulgarry
the
30 octobers 1783
distinguished Consideration —

My Lord
your very humble and
most Obedient Servant

(Signed) Bussy

The Committee having maturely &
Considered the foregoing Letter it is resolved
That the following answer be returned to it —

Sir

4926 Fort St. George 7th November 1783

To Monsieur Marquis De Bussy

Sir,

It is with much concern that I find by your Letter of the 30th of last month that your Health is not yet perfectly established — Before I had the honor of receiving that Letter I had the Pleasure of Seeing Mr Martin and declaring to him very fully not only the disposition of this Presidency to a general Pacification, but the measures taken to effect it — Measures which as they were prescribed from Europe in Instructions Communicated to all parties, It would have been as ineffectual to attempt the concealment of them as it would be improper to deviate from them If Mr Martin has not seen the Vakeels who are here from Tippoo Sultaun, it has not proceeded from any Constraint upon their Intercourse on the part of this Government — They have had full Liberty to receive and See all Persons who went to them, They have not been guarded or watched by my orders, If I had thought it my Duty to prevent a —

Communication

4927 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Communication between those Deputies and Yourself

I should have declared my Intentions openly, as I disapprove and Shun all dark and indirect Policy, which I do not take to be a Task imposed upon me, or indeed to be necessary to the welfare of my Nation or Employers of My Intention to covenant to no foreign Interference in any particular Arrangement which might be expedient to conclude with Tippoo Sultaun I had indeed acquainted that Prince, as I had done to you, and his Instructions no doubt guided the Conduct of his Vackeels —

In relation to Prisoners I must take leave to request your attention to the 21st Article of the Preliminaries, which is not confined to the restoration of all Prisoners in your hands, extends to all those taken by your Arms, To which rule there can be the exception only of those who, before the Period of restoration may have been deprived of life by the hand of God — you are indeed, Sir, not in the least answerable personally for what which happened before your arrival here of — in delivering so many unfortunate British Subjects into the hands of our Indian Ally on whose

humanity

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

humanity Experience did not warrant a Defendence,
nor shall I, for the same reason, Trouble you with
the Circumstances of the Negociation for a Cartel
between Monsieur Suffren and Sir Eyre Coote &
whose Authority at that time Extended to those
Matters but I must observe that when Hyder
alle Khan that Indian Prince refused a Cartel
with us, we did not think ourselves warranted
to expose his Subjects taken by us to any &
hardship but finding it inconvenient to &
maintain them they were suffered to go at large
and in like manner English Subjects taken
Prisoners by the arms of France might in &
Justice of a Cartel or of Convenience to keep
them, be suffered to return on their Parole, and
on account of them Sent to the Government —
But my application to you has been in your
Public Character of the Representation of the
French Nation when the account of the Peace
arrived, for the Fulfilment of the Article in &
Relation to Prisoners which that Peace &

Prescribed

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Prescribed, it was my Duty therefore to make
the Demand as a matter of Right, It is indeed
to be hoped that Tippoo Sultaun will restore those
as well as all other Prisoners but that Event has not
yet taken place, and one principal Object of a
Deputation now proceeding to him, from this &c
Government is for the purpose of accelerating the
release of Men who have suffered long and uncommon
Hardships, and for affording to them in the &c
meantime every means in our Power of Comfort
and accommodation &c ——

The Gentlemen employed on this
occasion are the Same who Conducted the &c
Business of this Government in their Conferences
with you at Cuddalore, They were Certainly
in the Right to observe that, after the Peace
between the Europeans Powers, the War — &c
Continued to be waged only between the Forces of
Tippoo and those of the English East India
Company and that therefore on them alone
the Peace depended, That the Evacuation of the
Carnatic by Hyder ally was stipulated already

by the con

4930 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

between the Marrattas his allies and the Company
thro its Representatives at Bengal in a 5th
Treaty to which Mahomed ali was not a 5th
party nor invited to accede to it, but in which
the Company in fact purchased the recovery
of the Carnatic by the Sacrifice of Valuable
Provinces which they Possessed on the other
Side of the Peninsula, as they had formerly
Expended much Blood and Treasure in the
conquest of it Mahomed ali, whose Sunnud from
the Court of Delhi was obtained for him by the
Company, has been Constantly supported by them
in that Dignity against all other Candidates
But the Protection of the Country and its 5th
relation to other Powers must always depend
upon the Company, The Preliminary Articles
have been Communicated to him by me, as
well every thing else which may be necessary
for his information, Long Connection and
Friendship are the Ties which have united him
with

4931 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

with the Company, but there Subjects no Treaty
of Alliance exclusively with him the Carnatic
Flag has been hoisted on Pennacoil as the T.
Mysore Flag was hoisted on Caroor and
Dundigul when taken lately by our Arms,
It depended upon us to have placed there T.
European Colours and indeed the English Flag
was hoisted many Years ago on most of the
Forts of the Carnatic What I have now had
the honor of Observing to you on this Subject
would have been observed to you by the Committee
in answer to your former Letter, if in that
Letter you had, as you now do, mentioned that
the Commissioners said the English had no
allies in this Province, but your Expression
was General and inclusive of all Indostan,
to which the 16th Article of Preliminaries relates.
and which in general provides for the Conduct
of the Contracting Parties not Towards their
respective allies in this Province only but their
respective allies in India The Term which
happens therefore in your Letter of Equivoque
must

4932 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

must be supposed to be intended by you to apply
to Something Misunderstood or ill Translated
for I could not Suppose that you would wish to
apply an offensive expression, where it was
not applicable in the Same manner. I am
willing to consider your Observation that
there was not any foundation for the Contents
of the Committees Letters in relation to the
Passage of Troops thro the Carnatic to join
Tippoo Sultaun Monsieur De Suffren, to
whom you are pleased to appeal was the very
Person who, by way of inducing the Commissioners
to agree that the English Forces should not for
a limitted Period march to the westward &c.
against Tippoo, observed, that if they did so -
march, yours might do the Same, and it
was this Observation that led to that which was
very properly made in reply by our Commissioners
That your Troops Could not obtain Permission
for Such a Passage, the Arguments indeed of
Monsieur de Suffren might have been urged
by -

4933 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

by him whether there was or was not any Intention
of Demanding such Permission, but it may
not have been intimated to you, or in the
Multiplicity of Business, it may have
escaped your attention, It is due to the
Persons, entrusted by their Country on Public
Stations not to Suppose, while any mode
remains for Explaining Facts asserted by
them That such were asserted on Thought or
Foundation

I give me even pain to have
to inform you in Relation to an Officer of
Both a Boat whom you make Enquiry of
Mr de Chanvigny that being Suffered to be
at large at Madras he broke his Parole &
and went off as is mentioned in a Letter I
I wrote at the time to Monsieur Duchemin
of which I have the honor to inclose you a Copy
What since became of Monsieur De Chanvigny
I know not

your Letter of the 29th of August
should have been answered by me at the time
Same —

4934

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Same attention which I think due to all those
you are pleased to write to me, had it reached
my hands, But as your last Letter mentions
That the related To French Prisoners detained
at Trichonopoly and Tanjore Letters have "
immediately been Sent to Those Places directing
if any Such Prisoners be there that they be immed-
deately released and Sent to you,

In consequence also of your wish
that Directions should be given for the Present
to the Commandant at Pennacoil for preventing
any difficulties in Relation to Firewood Straw,
or other necessary Articles on the Neighbourhood
of Pondichery. Letters are dispatched to that
Effect and every Facility will be at all Times
allowed to your Nation that may be Consistent
with the welfare of my own, and with the
Instructions I receive for my Guidance, but
such facility, except, when it be a matter of
Right on your Part, must be with Reserve
on ours to discontinue it at our Discretion -

The

4935

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

the Renters in whose District Pondichery is placed shall be directed, for bear from that Conduct which you mention in general as reprehensible and if the Inhabitants will Specify my particular Grievance attention shall be paid to their Complaints and Proper Redress applied Mr Boisgard will communicate to this Government any Complaints that may be made by those People as well as such Representations as you may chuse to address to him, to be forwarded here— The Disposition you are pleased to express for the maintenance of Union and Cordiality between two Nations, correspondence with that which I have I hope given you Satisfactory Testimony in meeting your Wishes on every occasion in my Power, and I desire to add that the determination on your part to support the Dignity of your Sovereign and the honor of your Nation must appear highly proper on my Opinion, who as a Neighbour in Amity should consider myself bound to resist any attempt against either — I have the honor to be &c —

1783

4936 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Read the following Letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Harper

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

My Lord and Honble Gentlemen

Nothing but a Severe Indisposition
which Rendered me altogether incapable of Business,
could have prevented me from having the honor of
addressing Your Lordship &c. on the Subject
of my being superseded by the appointment of
Lieutenant Colonel Nixon to the Rank of
Colonel to the Prejudice of me his Senior Office,
at the Same doubting whether I might ever so far
recover as to be capable of discharging Field Duty,
but as I am now perfectly restored to Health and
Vigour, and being unconscious of having merited
such a Severe mark of Disapprobation, I must
entreat your Lordship &c. would be pleased to
Reconsider the Matter and restore me to my
Rank in the Service of the Honble Company

to

4937 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

to whom I have faithfully Discharged my Duty
to the best of my Ability and to their Satisfaction
as far as I know for upwards Twenty Eight
years for the Truth of which assertion I beg leave
to refer your Lordship &c to the Commander
in Chief —— I had yesterday the Honor of a
Letter from the Deputy Military Secretary
Mr Wasey requesting to have a Copy of my
answer to a Letter from the Hon'ble Committee
dated the 26th February 1782 wherein I declined
accepting the Command of Tanjore and the
Southern Troops — I had the Honour of
replying to the above Letter yesterday assuring
Mr Wasey that I had never received such
a Letter from the Hon'ble Committee, nor had
I ever declined the Command of Tanjore or the
Southern Troops &c — I beg leave to refer your
Lordship &c to This Letter addressed to
Mr Wasey — I have been Thus Particular in
Describing

4938 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Discribing the above Circumstance as I have heard it insinuated that My declining the Command to the Southward was the Principal, if not the Only reason of my being Superseded— Should there be other Causes, may I entreat your Lordship &c. to inform me of Them, and I have not a doubt but I shall be able to make Them appear equally without foundation as with the above —

I shall not further Trouble your Lordship &c. at This time but to assure you that I remain with the greatest respect,

Your Lordships &c.
most obedient humble Servt.
(Signed) H Harper

Ft. Thone
31 October 1783

The Committee are constrained by the foregoing Letter to [illegible] to the Circumstances which induced them to pass over Lieutenant Colonel Harper, when they Promoted Colonel Dixon to the Rank of Colonel — Colonel Harper was in July —

4939 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

July 1781 left in the Command of Cuddalore by Sir Eyre
Coote and Towards the end of that year there arose
disputes between him and the Chief and Council
which both Parties referred to the decision of the
Select Committee, after Considering their respective
representations with due attention the Committee
were of Opinion that Colonel Harper had been
in the wrong — that there had been an unnecessary
Interferences on his part even Supposing he
vested with the Powers which he Claimed, and
a direct apparently intended to the Chief of
Settlement This opinion was communicated to
Colonel Harper together with an Extract of the
Minutes of the Select Committee of the 12th Dec
1778 for his future guedance and it was
earnestly recommended to him to write cordially
with the Chief and Council for the advancement
of the Public Service Colonel Harper in reply
assured the Committee of implicit obedience
to the orders that had been Sent to him, but
Shortly after he quitted his Station at Cuddalore
without

4940 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

without the Knowledge or Concurrence of the Select
Committee who in the Mean Time desired the
Chief and Council to consult with him on every
important Service which they wished to effect
namely the burning the Boats at Pondichery
and Expressly ordered the Chief and Council
"implicitly to adopt any Measures recommended
by him for accomplishing that Service upon
the defeat and Capture of Colonel Brathwaite
the Select Committee appointed Colonel Harper
to the Command of the Southern Forces thereby
affording what ought to have been to him an
honorable Satisfactory proof of their good o.
opinion and of their not having Suffered his
differences at Cuddalore to prejudice them
against him — Soon after this appointment
the Committee learnt with great Surprize
by a Letter from the acting Chief of Cuddalore
that Colonel Harper had gone to Negapatam
and there embarked for Madras — This was the
first official Information the Committee

received

4941 Fort St. George 8th November 178

received of his having quitted his post at Cuddalore n
notwithstanding which is appointment to the Co
Southern Force was not rescinded, but on his
arrival here he waited on the President at the
Government House at Breakfast and Verbally
but in Express Terms, desired to decline accepting
that distinguished Command upon the Plea of
ill Health private Concerns requiring his
presence at Madras it was in Consequence
conferred on Lieutenant Colonel Nixon with
any objection on the Part of Colonel Harper
nor has the Latter ever signified his wish,
Desire to partake in any of the ardnance Services
that have since been Carried on in Various
Quarters, nor reported himself able to Service
until now, — the Committee therefore See
Sufficient reason to rescind the resolution
passed at the Last meeting to put Colonel
Harper on the Invalid List especially as he
was recommended to be invalided by the
Commander in Chief to that Committee by
Letter of the 13th May and it is resolved that an
answ

4942 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

answer be written to him Agreeably to the foregoing

minute — Read the following Letter — &

and enclosures —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee —

at Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

On the 5th Instant I had occasion

to write to the Surgeon of the 23 Regiment of Light

Dragoons, for all the Dooly Bearers under his

charge, but was much surprized on his informing

me, that it was the orders of Colonel Floyd his

Commanding officer, that all applications &

Relating to the Regiment must be sent through

him, I replied, that it never had been the Custom

of the Service, to make applications of this &

Nature to any Commanding officers, and that

all the Dooley Bearers with the Army were

under my immediate Directions I also wrote

to the enclosed Letter to Colonel Floyd which

has

B

4943

Fort St. George 8th November 1782

has not produced the desired Effect, as your
Lordships &c. must easily conceive that the
Service never Can be carried on with any
Regularity if the applications of the respons-
Persons are not attended to. I am the more
desirous that Your Lordships &c. should take
This Business into Consideration, because, I
informed that Mr Sadleir Complains of being
still in Want of Many People, necessary for the
Equipment, I can Only say on This Occasion
that every Exertion has been made to hasten
the Departure of the intended Deputation
so far as Concerned the Civil Department of
Army, but when unexpected Impediments happen
it is impossible to prevent Delays —
your Lordships &c. will I hope give such
Directions to the Commanding Officers in general
with the Army and Colonel Floyd in Particular
as will prevent the like happening in future

I have the Honor to be

(Signed) W. Jackson Comy

Cantonments
9th November 1783.

4944

Fort St George 8th November 1783

To Colonel Floyd

Commanding the 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons

Sir

all the Dooley Boys with the 23d Dragoons are wanted in Order to be sent with the intended Deputation, had I known you expected to have been addressed on this occasion it would have been done — but as all the Dooley Boys with the Army are under my immediate Directions I did not see the Necessity of troubling you upon a Business which I conceived you had no Concern in, more Especially as my first Requisition to Mr M.c Culloch was instantly Complied with without his even hinting that it was necessary to make the application through you — Whatever Number of Boys now belonging to the 23d Regiment of Dragoons are Sent to me the same Number I shall give Directions to be replaced

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) W.m Jackson Comy

Lo

Cantonments
8th November 1783

a true Copy W.m Jackson

4945

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

To William Jackson Esqr.

Commissary

Sir I had the favor of your Letter of Yesterdays date and do not all wonder at it as you are unacquainted with the Customs of His Majesty's Regiment, especially as you had been misled on the present Occasion by the very improper Conduct of the Surgeon Mr. Colloch —

I was about to comply very chearfully with your application reserving only a very few Dooleys that are absolutely necessary for our own Sicke — but unluckily at the same time I received a Writing, by way of order from the Commander in Chief of the Companys Troops, to do what I was about to do — As I can receive no Order from that Gentleman I was under the very disagreable necessity of counteracting my own Inclination & detaining all the Dooley Bearers, least it should be imagined I had received an order, and obeyd the writing that Gentleman chose to send to me —

I.

4946

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

I have therefore to desire you will
Procure an Order to me either from His. M. Com-
mander in Chief or from the Select Committee —
either of which, as may be most convenient to yourself
Shall be complayed with —

I have the honor to be &c.

Marrandom
8th November 1783 —

(Signed) I. Floyed

a true Copy W. Jackson —

Colonel Floyed in the foregoing
Letter acknowledges the Propriety of what the order
Directed, as he declares he meant to have complied
with the Same, before he knew of the Order having
been issued by the Commander in Chief, and Then
Refused to Comply because such order was so issued
and he Thus impedes the Public Service for the sole
express purpose of disobedience to a Superior officer
whom he is bound to Obey by the positive Provision
of Law so wilfull and avowed an infraction of
It by Colonel Floyed, It will be the Duty of the
Committee to bring to public Notice, as soon as
his removal from the Command of the 23 Regiment
may be practicable without Violence, and that
he

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

he can be brought to Trial on the meantime that Officer thus withdrawing himself and that Regiment from the Subordination legally due by him, and to from the Service of the Company, neither can be considered as forming any part of the Troops sent on Such Service, There can be therefore no Obligation on the Company to provide Supplies for Either. The Commander in Chief is therefore Desired to give Directions for Such Supplies only upon the application to him of the Officer Commanding that Regiment, and upon his return to due Subordination and also that no Supplies be furnished to any of the Troops in Cantonments but upon proper application to the Commander in Chief Lieutenant General Lang by the Officer Commanding in each Cantonment

Read the following Letters

enter Letter from Colonels Reenbold and Wagenhaar and the Paper annexed Containing reason for establishing an Hospital for their Regiments

To

4943 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to present

annexed the principal Motives that an Hospital

upon the Honble Company's Contract may be granted

to us — Considering the welfare of our People,

we think it our Duty to lay it before you, and

flatter ourselves totaly Convinced of your humane

and benevolent disposition it will meet with

a Generous Approbation and that you will grant

and approve this, our Request —

We have the honor to be &c

Fort St. George
the 8th of November 1783 —

(Signd) E. L. Reinbold, Col.
D. Baird, Wardenheim
Lt Col.

1

The difficulties of the Language, where the Patient
Cannot Tell his Complaints and Doctor is Kept
in the Same — Uncertainly renders the cure of
the Sick in the honourable Companys Hospital
difficult, and Sometimes impossible —

2 The

4949 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

2.

The Service requires that the Soldier be constantly kept under a Strict discipleine and therefore Officers as well as Noncomissioned must always have a Carefull Eye upon them. The Honble Companys Hospital not Properly allows of it Sirs as well as the Recovered being under no Constraint will very Lively begin to be extravagant left by themselves, or learn it from others and join the Regiment Again, if not recovered of their Bodely Complaints perhaps more Corrupted in Respect of their Morals and Subordination than they went in —

3

The Necessity having a place allowed for an Hospital is evident as the Healthy cannot be with the Sick in so confined a place as our Barracks are without being in Danger to infect one an other —

4

Cleanlyness and to keep the Men from catching Cold is of the Utmost Consequence — to effect this they Cannot be without Cloths, Beds and Quilts —

5

The Regulations of late Mr Peasley from 15 to 100 at 4 Fanams — will not answer by far the expences of Providing and Maintaining an Hospital in Such a —

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

a Manner, besides Country medicine – not to mention the Necessary refreshments wine &c, and the Servants who are wanted to take, a proper Care in attending the Sick the Expences of the attendants amounting allready to 10 Months near 60 Pagodas –

6.

The Constitution of a German being from his Infancy accustomed to an other Diet, is of a great Influence at least in the beginning of his Distemper and Likewise accustomed to a great Quantity of Physick, his Nature seems to require it –

7.

In case My Lord and Select Committee will not be pleased to approve the Establishment of an hospital for the two Hanoverian Regiments after the Honble Companys Contract finding these above Mentioned arguments not Sufficient – how will the Surgeon by late Mr Pasleys contract get an Indemnication of his vast Expences viz^t Cloathes Beds Quilts servants &c &c. the Honble Company has these two Months past not been Charged with it, and without a proper Indemnication the Surgeon must and will be ruined, –

8. Since –

4961 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

8

Since the Establishment of this hospital, the increasing
Number of the Sick is remarkable, and therefore I
intreat My Lord and Select Committee to grant
us the Continuance of this humane and benevolent
institution and to enable us by treating in this
way our own Sick to prove our Gratitude by future
Services

(Signed)
H. Bar. Wangenheim Lieut Colonel
D. Reinhold Colonell

Fort St. George
The 8th of November 1783

A List
of the Sick of His majestys 15th and 16th Hanoverian
Regiment at Fort St. George in the Hospital the 1st November 1783

	Sick in Barracks	In the Regiment Hospital	Sick Gentlemen									
			Officers	Sergeants & Corporals	Drummers	Private	Officers	Lieutenants & Cornets	Drummers	Private	Total
Of the 15th Regiment	1	8	2	21	4	2	65	3	1	12	4	69
Of the 16 Regiment	3	7	3	35	2	4	37	9	3	9	7	81
Total	4	15	5	56	6	6	82	17	4	21	11	150

30 94

174 186

H. Bar. Wangenheim
Lieutenant Colonel

To

4952 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

My Lord I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship the Officers and Soldiers of this part of the 36th Regiment have requested me to Represent their Situation as being the only Corps in this Cantonment without Batta & Annall portion of the 98th Regiment excepted —

I had the honor of reporting the Regiment fit for Service (vide) Shortly after our arrival and have to lament, that the Conduct of our Men, should prevent our being employed in the Field as the Sentiments of the Regt have been all along totally different and the Cause no longer exists which Interfered with us before I should hope your Lordship and the Select Committee will take the State of the Regt into Consideration and put them on the same footing with the other Corps since their arrival at St Thome —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) M.G. Sterling
B. & Lt Colonel
Commanding 36th Regiments

St Thome
5th November 1783

&c

4953 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

By the orders of this day wherein

Captain Bumley is promoted to the Majority I observe

he is ordered to Rank from the 25th of last June the day

on which Major Sutgrave was killed — as there is

a Rumour of his death I beg leave to Submit to the

Consideration of the Honourable Committee — Whether

in that event Captain Lysaght would not be &c.

Considered as entitled to Rank from the day of Major

Bumleys decease — and of Course that Seing Senior

to Captain Lysaght / tho not then arrived from &c.

England / will be entitled to the Same date of Rank

I hope therefore that if it Should &c.

hereafter appear that Captain Bumley was deceased

at the time of his Preferment that the Committee

will be pleased to bear in remembrance the Circumstance

I have now had the honor to Submit to them &c.

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) Fraser (Received)

Fort St. George
6 November 1783

4954 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Resolved that a Contract Hospital be allowed for the 15th and 16th Regiments of Hanoverians at Chundaree Pallah till further Orders —

Resolved that the 36th Regiment shall be allowed Batta from the 1st November

Resolved that if it shall hereafter be found that Captain Rumley was deceased at the date of his Promotion that Captain Lysaght and Staver shall Rank from that date

Read the following Letter and Enclosure —

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Fort St. George —

My Lord I accompanying I do for your Lordships perusal the Valuation of the Ship Prince William and her Stores also the Valuation of my own Investment on Bath and that of the Officers to the but my Judgement with the freight of a Sundry Articles sent on Board at Madras, and a Charge for my own Expence to Bengal —

I think it right to inform your Lordship that before the Prince William sailed from Madras

1955

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Madras for Negapatam I was offered for her 140.000 Pr Rupees
as She was with the will necessary Stores and Ammunition
for 12 Months on Board I cannot therefore in Justice
to my owners Agree to take less than that Sum for
I refused the offer because she had Company property
on Board at that time and I conceived it not be equal
to her Value ——
as to my own Investment I charge
but 60 ℔ Cent advance of the Cost altho Mr Cochrane
had engaged to purchase the whole, and the Market
Price was 100 ℔ Cent ——
The Property of my officers is estimated at
very low, but as they are not present I cannot ascertain
it otherwise than by what Mr Cuthbert the Chief officer
told me of his Share which he Valued at 5000 Rupees
To that I added, but 1000 my Valuation in order to
Provide a Stock for their Demands when made on
me and I mean to divide the 9000 Rupees between the
three officers in the Rates of their respective Claims
but if your Lordship would Consent I should prefer
that the Claims of the officers be laid by Letter they
appear and address your Lordship in person on their
own behalf ——

The

4956 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

The Charges for freight are very moderate and the Sum for my Expences by no means equal to what I expended — I shall only add that I take no notice of the loss of Interest for 12 Months being Ammunition to shew as much Moderation as in Justice to my Owners I ought to do — I have the honor to be &c.

7 November 1783 (Signed) W. Gowland

Valuation of Stock Block Ammunition Stores Private Investment &c &c of the Prince William Private Ship of War Commanded by William Gowland addressed to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee of Fort Saint George on behalf of the Honble United English East India Company and afterwards removed Store and Blown up while on their Service by order of John Sulivan Esqr acting at Negapatam on their behalf —

Stock Block Ammunition and other Stores Compliat for 12 Months		A Rupees 120,000 ..
Freight for Sundrys Heavy Cannon Shot Shells Field Pieces, Medicines, and other Stores, as also one Chest of Treasure 5261 Sicca Rupees which at 8 P Cent make A Rs		5789. 12 Ps
Private Property belonging to Captain Gowland	8000	
Advance at 50 P Cent	4000	12000 .. ..
Private Property belonging to the Officers	6000	
advance at 50 P Cent	3000	9000 .. ..
Sundry Expences while at Trang.r & Passage among to Bengal and Expences thence to Madras	3 100 ..	2350 .. ..
		149139 .. ..

(Signed) W Gowland)

4957 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

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 disappear or prove to be an English Fleet —

Dated in Negapatam
the 3d day of Octr 1782

I am Sir
Yours &c
(Signd) John Sullivan

Registered in Book $\frac{B}{WJ}$ $\frac{No 2}{}$ Page 164

Calcutta the 21st May 1783 —

(Signd) William Jackson Not. Pubc

a true Copy W. G. Wray Deputy Secretary

William Fowland late Commander of the Prince William Private Ship of War maketh Oath and Saith that in the Month of September which was in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two when this Deponent sailed from the Road of Madras for Negapatam with Stores and necessaries or Freight for the Honble United E. English East India Company he had on Board the

Said

4953 Fort St. George 8 November 1783

Said Ship Prince William a Private Investment on
which was his own property to the Amount of Eighty
Thousand Arcot Rupees and that Basil Cochran
Esquire of Nagapatam had made this Deponent
an offer for the Purchase thereof and that the
Then Market Price at Nagapatam was one
hundred per Cent and this Deponent Saith that on
before the said Ship sailed from Madras as aforesaid on
he was offered the Sum of One hundred and Forty Thousand
Rupees for the Said Ship Prince William with her
Ammunition Stores and Provisions as She then lay at
anchor in the Roads of Madras ——

(Signed) W. Gowland

Sworn in Madras this
8th day of November 1783

Before me
(Signed) Wm Webb
Mayor

A true Copy
Wm G Wasey
Deputy Secretary

Resolved that the whole Subject of the loss of the
Ship Prince William be stated to the Court of Directors in
the Next General Letter and that it be referred to them
to Settle the Value with the Owners the Amount will
be paid to them in England Agreeably to the
Intention

4959

Fort St. George 8th November 1793

Intention of Captain Gowland to pay it into the Companys Treasury for Bills on them in case the vessel had been sold in this Country as appear to have been their wish — according to Captain Gowlands Information to the President and by his Letter to the Committee —

Agreed that the real Amount of the Private property of the Captain and Officers be allowed them on their acknowledge Oath to the same —

Read the following Letter and Enclosures from the Prize Agent (with their Accounts) as entered in Miscellany Book Ao) and his answer (enter Letter from Mr John Sullivan with Letter to him from the Agent for Prize Money and his answer

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney Kt &c
Presidt &c Select Committee Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to Submit to your Lordship &c the Copy of a Letter addressed to me by the Prize Agents for the Southern Army together

4960 Fort St George 8th November 1783

together with my Reply and a copy of the accounts
which they have in consequence given in Stating
the quantity of the different Prize Articles and the
avarage value at the time they were delivered into
the Public Store — I request to be honored with
your Instructions upon the Subject
I have the honor to be &c

Pro 8th November 1783 (Signd) John Sullivan

To John Sullivan Esqr.
Resident &c Tanjore

Sir,
having been appointed by a Committee
of Officers which assembled agreably to General
orders the 23d of March ultimo at Currore Agents
on behalf of the Army for all Captures taken from
the Enemy, We beg leave to address you Respecting
the Grain and Articles which by the Commanding
officers orders have been delivered to the Honourable
Company and for the Army's Use as these Matters
have been adjudged the Property of the Captors in
all places taken by Storm We have made out an
account

4961 Fort St George 8th November 1783

account Separately for the Garrison of Cuzore,
Arracaurchy and Dendigul Specifying the quantity
with the Price Offerd by the Shittias and Merchants
on the Spot — This we flatter Ourselves Cannot be
Deemed unreasonable and we therefore request that
you will be so kind as to order Payment accordingly or
grant us a Company Bond for the Amount the Vouch
&c — are in Our hands, and Shall be Delivered to
your Order — All We desire is to have the account
Settled without loss of time to your Satisfaction and
so as to answer the Expectations of our Constituents
We have the honor to be &c

(Signd) Wm Sutherland
agent for his Majestys Troops
Joseph Little agent for
the Companys Troops

Tanjore
8 August 1783

To Williams Sutherland & Joseph Little Esqrs
agents for the Southern Army

Gentlemen I have the honor of your Letter
of this date and am to request you will be pleased
to transmit the Vouchers relative to the Price Prior to
John Cox Hippisley Esqr

I

4962 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

I request you will do me the Honor to
Signify to the Gentlemen of the Army that I will
immediately refer their Claims to the Select Committee
and that I shall have particular Satisfaction in
Communicating to you the Decision of the Honble
Board which I am persuaded will be in every respect
Conformable to the liberal and distinguished merits of
the Southern Army —

I have the Honor to be &c

(Signd) Johan Sullivan

Tanjore
the 9 August 1783

Agreed that the Grain found in the
Places taken by Storm be allowed to the Captors and
that Mr Sullivan be desired to settle the Amount
of said Valuation, but that he be informed as the
Price at which the Grain is estimated and State in
the Letter more Expressly which he will make
Particular enquiry on that Point and allow
no more than could actually have been obtained
for it by Public Sale — when this Matter is
adjusted a Compliance Bond will be granted for
the Amount —

Read the following Letter
from Surgeon Major

To the

1963

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

President &c. Select Committee

My Lord,
and Gentlemen,

In Obedience to your Commands
as per General orders 26 Ultimo I have the honor to
inform you that the Present Number of the Honble
Companys Troops of this Presidency, and now actually
in Cantonments, being no more than the Corps
artillery, the 5th 18th and 26th Battalions of Sepoys,
there is not immediate occasion for more than
myself one Surgeon, and three assistance —

I beg permission to inform the
Right Honble President and Select Committee
has ever been my opinion that assistant Surgeons
ought to be employed in the Field in preference to
Garrisons where they are at present Stations —
And I further beg leave to assure you I did
make my application to the Surgeon General for this
purpose, but it was Objected to on account of the
those scanty pittance of a Surgeons assistant in the
Field, but now this objection is fully removed by the
provision

Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Provision lately made them, — If this had been the
Case before the Army was fully supply'd with Surgeons
or in other words, if I had been Duly supported with
Surgeon Major there would have been a Difference
in the Amount now due to the Army Surgeons —
but Sir Eyre Coote though Conscious the Duty of the
army in My Line had been fully attended to when
I had only three Surgeons and five Assistants, yet
upon my being taken ill in March /81/ His
Excellency wrote for all the Surgeons out of employ at
Madras to be sent to the Army but I received from
my Indisposition before any actual Service took
Place, and I presumed to explain the Consequences
of an increase of Surgeons instead of Assistants —
Sir Eyre turned a Deaf Ear to my Remonstrances
and my Economy and Stopt me Shortly saying He
could not possibly have too many Surgeons, and
that his Soldiers, Natives as well as Europeans ought
should be alike attended to in every respect and added
with much warmth " you Sir shall do any so at
your Peril " — This resolution of the Commander in
chief will account for the number of Surgeons
Employed

4965 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

Employ'd, and of Course a much greater expence than
would otherways, have been incurred — but if it maybe
the Pleasure of the Right Honble and Select Co.
Committee to resolve upon Some fixed Establishments
of Field and Surgeons to their Army on this Coast —
I beg leave to offer it as my Opinion that there
should be one Surgeon, and one Assistant to the
Corps of Artillary, the same to a Brigade of European
Infantry, as well as to each full Brigade of Sepoys —
admitting that there are, three Sepoy Brigades
in the different Armys, and that the Surgeon
Major Should have Two Assistants attached to
them, to Employ as he might See occasion, the
Establishment would Consist of One Surgeon
Major, Five Surgeons and Two Assistants, instead
of One Surgeon Major, Ten Surgeons and one
Assistant only —

If it shall be the Pleasure of the Right Honble
President and Select Committee to adopt this
Plan, and Committ the Detail and arrangement
of Field Surgeons and Surgeons Assistants to my

4966 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

I shall endeavour to give Satisfaction, and if in the
Course of Service I might have Occasion for a
Temporary Encrease of the Faculty, I shall
duly represent it to the Committee, — I am
induced to believe the Medical Line in the
Field thus reduced to a System would be
attended with Salutary Consequences — and
I flatter myself from this my representation
it will likewise appear that my not having
Authority acted up to the Powers Originally
vested in me as Surgeon Major I shall
stand Blameless, for my Authority has
been employed — and I wanted Support —

I cannot Conclude this address
without most earnestly soliciting a favour —
Revision of my Papers now laying upon the
Table relative to the Mistake made in
my Pay and allowances — and to the End
that as every Surgeon by the new Regula-
tions has had an Encrease of allowance &
equal

4967 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

equal to one hundred and thirty Pagodas a Month —
so many from Surgeon Major might be Encreased
in Proportion — I am induced to believe if you
could see the Difficulty and fatigue I undergo in
the Execution of my Duty in the Field,
you would readely grant my request —

I have the Honour to Remain

with the greatest Respect —

Your most Obedient and
most humble Servant

Madras
2d November 1783 —

(Signed) Thomas Davis
Surgeon Major

Resolved that the Arrangement of Surgeons
and Assistant Surgeons for the Army proposed by the
Surgeon Major be adopted and that the Surgeon
General be informed of this Resolution and desired
to point out the Stations for the Surgeons to be
sent to who will in Consequence be recalled from
the Army as also the Assistant Surgeons to be
appointed to the Army in their Room —

Read —

496 Fort St. George 2nd November 1783

Read the following Letter

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c

President &c. Select Committee Fort St. George

My Lord and Sirs

Having whilom Service at Tellicherry been obliged to take the Resident and Factors Bonds of that Place for my arrears of Pay, Batta &c. likewise a Bill of Exchange on Bombay for Money received into that Treasury the whole amounting to Pag. 594-24 fs. or Rupees 2081. Exchange at 350 P. 100 Star Pag. bearing Interest at 10 P. Cent P. Annum as they have been due some time, May I request you will be pleased to order the Payment of them. If this cannot be done on account of reduced State of the Treasury I will be happy to accept a Bill on the Government of Bengal for the Amount of which I hope you will be pleased to grant me—

I am Sir
your &c.

(Signed) Thomas Hart
Lieutenant

To

Contents

4969 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Select Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I beg leave to inform you that since my Arrival in the East Indies August 12th 1782 I have not received any Subsistance from the 101st Regiment to which I belong to, I have been very Healthy since my Arrival which has Embarrassed me in this Place to Grant so Long this I would, if Opportunity Serv'd have drawn on my Agent in England but the Scarcity of money put it out of my power to help myself by that mode I beg my Lord and Gentlemen you will be pleased to take my deplorable and unhappy Case in to your Consideration so as to render me some way or means to pay my Debts and Enable me to Live I apply'd to the Commanding Officer for my Subsistance of whom I had not the least Satisfaction Therefore I beg leave to lay before you my Situation in hopes of Some redress

I am Sir, yours &c.

Signd James Campbell

Ensign 101st Regiment

Signd

Fort St. George

6th November 1783

Fort St. George 8th December 1783

Agreed that the Amount of the Bonds received by Lieut. Hart from the Factors at Pillichery for his Pay and Batta when Serving there be discharged by Bills on Bengal but that respecting the Bill of Exchange on Bombay he must make application to that Presidency

Agreed that Copy of Ensign Campbells Letter be sent to the Officer Commanding the 101st Regt for his Explanation of the matter complained of

The Commander in Chief reports to the Committee the death of Captain Nelson to the Southward, the following promotions take place in Consequence ——

Captain Lieutenant Nathaniel Dawes to be full Captain — date of Rank 8 November 1783.

Lieutenant James Campbell to be Do. Do.

Captain Lieutenant

Ensign Robert Johnston to be Do. Do.

Lieutenant

Agreed that the following Camells purchased for the use of the Deputation be paid for by Bills on Bengal

1 at 120 Pagodas . . . 120 — — —

9 at 106 Pagodas each . . 954 and the Amount Carried to the head of 2d War with Hyder ally

The President acquaints the Committee that he has procured Letters of Credit for the Deputies from Buchanjee and Somarows Sowars these —

The

4971 Fort St. George 8th November 1783

The drafts to be duly paid Agreed that the Amount of the Drafts together with the Sums already advanced be Carried to the head of 2d War with Hyder ally

The President lays before the Committee an account Delivered to him by Mr Harry Taylr late Paymaster of Sanjore Sebbendy for the Amount of the Cloathing of that Corps for the years 1780, & 1781

Agreed that the Sum of Pag 3838. 72. 2. being the amount of Cloth received by Mr Harry Taylor from the Companys Stores be deducted from his Account for two years Cloathing of the Sanjore Sebbendy & that the remaining Balance of Pagodas 2568. 6. 46. be discharged by Bill on the Governor General & Council

The Import Warehouse keeper to be made acquainted with the above Resolution, that the Transfer may be properly stated in the Book of his Employ

1972 Fort St. George November 1783

8th Sent Letter to Tippoo Sultaun (a entered in Country Correspondence No) by Messrs. Sadleir & Staunton acquainting him that those Gentlemen are vested with full Authority from this Government and that he may rely on whatever they may say to him or agree to do.

To Tippoo Sultaun

Sent Letter to Meer Mohamed Hoseyn Cawn (as entered in Country Correspondence No) by Messrs. Sadleir & Staunton acquainting him with the Mission of those Gentlemen assuring him that he may rely on what they may say to him

To Meer Mohamed Hoseyn Cawn

Dispatched the following Letter to the Commanding Officers of Tanjore & Trichinopoly

To Captain William Bruce
or Officer Commanding at
Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to desire that you will cause the french prisoners that are at Tanjore to be immediately released and furnish them with an Escort and provisions to

To the Commanding Officers of Tanjore & Trichinopoly
desire them to release the French Prisoners in their Garrisons & furnish them with an Escort & Provisions

4973 Fort St. George November 1783

8th to enable them to proceed to

the same Order being sent to Tricheinopoly the

prisoners at Tanjour may wait till those from Tricheinopoly

arrive and the whole proceed together to Cuddalore -

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George

8th November 1783

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

John Huddleston

Secretary

The same to Lt. Coll. Brace

Tricheinopoly -

Dispatched the following Letter to Captain

Dawes commanding at Permacoil

To Captain Nathaniel Dawes

Commanding at

Permacoil

Sir

I have been favord with your Letter of the 30th Ult.

in answer to which I am directed by the Right Honble the

President & Select Committee to desire you will Order a

new Gate to be made for the Northern Pettah, should you

think one also likely necessary — but not otherwise —

You will receive instructions respecting the

Man who informed you he had been appointed by Mr.

De Souza Amildar of Villeparam & some other Villages

— The Select Committee hope however that all disputes

& limits whatsoever will be settled and defined with Sajed Saheb

by

To Captain Dawes a new Gate to be made to the northern Pettah if necessary — the French to be allowed to provide Firewood Grass &c in their Neighbourhood if no interference with the Interest of the Company -

4974 Fort St. George November 1783

Recd by Anthony Sadleir & George Leonard Staunton Esqrs who proceed this day on a Deputation to Tippoo Sultaun

In consequence of a wish expressed by the Marquis de Bussy that the Inhabitants Pondicherry might provide themselves with Fire Wood Lime and other necessary Articles from your Neighbourhood. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire that you will (till further Orders) permit the French without molestation to collect the above mentioned Articles in the Districts in the vicinity of your Command, provided it does not materially interfere with any Interesting concern of the Company

I have the honor to be

Sr

(Signed) John Huddleston

Secretary

Fort St. George

9th November 1783

The following Letters are now dispatched to the President & Select Committee of Bombay & to the Chief & Factors of Tellicherry in answer to the Letters received from them on the 2nd Instant

To

Fort St. George November 1783

4978
9th

To the Honble William Hornby Esqr.

President &c. Select Committee

at Bombay

Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive your Letter

of the 16th. September with its Enclosure from Major Dal-

rymple

To Bombay - the Commissioners on the point of setting out to Tippoo enterlaw papers herein inclosed to Bombay - the Commissioners will inform them of every thing on the progress of their business.

Our Sentiments and measures respecting an accomodation with Tippoo Sultan have been fully communicated to you in our Letters of the 11th Sept. 7th October and 3d. Instant.

The departure of our Commissioners was suspended for some days in consequence of Intelligence from the Southward that Tippoo Sultan had broken the Cessation of Arms and seized the person of General Mathews, but that Intelligence having since proved to be without foundation they are now on the point of setting out -

We transmit you extract of a Letter from Tippoo Sultan to his Vackeels here and Copy of the last Letter from Mohemmed Ameen to our President, both of which you will observe carry every appearance of a sincere disposition for peace.

We

4976 Fort St. George November 1783

9th We transmit also Copy of a Letter and Enclosures from which We have lately received from the Governor General & Council informing us of Tippoo Sultaun having acceded to the Terms of peace stipulated for him in the Mirzathe Treaty.

According to that Treaty he should have already evacuated the Carnatic as we have judged it proper to intimate to him in a Letter from our President of which also we enclose a Copy.

Upon the whole we entertain with you strong hopes that Tippoo Sultaun is really disposed to peace and that discreable Event is not far distant but as General Macleod has advised us in positive terms that he Tippoo Sultaun is determined to take Mangalore by open force or treachery We are happy in having taken the precaution of sending round near 800 of the Kings Troops in the Ships that sailed with Sir Richard Bickerton which We doubt not are ere this arrived at Tellicherry.

The same observations that have occurred to you respecting the want of Security in the Articles of Agreement between Tippoo Sultaun & Major Campbell you will have found in our Letter of the 7th October.

Our

4977

Fort St. George November 1783

9th Our Commissioners will not fail to advise you of every thing material that may occur in the progress of the Business they are deputed, and which is for the purpose of completing a pacification of which the Terms have been arranged in Europe.

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

Fort St. George
9th November 1783

(Signed)

To Wm. Freeman
Chief Merchant with the Factors of
Tellicherry
Gentlemen

To Tellicherry — enclose the Dispatches for Bombay which will inform them of all measures towards an accommodation with Tippoo —

We have received your Letter of the 13th Ultimo with its Enclosure —

We received at the same time Letters from the Select Committee at Bombay and from General Mackleod and We now enclose Copies of our Dispatches in answer to the former which with our Letter to you of the 3d Instant will make you fully acquainted with our measures and Intentions towards an Accommodation with Tippoo Sultan

Mr

4978

Fort St. George November 1783

9th Mr. Sadlier & Staunton, whoare charged with
powers from this Government, set out this day & will confer
& paid with you on the subject of the business committed
to their Care.

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

Fort St. George
9th November 1783

(Signed)

The following Letter was likewise Dispatched
to Genl. McLeod

To Brigadier General Macleod

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of
the 13th Ultimo and are sensible of your attention in
relating to us so fully the situation of things on the Malabar
Coast

relating to us so fully the situation of things on the
Malabar Coast and the particulars of your Transactions
with Tippoo Sultan.

By our Letter to the Chief and Factors of
Tellicherry of the 3d Instant You will be informed of our
having resolved to send Commissioners to treat with Tippoo
Sultan at the particular request of his Vackeels here, and
the enclosed Copies of our present dispatches to Bombay
will

4979 Fort St. George November 1783

Sir will make You acquainted with all that has since occurred in relation to that Subject.

Our Commissioners will not fail to correspond with you and to communicate every thing material that may occur in the progress of the Business on which they are deputed.

We have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
(Signed) Macartney &c
Select Committee

Fort St. George
9th November 1783

Dispatched Letter to Mr Benfield

To Paul Benfield
Paymaster at
Permacoil
Sir

To Mr Benfield - is referred to the last Letter on the Subject of Leave of absence now proceed to Tranquebar or Negapatam as the Monsoon is now thought to be over during his Absence all

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to them of the 1st November, and to refer you to my last letter on the Subject of the leave of absence, which your health may require from Permacoil -

As that leave is extended as long as it may be really necessary, you will not be obliged to proceed towards Tranquebar, or Negapatam, by quicker stages than

4980 Fort St George November 1788

than your health will permit — The violence of the Monsoon is now considered somewhat over; that not only Mr. Sullivan Resident of Tanjore sets out this day for that place, but a Lady, his Sister, has no apprehension in undertaking the same Journey — They will have the same Rivers to pass which are between Permacoil and Tranquebar, besides many others, and double the distance to travel —

Every necessary repair will be ordered to be made during your absence, to the house destined for your residence in the Pettah of Permacoil, where, in case of Peace, there can be no danger —

I am
&c.
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
9th November 1783

Dispatched Letter to Anthony Sadleir and George Leonard Staunton Esquires

To Anthony Sadleir
&
George Leonard Staunton Esqrs.
Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, to enclose to you a Letter from the

To Messrs. Sadleir and Staunton enclosing Letter from the Committee of Assigned Revenue with a Representation from Bamboo Row en Rumildar

4981

Fort St. George November 1783

9th the Committee of Assigned Revenue accompanying a Representation from Bauboo Row an Amildar, which they think proper to refer to you & desire to be favord with your opinion thereon.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
9th November 1783

Sir
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Dispatched Letter to Captain Dewar as entered in Miscellany Book A.° granting him Permission to resign the Service & informing him that he will be favorably mentioned to the Court of Directors for his Merits & Services.

Sent Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

To Charles Oakeley Esqr

&c Members of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue - the Select Committee approve of preparing the Petitioners of Tonion from the Tirtipine poly Town & consent to their deducting 2 Pacha of Rupees from Venkata Soubahs Cowle,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President &c Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to them of the 31st October — and to inform you

on

4982 Fort St. George November 1783

Q.r in reply, — that being fully convinced of the propriety of separating the Pettaeeah of Tonniore from the Tricheinopoly Jaroo, agreeably to the Arrangement proposed by Mr Sulivan, — the Select Committee consent to your making a deduction from Veneata Subbiahs Cowle, of two Lacks of Rupees, being the precise Sum at which the Pettaeeah is estimated in his proposal —

I have the honor to be

&c

(Signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
9.th November 1783

10.th Received Letter from Mr Cochrane as entered in Miscellany (Book No) acknowledging the Receipt of Military Stores & 16 Bales of Cloathing by the Ship Latham

11.th Sent the following Letter to Mr Burke

To William Burke Esq.r

Sir

To Mr Burke with Remarks on the subject of the payment of the usual Allowances made to his Majesties Troops —

In consequence of my Conversation yesterday with you & of my perusal of the draft of your Letter to Colonel Fullarton, with which you have been pleased to favor

4983 Fort St. George November 1783

11th favor me. I beg leave to offer the following remarks on the Subject of the payment of the several Allowances made to His Majestys Troops.

The Kings Troops Serving in India are paid by the Company at the respective Presidencies & under which they act. — Those serving on the Coromandel are subject to the following Regulations -

The Kings Subsistence is always paid two Months in advance by Distributions of 60 or 61 Days. These distributions are drawn out by the Paymaster of each Regt. Commanding Officer and after having been examined are countersigned by the Commissary General or his Deputy In these Distributions the Company are charged on the debit side, for the subsistence of the whole Regiment & they are credited & Contra for the Casualties & Non Effectives

Whatever balance may be afterwards due is discharged by an Order from the Governor on the Companys Paymaster General.

I am ignorant what Sums have been paid to the

4984 Fort St. George November 1783

11th. the Kings Troops to the Southward since they left the Presidency, but believe they were paid up beyond the time of their Departure to the end of the running Muster. i.e: Those Troops that were sent in July were paid in advance to 24. August & those which were sent in August & Sept.r were paid to the 24th. October, both Inclusive —

I cannot possibly comprehend that a Sum of 15000 Pagodas can be due for Subsistence, — The Gratuity is intended to put the Kings Troops exactly on the same footing with those of the Company, in point of Pay, & is therefore paid by the Company according to certain rules, — the Officers receive two Months Gratuity at the end of three Musters & the private & new Commissioned Officers receive their Gratuity always one Month in arrears.

I always conceived that Mr. Sullivan had paid to the Kings Troops on account a certain proportion of whatever Money came to his Hands, but as no Army Acct.s have been yet transmitted from the Southward to

the

4985

Fort St. George November 1783

11th the Presidency We are in the Dark as to the real state of what Sums is due to Sullivan order all the Accts of the different Kings Depts serving to the Southward to be made up to a certain day the 24th of October for instance state what has been received & what remains due upon Distributions form'd as above and if Mr Sullivan who now proceeds to Tanjore cannot pay the Subsistance due, the Government here will pay it to your Order on receiving the several Distributions properly signed by the Paym.r & Commanding Officer of each Reg.t & vouched by the Commissary but Mr Sullivan told me that he hoped to be able to pay all the Military Charges to the Southward without drawing upon this Presidency —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Fort St George

11th November 1783

(Signed) John Huddleston

Secretary

Recd

4986 Fort St. George November 1783

10th Received Letter from the Honble Mr Cochrane
of the 31st October (as entered in M.B. N.o)
advising that a French Frigate had arrived at
Tranquebar with Dispatches for M.r de Suffrein.
& must convey a Report that a number of Troops had
arrived at Mauritius

19th Dispatched Letter to Captain Lieut.t Dawes
Commanding at Permacoil as entered in Miscellany
Book &c) informing him that as soon as
the Weather will permit an Engineer will be sent
to point out such works as may be necessary to put his
Fort in a posture of defence in the mean while he is
to put his own Quarters & those of the Paymaster &c
Officers in the best Repair he is able. — Guns & Stores
with a Supply of Money will also be sent him when
the Weather permits

Sent Letter to the Committee of Appointed
Revenue as entered in Miscellany Book N.o)
informing them that the Select Committee do not
think it prudent at this Time to come to any determination
respecting

4987

Fort St. George November 1783

12th respecting the Claims of the Nabob Polygars and Above of the Rajah of Tanjore

At a Select Committee present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President

Friday 14th Novr 1783

Lieutenant General Lang

Alexander Davidson

Anthony Sadleir and Morgan Williams Esqrs

absent upon Service

The Minute of last Committee read & approved

The President communicates to the Committee two Letters which his Lordship has received from Messrs Sadleir and Staunton of the 8 as entered in separate Book with the rest of the Correspondence -

Read the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B

President and Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From General Lanes letter setting forth the Grand state of Affairs now Claimed by the Nabob would have marked when he made Affairs now changed all the Inhabitants have sided with the Enemy necessity of provisions - giving his reasons for not having been before more explicit as to the reinforcement to wished for,

I have consulted with Major Lysaght upon Your Lordships & the Select Committees letter &

4988 Fort St. George 14th. November 1783

to me dated the 19th. instant, which I was honord with
last night. & shall begin with the Strength, and
condition of my Army — By the Major of Brigades
return I have 120 Europeans fit for duty, & 1600 na=
=tives including Havildars. & Naigues — I have collec=
=ted from Nellore Pongole &c. 344 of the 2d. Carnatic
Battn. 81 of Whom are Sick & Wounded so that the
Total Amounts to 1983 fit for duty 215 Sick We
could Wish that the reinforcement consisted of three
Battalions of Sepoys a Company of Artillery 100
Europeans with three hundred Cavalry & 2 Sirpoys with this addition I should think whoever has the honor of Commanding - might perform any Offensive Operations he pleases as to being able to form a junction with the reinforcement that may be sent. we think that by leaving all Our heavy Guns Artillery Baggage Sick &c. it may be performed by keeping the Conjeveram Road & the 2d. Carnatic Battn. to be left in the Fort as a Garrison —

Upon my entering the Combam Country —

I

4989 Fort St. George 11th November 1783

I found Mr. Gardiner & Papah Naigue in possession of it The Former had the Management, the Latter the defence, but to my Astonishment upon my return from Cumerall, found that Papah Naigue had not only gone off without Leave, but had taken almost all the peons intended for the protection of the Country, except upon mustering of them 120. The little Forts were all deserted, not one of them being destroyed, but Yermacoil, & the Enemy has got possession of them, the people all applying to Meer Saib for Cowle — Had I not been delayed at Cumerall by the 24 Peons not Arriving, The little Army I then had would have been Sufficient to have marched any where I pleased but Things are totally changed, the people have found out that its not meant we shall keep the Country, and have all Sided with the Enemy; As to Provisions there is not any Paddy sown and all the dry grain amongst the hills, has either been taken or distroyed by the Enemy, so that any Subsistence for an Army

4990 Fort St. George 14th. November 1783

Army must be got from the Venkatagerry Rajah,
or from Nellore I have made many applycations to
the last place by your Orders but in vain as I was
informed there had not been a grain laid in but
I make no doubt Your Lordship, and the Gentlemen
are acquainted with this circumstance, as well as one
I must Observe, that the few of Papah
Naigues people that are left here I have been to
Obliged to order them provisions or they must
Starve, notwithstanding the great sum of Money
he collected, & Believe the manner that was
done, has not been of Service to the Company's
cause - I have heard nothing of any of the Polygars
since the Affairs of Budewall, except from Paddy
J Barque Naigue the former I did myself
the honor of mentioning to the Select Committee
having taken 126 of his men into the Company's
pay until Your pleasure is known the latter
I have heard tryed to make his peace with Meer Saib

provided

4991 Fort St. George 14th. November 1778

provided he was allowed to keep a fresh grant which had been given him upon Our taking possession of the Country, as well as that he had been drove from, but it was refused, he then when the Enemy advanced near him, wrote to me for a Battelion of Sepoys, and a Brigade of Guns, but when he found that would not be granted, he then offered to join Us, although he had refused coming, when I wrote to him in order to have the Army cleared upon pretending Sickness—

Our Consumption of Rice is five Candy a day & there is for the Army followers &c as they are at present Six weeks provisions in Store

I did myself the honor to inform Your Lordship and the Select Committee with my difficulties as to procuring Salt &c - in my Letter of the 27th. instant which occasioned my sending for the Corps of Irregular Horse & Foot from Nellore

I shall conclude with giving my reasons for

Fort St. George 12th November 1783

for not being more explicit as to the reinforcement I wished Your Lordship & the Committee will be pleased to recollect that I beg'd an additional Number of Artillery men on my being appointed to the Command, there being but ten, not one of whom ever saw Service & their consequence is best too well known in this Country to make it Necessary for Me to say more

When Captain Edwards first entered the Poonbam Country, The Polygars were sufficient to reduce it, if would have done so as they told me, had they not been Stopped having taken the Fort of Dupaid The loss of time by his not having sufficient force to advance into the Cudapah Country, with any delay caused by the 24 Pounders, & the Cessation of Arms taking place, all joind to give the Enemy time to recover from their consternation - Meer Saibs Arrival to their assistance, & the Unhappy fate of the 2d Carnatic Battalion, all of which I dare Suppose would determine Your Lordship & the Gentlemen

to

4993 Fort St. George 11th. November 1783

to Comply on what part you thought proper with my Requi-
-sition as to being surpassed I thought it would seem too
forward, I look like desperation in me even to hint
at the Members I did take the liberty to mention
Some Cavalry their Consequence being next to that
of Artillery at least in my Opinion —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Camp at Combam
29th. October 1783
(Signed) Tho.s Jones
Major General

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Genl. Jones will deliver up the Command of the Army to Major Lysaght

I was honored with yours of the 22d Inst.
last Night, and shall accordingly deliver up the
Command of the Army to Major Lysaght to Morrow
with all the Instructions I have been honored with
from you, Believe me with Respect
Sir
Combam
30th. Oct.r 1783
(Signed) Tho.s Jones
Major General

To

4994 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

&c and Select Committee

President

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Major Lyngh has received the command of the Troops from General Jones no change in their situation - A Detachment sent in search of Salt & other articles out to no purpose - greatly disappointed for Salt.

I have been honored with Your Letter of the 22nd instant. In Obedience there to have this day received the Command of the Troops here from General Jones.

Two days ago General Jones replied to the Queries contained in Your Letter of the 19th inst. to him - & did me the Honor to communicate to me his Answers there to - Which corresponding with my Opinion. I beg leave to refer You to them. No Change has taken place in Our Situation, nor has any thing extraordinary happened since General Jones's last Letter to Your Lordship &c A strong Detachment under the command of Capt.n Brown was Sent out the 29th at night to Some Villages about 12 Miles from Camp - where we had information that Salt & other Articles much wanted might be procured - It returned next day about 9 Clock - after a tedious

and

Fort St. Georges 11th November 1783

and disagreeable march to Cuttlewar as purpose the Enemy having taken care to remove all those Articles that they know we are in want of - to a great distance from Camp - We have Rice & meat Sufficient for between five and Six Weeks consumption but are greatly distressed for Salt an Article the want of which is most severely felt by the Native Troops and Camp followers -

Herewith Cornet Ogilvie forwards a Return State of the detachment with a list of the Ordnance &c in Camp and in the Fort of Comboor

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) Andrew Leighd

Camp at Comboor
31st October 1783

Minute thereon

The President proposes that Copies of the above Letters be immediately sent to Major Cuddon at Chaumbor and in order that no time may be lost that it be suggested to them to make an Agreement with Said Sad by which some important place in the Ceded Country of great value may be immediately delivered up in exchange for Comboor which Letter might at the same time be delivered to them in case such an agreement be

4996 Fort St. George 11th. November 1783

President thinks would put the in other upon an handsome footing and relieve us from all Embarrassment respecting the Troops at Combaw.

The Committee entirely approving of the Presidents proposal request of his hon.ble to write accordingly to Mess.rs Sadleir and Staunton and it is agreed that the following Letter be written to Major Lysaght

To Major Arthur Lysaght
Commanding the Troops
at
Combaw

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 31.st ult.o & the Letter of the 29.th from General Jones to which it refers.

Our Commissioners to Tippoo Sultaun Mess.rs Sadleir & Staunton left this place the 9.th Inst.t & will probably before this time have reached Mohud Ud Deen Rams Camp — One of the first objects of their attention will be the Situation of your Affairs at Combaw where notwithstanding the several Letters & respatches

To Major Lysaght — the Commissioners have set off to Tippoo — stating for the objects of their Embassy — will regularly inform him have the negociation go on Coll. Ramsay is to proceed to him with a reinforcement — in case he should not arrive in time for his relief and that hostilities should continue leave to his discretion the the proper manner to abandon Combaw —

4995 Fort St. George 11th. November 1783

and disagreeable march to little or no purpose the Enemy having taken care to remove all those Articles that they know we are in want of - to a great distance from Camp. — We have Rice & meat Sufficient for between five and Six Weeks consumption but are greatly distressed for Salt an Article the want of which is most severely felt by the Native Troops and Camp. followers —

Herewith You will please to receive a present State of the detachment with a list of the Ordnance Stores &c. in Camp. and in the Fort of Combaur

I have the honor to be

Camp at Combaur
31st. October 1783

(Signed) Arthur Wellesley

The President proposes that Copies of the

Minute thereon

above Letters be immediately sent to Messrs. Sadleir and Staunton and in order that no time may be lost that it be suggested to them to make an Agreement with Seid Saeb by which some important place in the Carnatic of of equal value may be immediately delivered up to us in exchange for Combaur which latter might at the same time be delivered to them on our part such an agreement the

President

4996 Fort St. George 11th November 1783

President thinks would put the in other upon an handsome
footing and relieve us from all Embarrassment respecting
the Troops at Combaum.

The Committee entirely approving of the
Presidents proposal request of his lordship to write
accordingly to Mess.rs Sadleir and Staunton and
it is agreed that the following Letter be written to
Major Lysaght

To Major Arthur Lysaght
Commanding the Troops
at
Combaum

Sir

We have received your Letter of the 31.st Ulto
& the Letter of the 29.th from General Jones to which
it refers.

Our Commissioners to Tippoo Sultaun Messrs
Sadleir & Staunton left this place the 9.th Inst.t &
will probably before this time have reached Mohud
Ud Deen Cauns Camp — One of the first objects of
their attention will be the Situation of your Officers
at Combaum when notwithstanding the several Letters &
repeated

To Major Lysaght — the Commissioners have set off to Tippoo — setting forth the objects of their Embassy — will regularly inform him how the negociation goes on & Lt. Rans is to proceed to him with a reinforcement — in case he should not arrive in time for his relief and that hostilities should continue leave to his discretion the the proper manner to abandon Combaum —

4997 Fort St. George 11th November 1783

repeated declarations of Mohied Ud Deen Cawn of the
Vackeels here very little regard appears to have been paid
by Meer Saibs Son to the cessation of Hostilities —
Our meaning at present is that the Commissioners shou'd
endeavor as soon as possible to make an Arrangement
with Mohied Ud Deen Cawn on the part of his Master
by which as an earnest or proof of good Disposition
& good Faith on both sides some place of importance
in the Carnatic should be delivered up to Us immedia-
-tely on our agreeing in the same manner to deliver
Combaum to his Order — This would settle the Busi-
-ness upon an handsome footing & relieve you from
all your present Difficulties & We are the more
disposed to imagine that it may be effected because We
are informed by the Government at Bengal that Tipsoo
Saib has declared his accession to the Treaty between
Bengal & the Mahrattas by which Treaty he is to quit
the Carnatic within a certain time which is now expired
— You shall regularly hear how this matter proceeds,
but

4998 Fort St. George 14th. November 1783

but at all events Colonel Pearse with a reinforcement
of 3 Bengal Regiments, their Artillery & the
Grenadier Company of the 102d. Reg.t will proceed
to Nellore on his way towards you as soon as the
Weather will permit, it being at present extremely
unfavorable, — some days may elapse before he can
possibly Commence his March —

Colonel Pearse will correspond with
you on his Route & you will concert with him
whether to await his Arrival at Ongole or march
to meet him.

In case no Arrangement such as is
above mentioned should take place for the amicable
delivery of Combam to Meer Saibs Son & that
he should continue his Hostilities & that Coll.
Pearse should not be able to arrive in time for your
relief We must leave to your Discretion the
proper time & Manner to abandon Combam, desiring
Only that you will endeavor to render it as useless as
possible to the Enemy.

The

4999 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

The two 24 Pounders & other Stores which are at Combam you will endeavor to bring with you, if circumstances will permit, but in case that it should be impracticable you will take effectual Care to destroy them.—

We are

Fort St. George
14th Novr. 1783

(Signed) &c
Macartney &c
Select Committee

As General Jones mentions in his Letter of the 29th Ultimo that he found Mr. Gardner in the management of the Commun Country and that a great Sum of Money was collected by Paulpat Naigor, &c. also that the manner in which it had been done had not been of several to the Companys cause, it is agreed that a Letter be written to Mr Gardner to express our surprize at not having heard from him on the subject and to direct him to transmit immediately an account of the Grain and Revenue collected in the Commun Country.—

Agreed

as General Jones mentions having found Mr Gardner in the management of the Commun Country a letter to be written to him expressing our surprize at not having heard from him on this subject and desiring him to send an Account of Grain collected in that Country.—

5000 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

Agreed that the following be written to Colonel Fullarton in answer to his Letter of the 18th Ult.

To Colonel William Fullarton

Commanding the Southern Army

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 18th Ultimo —

The Intelligence from Tellicherry relative to the Capture of General Macleod we gave very little credit to from the beginning but we were so much at a loss to conjecture what coming from such a quarter it might have been the occasion of your acting contrary to the Cessation of hostilities which had been ordered only

As you must have long since received better information & also our Letters of the Oct.r 2d. 3d. Inst.t apprizing you of our Measures & intentions with respect to Tippoo Sultaun, you will have regulated your own conduct accordingly your future ones pieces in this respect must be guided by those of Tippoo Sultaun of which you may obtain authentic Intelligence and by

To Colonel Fullarton — his future measures must be guided by the intelligence he gets of Tippoo's behaviour — and the instructions he may receive from the Commissioners with whom he must correspond — concerned at the distress he seems to expect, but hopes the Southern Districts will furnish resources sufficient for all his wants — the President of Tanjore who is now here will return to the Southward hopes his exertions will produce a good effect drawing a line for the disposal of

5001 Fort St. George 14th. November 1783

by the Information and Instructions transmitted to you from our Commissioners Messrs. Sadleir and Staunton with whom you will correspond as requested in our Letter of the 2d. Instant they left this place the 9th and will probably meet near Sahet Mowd on their Station in the course of this week -

The Distress and Embarrassments which you seem to expect in the event of a recommencement of hostilities not taking place are matters of very serious concern and in a good measure of surprize to us as we should not have consented to so large an Augmentation of your Force but upon strong and repeated Assurances that there would be found very sufficient means to pay, and subsist it - and even more if more would be spared. - The Revenues of Tanjore Trichinopoly, Madura and Tinnivelly &c are resources which with management and Oeconomy We had every reason to expect would supply all the wants of your Army We must still rely upon them & hope they will be

5002 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

be found adequate to the purpose for as to remittances from hence
We have scarcely the means of paying the Troops here and the
Garrisons on this neighbourhood nor have we any certain
prospect of speedy Assistance the Gentlemen of Bengal
Lading given us no such to our negociation: all the
fully acquainted for my matters past with our Situation
respects —

Your last Letter was shewn to the Resident at
Tanjour and he was immediately desired to proceed to the
Southward & use every exertion in his power for your relief
he will probably be there in 8 or 10 Days and We hope
his personal appearance will produce so last effects Respecting
the immediate Disposal of your Army whether to advance
or recede a continue where you now are We can only
offer you an opinion founded on the circumstances before
us If Tippoo does not renew hostilities you are protected
from the first by the Captain of Arms —

If the Corps of the Tanjore Country be so great as
represented the Detaching a force sufficient & necessary
to

Fort St. George 14th November 1783

to protect it will be an essential object the rest of your Army (onderd the whole of it be not necessary to detach for the purpose above mentioned) We wish you to keep together until We know the State of your deputation but if it must be divided you will do it in such manner as shall appear to you best calculated to subsist the Troops and at the same time to collect them again with Expedition and safety

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

Fort St. George
14th November 1783

From Tondeman —

Read Letter from Tondeman of the 29th September and 17th October (as entered in Country Correspondence) representing that he has sent his Vakeel Sourbeya to state the matter regarding which he wrote to the President before — that he relied on the written Assurances of Colonel Braithwait and General Coote as if they had been from the Company and that nothing they had promised would be altered

Minute on Tondeman's Letter —

The President is requested to inform himself minutely of the Conduct of Tondeman relative to the Forts of

5004 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

of Kellanelly Zamindy, which he was directed to restore to the Rajah of Tanjore, if his Conduct therein should be found such as the Board shall approve the President is desired to send him a Khelaat with a proper Letter on the Occasion the Committee are of opinion that Tondeman should enjoy the Revenue while the place continued on his profession, and it is so Resolved accordingly —

Read the following Letter from the Governor General and Council.

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

My Lord & Gentlen

From the Governor Genl. & Council table given the appointment of Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment to Mr. George Tyler, provided the Committee permit him accept of it —

Having received advice of the death of Mr. William Tierney late Paymaster to the Bengal detachment serving in the Carnatic and understanding that Mr. William Tyler a Civil Servant on your Establishment has for some time past assisted him in the Execution of his Office and that he is particularly informed respecting his Accounts with the Company

are

5005

Fort St. George 14th November 1783

we have under the express Provision that you permit him to accept this temporary, and we hope short Trust appointed him Pay Master to that Detachment, and we request you will notify your Acquiescence in this Appointment to Mr. Tyler

We are &c

(Signed) { Warren Hastings
John Macpherson
John Stables

Fort William
the 20th October 1783

Mr George Tyler to be permitted to accept the above appointment

Agreed that Mr George Tyler called for in mistake in the Letter from Bengal be permitted to accept the Office of Pay master to the Bengal Detachment agreeably to the request of the Governor General and Council and We are happy in the Opportunity it affords to promote their Wishes and would be equally so in all others to comply with their desires as far as may be in our power consistently with propriety and with our duty to the Company

The Committee happy in promoting the wishes of the Governor General & Council & would be always equally so when consistent with their duty to the Company

Mr Tyler to be informed of his appointment - & Col. Pearse to be advised of it

Agreed that Mr Tyler be informed of our Acquiescence in his Appointment and that Colonel Pearse be also advised of it

Read

5006 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

Read the following Letters

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Members of the Select Committee

of

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Col. Nixon a man formerly Dubash to Mr. Norris at Trichinopoly has instituted a suit against him - which conceiving to be illegal requesting that the Company's Solicitor may conduct the suit for him -

I was Greatly Surprized to hear last Night from Mr. Popham that an Infamous fellow One Prepauchum Comera Swamy formerly Dubash to Mr. Norris has Actually Instituted a Suit or Suits at Law against me for a Large Sum of Money for Certain Acts Committed by me & Forging him by a General Court Martial on Trichinopoly which I Conceive to be out of the Jurisdiction of any Court in India but a Military One, & having in Several Letters to Your Right Honble President Mentioned Some of the Enormous Crimes with which this fellow Stood Charged & On the 29th of Augt Last Year Transmitted to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee the Specific Crime for which He was Tryd together with the Sentence & my disapproval

of

5007 Fort St. George 11th. November 1783

of the Same, it would be Peculiarly distressing if under Such Circumstances I should be Obliged to Answer any Compaints in a Civil Court after my Conduct had been Reported to Government & having Acted in this Affair as Your & the Honble Companys Comm.g Officer upon the Grounds of Mr. Narris' Complaints I Request that your Lordship &c will be Pleased to Support me & Order the Honble Companys Solicitor to Appears & Conduct the Suit that I may be Relieved from the Expence there of which will Confer a Great favour On -

My Lord & Gentlemen

&c.a

(Signed) Eccles Nixon

To the Right Honble Presedent

and Select Committee

Right Honble Sir, and Sirs,

St. Thome
26th. October 1783

From Lieut. Underwood requests to be invalided with the rank of Captain instead of Lieutenant,

It is this Morning only that I have casually read the General Orders of the 4th. instant, & in which I observe "invalided as a Lieutenant" I must beg

5008 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

beg permission of this Honble Board to remark, that after near thirteen Years in the Service I flattered myself they would have indulg'd me with their humane Consideration permitting my obtaining an additional Rank before they had Resolved upon this Measure respecting All, the Advantages attendant upon which indulgence, are so obvious, as to make a particular enumeration of them unnecessary, & especially, the very comfortable difference on the Pay between the Rank of Captain & Lieutenant, & which my reported Circumstances to the Honble Board some Months ago may oblige me to have recourse to, that it has been very customary for Government to extend the above Indulgence to Officers under the same Circumstances & Condition as I am known in I cannot forbear to observe, & unconscious of deserving a different Fate or treatment I have taken the freedom to make the present representation to the Honble Board.

I am,

5009 Fort S.t George 14.th November 1783

Sam with Respect

&c.

S.t Thome

9.th November 1783

(Signed) Thomas Underwood

Lieut. Invalid

The Committee having considered the request

The Committee cannot comply with the request of Colonel Nixon —

of Colonel Nixon are of opinion they cannot with pro-

priety comply with it or interfere at all in the matter

in question —

Agreed that Lieut. Underwood be informed

Lieut.t Underwood's request cannot be granted —

his request cannot be granted as the giving Officers rank

or order to invalid them is contrary to the orders of the

Company —

Read the following Letters

My Lord

From Mr Ogilvie has purchased a quantity of Rice requesting a supply of cash as with this he would be able to purchase more —

I did my self the honor to write your

Lordship the 26.th on answer to yours of the 20.th — I

now beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that I have

within these two days purchased Eight Thousand Seer

of Rice at Eight seer and a half p.s Rupee, which is

one Seer more for a Rupee than the Buyan price I

have agreed with the same Merchants to purchase

what

3010 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

what ever quantity of rice they may bring here for one
seer more than the Buyer pieces the day they may
arrive which they agreed to the ready money and a
quick sale is a great temptation to them — They
promise to return in Twenty days with three hundred
Bullock load if they do that it will a very consi-
derable supply as each bullock carries upwards
of a hundred seer. If your Lordship can only afford
us a good supply of Cash, I have no doubt but I shall
be able to collect a good Stock of Grain, The Merchants
assures me there are Three thousand Bullocks load of
rice lying on the other Side of the Pannabetherry
Pass ready to come into the Carnatick as soon as
they can come with safety I will send to these Mer-
chants if they what effect a good price if ready money
will have with them.

I have the honor to be
&c.

(Signed) Tho.s E. Ogilvie

Vellore
29th October 1783

Lord

5011

Fort St. George 14th November 1783

Lord Macartney

My Lord

From Mr Lind has sent Rice to Duraspatam for the Detachment under Col. Pearse purposes employing the Bullocks to carry said RE to Cumbum the Renter has promised him a supply of sheep for Col. Pearse's detachment but insists upon giving them at the rate which Mr Lind thinks too high —

On the 5th Instant I was Honored with your Letter without a date, and have in Obedience to Your Lordships Commands dispatched two hundred Bags of Rice to Duraspatam for the use of the Detachment under the Command of Colonel Pearse, I am in hopes that it will arrive safe on the 10th notwithstanding the badness of the Roads and over flowing of the Rivers — I have furnished the Serredar of the Guard with a Sepoy Tent and some Tarpaulins and have also directed Him to take every possible precaution to guard it against the Weather. —

I wrote a Letter to the Comicopoly Stationed at Nistnapatam, directing Him to inquire and acquaint me, whether any Dorys, or Boats could be procured on freight to Pulicat, and received for answer, that none were at that Place nor any expected Being instructed by the Honorable the Select Committee I send a supply of Tamarinds. and Salt to Cumbum without delay

5012

Fort St. George 14th. November 1783

Delay I purpose employing the Bullocks &c (as soon as they return from Durrapatam) upon that Service, which cannot be effected in less than one Month from the day they set out unto they return, being by that expedition deprived of the only resource I had of conveying a small quantity of Rice (the Carriage where of would be extravagantly expensive) to Pulicat Tam in consequence obliged to leave it to your Lordships to adopt such measures for the relief of that Garrison as You may Judge proper.—

I desired the Renter to Collect a quantity of Sheep (for Which little or no expectation of Slaughter Bullocks) in readiness for Colonel Pearses Detachment and if Necessary, I would apply to Captain Campbell for such Guards as He (Tencadarow) might deem requisite to assist his Peons in collecting them He has promised to supply me to the utmost of his ability, but insists upon my granting Him Receipts @ 4½ Sheep per Pagoda, I refused to consent to such a disadvantageous mode of Settlement and gave Him to understand that I would only give Him Receipts for

Five

5013 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

the number received, until I was favored with your
Lordships Sentiments, and decision thereon. — In the
time of Setteram Mr. Turing was supplied with six
Sheep for a Pagoda, and if I am not misinformed, the
the Managers of His Highness the Nabob furnished the
Garrisons in the Carnatic at the rate of 6 Sheep per the
Star Pagoda — I am assured by several Persons that
although the Nellore Districts do not abound in Sheep
that they are not so drained as not to admit of their satisfying
any demands at the above rate —

I shall be careful to reserve sufficient
Sums to defray the monthly payments of the expected
Troops —

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c
(Signed) Wm Lind

Nellore
8th November 1783

Agreed that Mr Ogilvy be informed that
the Committee approve of the purchase he has made of
of Grain and will send him a supply of Cash as the other
numerous demands will permit —

The Committee approve
of what Mr Lind
has done —

Ordered

5014

Fort St. George 11th. November 1783

That part which relates to the price of sheep to be referred to the Committee of Assigned Revenue —

Ordered that the part of Mr. Lind's Letter which relates to the price of Sheep be referred to be settled by the Committee of Assigned Revenue —

Ordered that the following Letter be dispatched to Colonel Fullarton

To Colonel Fullarton
Commanding the
Southern Army

Sir

To Col.o Fullarton, Capt.n Dewar has received permission to resign the Service

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to them of the 21.st Ult.o enclosing a Letter from Capt.n Dewar whom you will observe by the General Orders of the 6.th Instant has received permission to resign the Service; — I am further directed to inform you that Captain Dewar will agreeably to your recommendation be mentioned in favorable terms to the Honble the Court of Directors,

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

Fort St. George
12.th Nov.r 1783

An

Fort St. George 14th November 1783

Ordered that it remain to be delivered to the Commander in Chief that may arrive from England

An Official Letter addressed to General Stuart arrived yesterday from the Southward and is now opened and found to be from Colonel Stuart enclosing a Return of the 78 Regiment — Ordered that the Letter remain in the Office to be delivered to the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Troops that may arrive from England —

The Commander in Chiefs recommendations for vacancies to be filled up

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following recommendations for filling up of Vacancies which are accordingly agreed to

List of vacancies

Vacancies in the Army recommended to be filled up — as follows

Ensign Benjamin Bayly to be Adjutant of the 1st Batt.n 1 Reg.t Vice Oliver promoted

Ensign Middleton McGhee to be Quarter Master of the 2.nd Batt.n 2.d Reg.t Vice Torrens

Ensign Hew Buchan to be Adjutant of the 1.st Carnatic Batt.n Vice Fraser —

Ensign Henry Darley to be Adjutant of the 1.st Carnatic Batt.n Vice Dalrymple —

5016 Fort St. George 11th November 1783

Lieutenant Lewis Smale to be Adjutant
of the 16th Carnatic Battn Vice Ox.

Ensign Edward Mark Gosth to be
Adjutant of the 17th Carnatic Battn Vice Stewart.

Ensign Abednego Mathew to be
Adjutant of the 22nd Carnatic Battn Vice Halcott.

Lieut.t Wm Wilson to be Adjutant
of the 3d Circar Battn Vice Anderson

Lieut.t Jas Mackeeras to be Adjutant
of the 8th Circar Battn Vice Meulk.

Ensign Thomas Fenn to be Fort
Adjutant of Masulipatam Vice Dommineatte

Ensign Davd Blair to be Fort Adjt
Adjutant of Vellore Vice Fenn

Ensign Bonth.e Lebrie to be Fort Adj.t
of Ganjam Vice Rice

Ensign Alex.r Allan to be Fort
Adj.t of Tanjore Vice Swaine

Lieut.t Edward Torgeson to be Fort
Adjutant of Trichinopoly Vice Atwood

Lieut.t Thomas Hart to be Adjutant of
the 20th Carnatic Battn Vice Muirhead.

Lieut.t

5017 Fort St. George 14th. November 1783

Lieut.t Charles Smart to Command the

3.d Batt.n of Tanjore Sibindy Vice Knox.

Lieut.t John Bennerman to Command

the 4th. Batt.n of Tanjour Sibindy Vice White

Lieut.t Ross Lang to Command the

Vizagapatam Sibindy Vice Russell.

(Signed) Ross Lang

Mr. Falk permitted to come to the Presidency

Agreed that Mr. Falk the pay master at Trichinopoly be permitted to come to the Presidency.

Mr. George Master appointed an Assistant at Tanjore

Agreed that Mr. George Sulivan Master be appointed an Assistant at Tanjour

An Indent for Timber from the Paymaster at Chinglepeut

Read Letter from the pay master at Chinglepeut (as entered in Miscellany Book N.o) enclosing an Indent for Timber.

The President to give Orders about sending the Timber

The President is requested to give Orders about sending the Timber to Chinglepeut

Read Letter from Meer Mohundeer Cauns (as entered in Country Correspondence) forgiving the sendsing of the Commissioners to him that when they arrive every thing consistent with friendship shall be done that if the peace should be accomplished it is well and

Fort St. George 11th November 1783

and if not they the Commissioners shall be sent back to Madras with a proper Escort and every Attention that that this his Letter must be considered as a certain Assurance and faithful promise that as to establishing a Tappy the Company might fix there as far as Changamah Ghaut and the Circar would have one from that place to wherever the Nabob Tippoo Sultan render — that as to passports from Tippoo Sultan his Army is at a great distance but he Mohideen Caun has written for them and they will be here soon — that all he has written must be Considered as faithful Assurances and Engagements and the Commissioners be sent to the Army without any doubts — that what he has written must be looked upon as a Cowle —

The President sent the above Letter be soon as it was received to the Commissioners —

The President informs the Committee that he had sent the Letter from Mohun Dass, as soon as it was received to Messrs Sadleir & Staunton, as no time was to be lost in transmitting it

5019 Fort St. George 14th November 1783

it by a Conveyance

5020

Fort S.t George November 1783.

14.th Dispatched Letters of this date as entered on the Miscellany Book.

To John Turing Esquire Military Paymaster General as entered in Sec.t B.y Sec.t desiring him to deliver over to William Burke Esq.r Paymaster of his Majestys forces, the several original distributions for Subsistance which have been received from the Paymasters of the respective Regiments.

To Colonel Andrew Gordon or Officer Commanding his Majestys 101.st Regiment as entered in Sec.t B.y Sec.t enclosing him a Copy of a Letter received from Ensign James Campbell, and to request he will give the Board every information to Possession on the Subject therein contained.

To James Anderson Esq.r Surgeon General as entered in Sec.t B. Sec.t informing him that they have adopted an Arrangement proposed by the Surgeon Major regarding a regulation for the Station of Surgeons in Camp and requesting his Opinion thereon.

To Capt.n William Goreland acknowledging the receipt of his Letter of the 7.th Instant and informing him that the Contents of it will be Submitted to the Honble Court of Directors

who

Fort St George November 1763.

14 who will be desired to settle the value of the Ships
Prince William in England with the owners.

To Col Pearse as entered on MB.

Sp / informing him of the Appointment by the
Govnor General and Council of Mr George Tyler
as Paymaster to his Detachment.

To Mr George Tyler as entered
on MB. Sp approving of his Appointment by the
Govnor General & Council of Paymaster to Bengal
Detachment.

To the Military Paymaster Genl.
/as entered in MB. Sp / enclosing them an Extract
from the Select Committee respecting the expences
of the deputation to Tippoo Sultaun.

To Mr Jackson Commissary
to the Army / as entered in MB. Sp / informing
him of having granted the allowance of Full
Batta to his Majesty's 36th Regiment.

To Mr Wedderburn Paymaster
to the Army on the same Subject

15 Dispatched the following Letters

The Honble Warren Hastings

Letter to Bengal approving
of Mr Tylers Appointment
to the Paymaster Ship of
the Bengal Detachment

Governor General & Council at

Fort William

Gentlemen,

Have to acknowledge
the

5022

Fort St. George November 15th 83.

15 The receipt of your Letters of the 15th & 20th Ulto in the latter requesting our Concurrence for Mr. Taylor's acceptance of the Paymastership of the Bengal Detachment to which you had appointed him we are happy to shew our disposition to promote your wishes upon this occasion, & we shall be equally ready on all others to Comply with your desires as far as may be in our power consistantly with Prosperity & with our duty to the Company We shall signify to Colonel Pearse the Appointment of Mr. Tyler we beg leave to enclose an extract from a General order, which We have lately found it necessary to publish here, and request you will be pleased to direct it to be published at your Presidency,

We have the Honor to be

Gentlemen,

Your most Obd. Servants

(Signed) Macartney

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
Nov. 15. 1783.

To John Peter Auriol Esq. Secretary

at Fort William (as entered Mil. Sec.) desiring he will Obtain from the Proper Officer there and transmit them with a Statement of each Sums of

5028 Fort St George November 1783

15th of Money as have been advanced to Captain
Honeyborne of the 102d Regiment on Account of
two Companies of that Regiment lately there.

To Colonel Rumbold & Wagenheim

as entered on M.B. No / Acknowledging the receipt
of their Letter of 4th Instant and to inform you
that have been pleased to allow an Contract
Hospital for his Majestys 15th and 16th Hanoverian
Regiments.

To Major Fraser M.B. No

Acknowledging the receipt of his Letter of the
6th Instant and informing him that if Captain
Rumley was actually deceased at the time of his
Promotion that Major Logaghlt as well as
himself should rank from the 25th June
last

To Thomas Davis Esqr

Surgeon Major with the Army

Letter to Mr Davis
have adopted the
Arrangement proposed
by them of Surgeon &
Assistant Surgeons
for the Army

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President & Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter to them of the 2d Instant
& to inform you that they have been pleased to
adopt the Arrangement thereon proposed of

Surgeon

Fort St. George November 5th 83

5024

15 Surgeon & Asst Surgeons for the Army.

The Surgeon General has accordingly been desired to point out the Stations to which those Surgeons should be sent who will in consequence of that arrangement be recalled from the Army & the Asst Surgeons whom he may recommend to be appointed to the Field in their room.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most Obed Servant

(Signed) J. Huddleston Secy

Fort St. George

15th Novr 1783.

To Lieut Hart (as entered on) M.B. 87

granting him a Bill on Bengal for the Amount of the Bond which he received from the Factors at Tellicherry

To Colonel Sterling Commanding His Majesty's 36 Regt (as entered on M.B. 87)

informing him of being granted the allowance of full Batta to his Regt

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue (as entered in M.B. 87) enclosing an Account Current between the Paymaster at

Fort St George November 1783

15th to Millers and the afsigned Districts

To Lieutenant Colonel Harper

as entered in MB No.) acknowledging the
receipt of his Letter of the 30th Ultimo and enclosing
an extract from the Minutes of the Select Committee

To the Comptroll Warehouse
Keeper and Military Paymaster General (as
entered in MB No.) enclosing an extract
from the Minutes of the Select Committee

16 Received a Letter from Mr Cockrane,
dated the 10th Novemr with Intelligence as
lodged in the Office.

17 From Captain Loveland as entered in
MB No.) regarding the Board to take the
Papers before them, regarding the Ship Prince
William into Consideration

Received the following Letter from
Colonel Nixon.

Dear Sir,

Letter from Col Nixon enclosing the crime and Sentence enclosed in his Letter of 29th Augt 1782.

I enclose you the Crime &
Sentence which was enclosed in my Letter of the 29th
August 1782 (which by some Accident has been
Mislaid in some of the Offices) I beg therefore
You

Fort St George Novemr 1783

17th you will be pleased to acquaint my Son with
the being now sent for his Information.

I am Dear Sir
Your very Truly
(Signed) Eccles Nixon

St Thome
Novr 17th 1783.

August

Crime: Comm Swearing Dubash Confined by
Lt Col Nixon on Complaint of Mr Nowes for
attempting to defraud him of a Bond to the
Amount of 4000 Star Pagodas. For defrauding him
in his Accounts, for hiring People to give Medicine
to a young Infant with an intent to kill it
of which Medicine it died. And for ordering
Medicines to be prepared for Mr Nowes which
was given his Butler to be put in any
Victuals or Liquor he might eat or Drink.

Sentence Revers 9th August 1782

The Court having reconsidered the evidence
for and against the Prisoner is of Opinion
he is guilty of the Two first charges exhibited
against him Viz. an Attempt to defraud Mr
Nowes of a Bond and defrauding him in
Several

Fort St George Novemr. 5th 1783

5027

17th Several Accomplts. They do therefore Sentence him
to pay to Mr. Norris 1500 Pagodas he is also
to appoint two People who are with two
appointed by Mr Norris to examine all the
Accomplts between them, & what the prisoner
is indebted to Mr. Norris he is to pay whatever
Sum he owes and is then to be released and
all his Goods are to be restored to him. They
Acquit him of every other charge brought against
him —

Colonel Nixon is under the necessity
of remarking upon the above Sentence that
it fully appears on the Evidence of Mr Norris
Servt Narain & the prisoners Boy that the
bond of 4000 Pagodas was executed by the prisoner
with an Intention to defraud his Master upon
which point the Sentence is not sufficiently
Explicit as it only orders the Prisoner to refund
1500 Pagodas. It further appears the Prisoner
had defrauded his Master in his Accomplts of
which he is found guilty on the Sentence revised
which Sentence the Colonel is of Opinion ought
ought to be the only one recorded Nevertheless
the first Sentence stands on the face of the
Proceedings and the Colonel observes that in
the

Fort St George Novem.r 5.th 1783

5028

17.th The Course of the Trial the Proofs and Confession
Signed and fully acknowledged by the Prisoner
before them and Several others is read and mentioned
Notwithstanding their written Informations are
Set down for all those Reasons he declares It as
his Opinion that the Sentence is not proper
being more mild than the nature of the Prisoners
Crime merited he Censured Therefore A Sentence fit
Crime August 9.th 1782.

Venkatachelum Pune to Mr. Morris Confined
by Lt. Colonel Nixon on Complaint of Mr Morris
for employing a Physician to administer
Poisonous Medicines to a Child of his for wanny
violence to the Child from the effects of which
it died, and for giving Poisonous Medicines to
his Girl and Butler to be administered to him
in any thing he might eat or Drink.

Sentence. The Court having attentively
considered the evidence for and against the Prisoner
as well as what he has urged in his Defence
is of Opinion he is Guilty of the Two first
Charges exhibited against him Viz.t employing
a Physician to Administer Poisonous Medicines
to

5029

17th to a child of Mr Norris, and using violence to the Child from the effects of which it died They do therefore Sentence them to receive at each Gate of the Fort 200 Lashes on their bare backs in the usual Manner by the Drummers of the Fifth and to be Dismissed with a Shilling round their Necks The Court Acquit them of the other Charges brought against them Venkatachellum Pannia Sentence is Approved which the Colonel looks on as rather Severe Considering he acted under the Dubashes orders he therefore Remits one hundred lashes at each Gate and orders that he may receive only 200 at each of the Several Gates of the Fort which are to be inflicted the 18 Instant in the Morning in the presence of the Town Mayor and a party from the Main Guard.

John North
Depy Adjt Genl

Received Letter from Hanible Basil Cochrane dated 4th Novem.r with Intelligence & lodged in the Office.

18th Received Letter from the Paymaster

5030

18th Paymaster at Madura has entered in Mr B. Sec.y
receiving an Indent of Cloathing for the
Lascars

Received the following Letters

My Lord

Letter from Mr Sullivan has applied for Supplies & Rice for his followers from the Public Store & Bungle Punch

The long detention at this place of the Gentlemen returning with me to the Southward has necessarily compelled us to apply for Supplies of Rice for our followers from the public Store here. There being now for private Sale the same cause has operated with equal force upon five French Gentlemen who were proceeding from Madras to Pondicherry their necessities like ours could only be relieved from the public Store and from a conviction of this Captain Patterson & Mr Farmer have complied with our common requests as this has and may further reduce the Garrison Stock of provisions I have consulted with Mr Farmer about the Means of replacing the quantity we have consumed That

5031

Fort St George Novem^{r} 5th 83

I That Gentleman will have the honor of
Acquainting your Lordship that he can
send conveyance to the Presidency for a
greater quantity & he will further complain
his Means & resources — The rain has been
[illegible] contents this morning then for many days
past & I am not without hope of being able
to pass the river tomorrow —

I have the honor to be with
great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Lordships most obed^{t}
& faithfull humble
Servant
(Signed) John Sullivan

Chengalpaut
18th Nov^{r} 1783

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
Governor
Fort St George

My Lord.

Letter from Paymaster
at Chengalpaut informing
[illegible] Mr Sullivan has
left forth in the above
Letter —

W Sullivan the Resident
at

Fort St George. Novem 5th 13

5032.

S of Lanyon with some other Gentlemen returning
to their Stations to the Southward arrived here
the 12th Instant on which day the rains set
in with such a fall of Water as to render the
Pallear impossible in the course of a very few
hours, five French Gentlemen on their way
to Pondicherry are detained here on the like
occasion - this unforseen event has occasioned
Mr Sullivan and his Suite as were of the
French Gentlemen to apply to the Commanding
Officer and myself for a Supply of rice for
their escort of Public and private followers
considering Mr Sullivans presence at Tanjore
of importance to the public Service and the
French Gentlemen returning to Pondicherry
as a National attention & that necessity alone
induced their Gentlemen to make this
request their requisition was complied
with on presumption none was told on the
Bazar at the same time I presented to Mr
Sullivan the large Draft it / make
on the public Store who acquainted me he
would replace it from Madras which I can
send

5033

Fort St. George 7br 18 1783

1st Lond barriage for as well as some on the
Companys Account during the time the Pallor
may remain unfitt for Service which will be adding
the Public Stock hereof as to enable me to send
a further supply to Pennacoil on return of
fair weather

A monthly return of Recd &c
for October is transmitted to the Agent as
usual

I have the honor to be with
real esteem

My Lord,

Your Lordships
Most Obedient & most
Humble Servant

Thos. Saner
Paymr.

Chinglepatt
18th Novemr 1783

Recd Letter from Captain
Dawes Commanding at Pennacoil as entered
in A B No 1 giving an Account of the
Damages done to that Fort by the late
rains

Recd.

Fort St George Novem.r 17.th 93

5034

18.th Received Letter from Messrs.rs Thompson and Bayley as entered in M.B. No.) representing the impossibility of their proceeding to the Presidency.—

Received the following Letter from Mr. Hepperley

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Letter from Mr. Hepperley transmitting a Letter from Mr. Hutchenson dated at Anjengo the 4.th instant to your Lordship &c.

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship &c.a letter which I received under Cover of Mr. Hutchenson dated Anjengo the 4.th instant

The Tappals of this day which have just arrived bring no Intelligence of Colonel Fullarton nor have I heard that any Intelligence has been received since the Army was at Aramakoo on the 27.th Ult.o

I have the honor to be with Great respect

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most faithfull & Obed.t Servant
(Signed) Lane Hepperley

Tanjore
16.th Nov.r 1793
10 P.M.

Fort St George Novem.r 1783.

5035

10th

To John Hutchinson Esq.r

Resident &

Mr. Arthur Ewing

Factor at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

Letter from the Marquis de Bussy acknowledges the rec.t of this Bra.ch Letter by Mr Rivaud & will settle the police of Pondicherry with that Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 10.th Instant Since when about eight hundred of his Majestys Troops have been Landed at this Place from the Squadron under the Command of Sir Richard Bickerton who after having disembarked them sailed again from Mangalore General Macleod accompanying him Thither with a Quantity of Provisions but for what intent we know not.—

We are &.a &.a

Pondicherry
24.th Oct.r 1783

(a true Copy)

Lawrence Shaw
Secry

Mr Forde
G Patterson

(True Copy) J.C. Hopkinsley

To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Madras

Gentlemen

Mr George Isaac Hopkinson

Fort S. George Novemr. 5th 83

5036

10th when you have appointed Commissary on the part of the English East India Company to reside at this place & to consult on the subject of the Regulations respecting Commerce which it may be necessary to frame in consequence of the late Treaty of peace, has delivered to me the Letter which you have done me the honor of writing to me on that Subject; — he will agreeably to your Instructions negociate with M. Monneron Commissary & Intendant of the Kings Troops with respect to Commerce, & the preservation of the Polices at Pondicherry till that place shall be formally restored to the French. —

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Pondicherry 17th Novr 1783 } —

Your very humble &
Most Obed Servant
Signed Bussy

From Captain Osborne Commanding at Vellore, as entered on M.B. No 1 informing of his having sent a detachment of Sepoys & Sepoys to join the Commissioners of Sepoys Lallaum. —

5037

Fort St. George 20th Novem.r 1763

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble G. Lord Macartney K.B.

Sam.l Gen.l Rob.t Lang

Alexander Davidson

Thursday
20th Nov.r 1763. } Anthony Sadleir & Morgan Williams Esq.rs

Absent upon Service

The Minutes of last Committee read &

approved.

Read the following Letter from Capt.n

Gowland

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

K.B. President & Govern.r &c.

Members of the Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have this day received Mr.

Secretary Sheddalls Letter of the 14th Instant—

which informs me that your Lordship &c.rs are

resolved that the whole project of the Loss of the

Ships ferwice Hellcon shall be stated to the

Honble the Court of Directors by the fourth

dispatch—

I cannot my Lord & Gentlemen

Submit

5038 Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

Submit to a reference home on this Occasion as I know my owners expect that I should settle this point on the Spot — and have with that view left with me the necessary powers on the occasion —

I have therefore to request the Determination of the Honble the Select Committee whether you will be pleased to settle the Loss of the Prince William here — or refer me to Mr. John Sullivant, to receive from him under his undertaking to that effect — in the latter case I request that your Lordships &c. will be pleased to order, that the Original Papers — which I have had the honour of Submitting to the perusal of the Right Honble President be returned to me —

I have the honour to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
& Humble Servant
(Signed) W. Gowland

Fort St. George 17th 1783. —

It would appear from the foregoing Letter that Captain Gowland has mistaken the Meaning of the Committee which was only to refer the Subject to the Court

5039

Fort S.t George 20.th Novem.r 1783

Court of Directors to decide whether or not the
owners of the Ship Prince William are entitled
to the value of her Cost as expressed in the remarks
of the 4.th to Settle the value with them and
this reference is indispensably necessary as we
think it probable that the vessel may have
been erased in which case the Company will
only have to make good the difference between
the Insurance and the real value Resolved
that an answer be written to Capt.n Gowland
agreeably to the above minute and that the
Papers be returned to him after Attested Copies
of them shall have been taken.

Read the following Letter

John Huddleston Esq.r

Sir

I some considerable time ago Mr. Peter
Baltzer presented a Memorial to Government
concerning a certain Claim which was accordingly
referred to the Company's Attorney General,
and as I understand a Report has been made
by him Acknowledging the justice of the same
I am to desire that I have an Attorney for the said
Mr.

5040 Fort St. George 20th Nov. 1783

Mr Bathgate received several Letters from him intimating his reliance on my having Memorialed from Government the Amount of his and Brand's Salaries to the attention of the Board to their Meetings has prevented their attending to his Business. Both Smith were there yesterday, Sir, request the favor of them to direct an immediate Settlement of it, being of great importance to the Party concerned.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servant
John Mungles

Madras
10th Nov.r 1783.

(Signed)

Ordered to lie for Consideration till the next Meeting the Secretary to collect the Papers that relate to the Claim on questions that the Committee may then finally determine regarding it.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee the following Letter to him from Colonel Nixon.

To Lieut.t General Lang

Sir

I am requested by Lt Colonel Sterling

5041 Fort St. George 20th Novemr. 1783

Having to beg that you will be pleased to
Give Your orders to the Agent respecting the
Provisions and Arrack to be Issued to the 36
Regiment in Consequence of the orders of the
Select Committee for that purpose which the
Troops have not been acquainted to Mr. Brereton by
as will Appear by the enclosed Which Joins
them, I also beg leave to inform you that it is
Positively necessary to make some repairs to
the Lascars of both Men and Officers Lines and
the Dye, the Barracks of the 36th. Regiment
having fallen in three places & some of the
Soldiers narrowly escaped with their Lives
being much bruised & Wounded one Man of the
101st. Regiment was killed by a Beam falling
on them and many places Inhabited by the
Soldiers is in great Danger of falling for
want of the Poles being regularly laid, which
might be soon done at a small expence —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant

(Signed) Eyre Coote

St. Thome
Novr. 18th 1783.

I agree that an extract of that
part of the foregoing Letter which relates to
the

5042

Fort S.t George 20.th Novem.r 1783

The Lascars at Ft Thomé and the Sick the sent to the Commandant of Works with directions to cause them to be supplied as soon and as effectually as possible

Read the following Letter

My Lord & Gentlemen

This Morning about 8 oClock two Breaches were made in the Works of this Fort by the Enemy one near the northwest angle the other in the Centre Bastion of the East face both very extensive and perfectly easy of Access - I am doing every thing in my Power towards making a temporary repair till I have the honor to receive further Instructions on that head the Ditch is now tolerably full, so they Shall Settle to defend even if an enemy were near me - The Southwest Angle Bastion is in a very bad Situation I am of Opinion that two days moderate rains will totally overwhelm it to the Ground -

I am the honor to be

with Great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your

3043

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

Your most Obedient &
most humble Servant
B. Vigors
Dep. Comm.

Tripassore
16th Novr 1783.

John Hudleston Esqr
Military Secretary

Sir

I beg you will be pleased
to acquaint the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee that the Rains have ma
lately considerably breaches in the Wall of
Fort - one in the same place where Tripassore
made a breach in the Year 1785 - the other
adjoining to the breach made last year by
the Rains, and as the Weather still continues
to wear as unfavorable aspect for completing
any what further damage may yet be done
If his Lordship & Hon'ble should be pleased to
order me to repair the Wall, I believe I should
be able to accomplish it in Less than three Months
but it will be necessary that I have a
Supply of Cash, and am provided to pay
the Coolies half in Rice -

I have

marked
spared
the
Sub
the
5

3044

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

I have the honor to be

Tripassore
16th Novr 1783

Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
Robert Woolf
Engr.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be
directed to order an Engineer to Tripassore to
examine into and report the damage done
and repairs necessary to the Works and that
after such report shall have been received
all the Coolies and Lascars that can be
spared from the Army be sent to assist
in those repairs which will be a saving of
considerable expence to the Company

The President lays before the
Committee the following Letter to his Lordship
from the Marquis de Bussy with the draft
of the answer proposed to be returned to it

To Lord Macartney
Governor of Madras

My Lord

As a further proof of the
Candor

5045 Fort St George 20th Novemr 1783

Candor which will always regulate my Actions,
and that the Collector of your Customs may
not have the smallest reason for complaint; -
I have the honor to inform you that I have
at last with great care trouble & expence
procured about 1200 Loads of Rice Paddy &
different Sorts of Grain for the Subsistance
of the poor People and the other Inhabitants
of this Town who are distressed. - This small
Supply is only at the distance of one days
Journey from Pondicherry & our Rowlies have
undoubtedly orders to collect the duties
upon it but I beg to appeal to you the
representation which I had the honor of
making to you in my last Letter relative
to the duties of the people & the enormous
State of the Country. - I wish with you to
know whether these articles of Subsist-
ence ought for the present to be exempted
from all duties, or whether the taxes ought
not at least to be much reduced with
respect to the other articles included in
this Supply, such as Cloth &c.

I submit

5046

Fort St. George 20th. Novemr. 1783

I submit to your Lordships whether as not
being absolutely necessary for the Subsistance
of the people your Creditors shall receive
the customary duties upon them.

I have the honor to be with
distinguished Consideration
Sir
Your Lordships
Pondicherry
10th Novr. 1783.
very humble &
most Obdt. Servant
(Signed) Bussy

To Mr. de Bussy

Sir,

In my letter to you of the 8th Instant
I had the honor of mentioning to you that the
Renter in whose District Pondicherry is
placed, should be invited to forbear from
that Conduct which your mention in your all
as reprehensible and he has accordingly been
written to, but from the tenor of your last
letter it would seem that you had not been
Profess

5047

Fort St. George 20th Novem 1793

perfectly informed of the present State of the Carnatic —

The whole Country has been
rented out to Individuals, at certain stipula=
=ted rates, which the Tenants have engaged
to pay, so that in fact an exemption from the
usual Duties, if granted to any one would
be an imposition to those Tenants, unless
they themselves were desposed to dispense
with it — Indeed the Duties which you mention
upon 1200 Bullock loads of Provisions are
so small, that it could scarcely be worth your
while to solicit a Pass-port for them — It
was not necessary to represent to me the
misery of the people occasioned by the —
devastation of Hyder Aly Khan — I feel it
most sensibly very near me and like the duty
of my Station as well as my own inclination
to alleviate it by every Honest means but it
is by very different ones than a Partial —
remission of Trifling Imposts that a ruined
Country is to be restored to prosperity and
happiness, indeed even were it just —
towards the Renters, I dislike to Sanction
at any time, yet infinitely more would
those

Fort St. George 20th Novemr. 1783.

5048

never at present from any Attempts to tamper with the Revenue or Encroach upon the long established Customs upon the interior Provinces of the Country — such an Event have we shewn to them that the Inhabitants of Madras now pay the same in Land Duties as formerly and even the Provisions for our Hospital are not exempted from them — you must therefore see be sensible of the many Embarrassments & Inconveniences that would result from such an Indulgence as you wish to desire, — however to mark our personal consideration for you, Sir & a particular Attention to your Application we are disposed for this once to make an exception — & Directions have been accordingly given to the Renters on whose Districts the 1200 Bullock Loads of Provisions have been stopped to permit them to pass free from any duties whatsoever — I shall endeavour by some means or other to recompence them for the Loss he may sustain by it — From the Friendly & liberal Conduct which I have observed in all my Proceedings

5049

Fort St George 20th Novemr 1783

I proceed next towards you and your Nation I am
persuaded you will do justice to my Sentiments
and believe me to be with the most distinguished
consideration —

Sir
Your Most Obedient &
Most humble Servant
(Signed)

Fort St George
Novr 18th 1783 —

The Committee entirely approve the
foregoing draft to Mr de Bussy —

The President lays before the Committee
the following Note and enclosure from Hrs
Highness the Nabob —

Hrs Highness the Nabob Wallajah &c &c &c

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

My Lord

My Body Guard being out
of want of Sundry articles I enclose your
Lordship a list of them, and Shall be request
You will be pleased to order the same to be
delivered

Fort St. George 26th Novemr. 1783

5050

Delivered out of the Company's Stores, and to be
placed to my Account as usual

Whatcan Loaymore

Chepauk 17th Gethige
1197 or 13th Novemr 1783.

Indent of Articles wanted from the Honble Company's
Stores for the use of his Highness the Nabobs Body Guard

Carbines	200
Buff Sword Bandeliers	200
Carbine Slings	200
Swords	200
Belly Boxes	200
Drum Hoops	40

Indent of Articles wanted from the Honble Company's Stores
for the use of his Highness the Nabobs Body Guard.

	Swords	Carbine Slings	
Carbines	200	200	
Buff Sword Bandeliers	200		None in Store
Carbine Slings		200	Ditto
Swords	200	200	
Belly Boxes	200		Ditto
Drum Hoops	40		Ditto

(Signed) H Bedford Comy
Stores

Fort St George
14th Novr 1783 A true Copy
P Hurlestone Secry

5051

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783.

Sudent of Artillery wanted from the Manille Corps Estimate for the use of his Highness the Nabobs Body Guard.—

Carbines		200	200
Buff, Sword Bandeliers	200	"	Nonе on Hand
Carbine Slings	200	"	Ditto
Swords		200	200
Belly Boxes	200	"	Ditto
Drum Hoops	40	"	Ditto

Fort St George
14th Novr 1783

H Bedford
Comm.y
Stores

The President informs the Committee that in consequence of the above order he gave directions to the Town Major which with the result he now communicates to the Committee on the following report.—

Report

On the 14th Instant Lord Macartney delivered to me an Order which he has received from his Highness the Nabob for Arms & Accoutrements for his Body Guard

and

Fort St George 20th Novem.r 1783

and directed me to Enquire what the Company's Stores Could Spare of the Articles mentioned therein, - Accordingly Obtained the Accompanying Account from the Commissary of Stores & delivered it to his Lordship who desired me to send for Mootoo Vustna / Dubash to his excellency Amaar ul omrah who had brought the Indent to him / and after shewing him Captain Beaford's report to Acquaint him in answer to the Nabob's application that he had given me orders to Supply the Arms &c which his Highness required of the Body Guard upon an equal number of Unserviceable ones being delivered in their room this made being Conformable to the uniform practice of the Service which is not to issue any new arms or Accoutrements except in exchange for those reported unfit I delivered this Message to Mootoo Vustna and Added that as the Company's Stores had been greatly drained as appeared by Captain Beaford's Report, his Lordship trusted his highness would take

a1

Fort St George 20th Novemr 1793

as far down from thence as Sopsolla Moodoo

Kestnah requested that the Nabob had no

Arms &c to return in exchange for those

he had Indented for as they were Intended

for men whom his Highness had lately raised

and that the worst Horsemen had at present

Swords & Shields & Bands and Long Pikes are

meant to be given to the Infantry Sepoys

employed as Guard over the Nabob and his

Family. — Remembrancer the above Circumstances

to Lord Macartney, and afterwards returned

and acquainted Moodoo Kistnah that the

Nabob had applied for arms expressly

for his Body Guard which consisted of

about 100 Men, and that if a part, or a

whole of these Arms &c were unserviceable

or wanted repair, his Lordship has

directed that new ones from the Arsenal

should be served out Immediately in

exchange for them, that he knew of no

new Troops his Highness had raised, &

that he conceived they could not be

necessary

5054

Fort St. George 20th. November 1793

necessary as all the Company Troops were for the protection and security of his Highness's Person and of the Country and that of additional Guards were wanted at any time they would be instantly ordered for either of those purposes which has been & would always be the constant objects of this Lordships Care and attention.—

Mootoo Kistna received this answer and returned to the Nabob.—

Fort St. George 17th Nov. 1793.— (signed) W. Sydenham Town Majr.

The President desires to bring to the recollection of the Committee that on January last he delivered in a list of the Troops kept up by the Nabob in the Black Town and Environs of Madras and the proceedings in the following Papers shewing at one view the number at that time & the Number now kept up by which it will Appear that have been entertained since January last and that

the

5045 Fort St. George 20th Novemr 1783

The Nabobs Troops in these Invasions now
Amounts to near 9500 Men & the Monthly
expence to Ps 86697-

State of the Troops with the Highness the Nabob and his Family

| | Monthly Expence | When Stationed | Cavalry | | |

5056 Fort St. George 20. Novemr. 1783

at Madras on the 26th December 1782 and 2d Novemr 1783.—

Artillery										Horse										Infantry										

5057

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

An Abstract and Amount of the Monthly Expences of the Nabobs and Sircars Troops

			Numb.	Total Troops	Pay. p. Mo.
Cavalry		Commandants	5		250 —
		Subidars	12		360 —
		Jemidars	45		450 —
		Serjeant	1		9 —
		Hauldars	49		294 —
		Naigues	52		260 —
		Pachuels	15		75 —
		Drummers	14		42 —
		Private Horsemen	872	1065	2660 — 4406 —
		Receive one Rupee each extraordinary			
Artillery		Commandants	1		30 —
		Subidars	4		64 —
		Jemidars	14		63 —
		Hauldars	22		60. 25
		Naigues	22		47. 19
		Drummers	10		30 —
		Private	330	403	495 — 709. 40 —
Infantry		Commandants	3		90 —
		Subidars	23		368 —
		Jemidars	57		229. 25
		Hauldars	79		217. 15
		Naigues	74		170. 10
		Pachuels	5		25 —
		Drummers	25		63 —
		Private	770	1038	1155 — 2317. 12 —
		Total Number of Troops & Expence	2499		7507. 37 —
		170 Horses at 7 Pags. each Monthly			1190 —
		170 Horses 2499 Troops Monthly expence. Total Pay.			8697. 37 —

Fort St. George
3 Novem. 1783.

The

5053 Fort S. George 20.th Novem.r 1763

The Committee entirely approve of the directions given by the President to the Town Major and of the answer made to the Nabobs Application thro' his Servant Moodoo Krishna and it is resolved that no more Arms be delivered on future to the Nabob but on the receipt of an equal number of old unserviceable Arms on lieu of them.

5.th It is Matter of very serious concern to the Committee to observe that the Suspicions of the President which he communicated several times to them, but particularly of the 4.th of January last with regard to the evil intentions of Anwar ul Omrah the Nabobs second Second Son, were but too well founded — and when it is considered that so long ago as the 24.th of Decem.r 1765. the Company were not without apprehensions that the Nabob himself might one day adopt a conduct incompatible with their System, might forget his own weakness and not seeing danger immediately before him wish to have his protectors removed. It behoves the Committee to be particularly attentive at this Moment. Well aware of the possibility of such

Your.s Letter 7.th Dec.r 1765

5059 Fort St. George 20th Novemb. 1793

such an event the Company, very wisely directed
their Servants here to watch most vigilantly over
every motion of the Nabob, carefully to preserve
the Strength of this Country in their own hands,
and at all events to persist in that place with
unremitting firmness.—

Considering the advanced age of
the Nabob and some other circumstances, It is
probable that he would have continued at least
to acquiesce in the System of the Company,
for the rest of his life, if he had not been
misguided by the mischievous Counsels and
Influence of his Second Son Ameer Ul Umrah
whose Ambition & whose views upon the Succession
of his father to the Dishonour of his elder brother
have been the real source of many of the
Measures and distinctions of these Settlements for
many years past, nor can we think that however
ill disposed the Ameer himself may be, he would
ever venture openly to act in the manner he
does if he did not presume & rely upon the
Countenance and Support of the Government
of Bengal where it would seem that the
Durbar has within this Twelve Months pre-

Regencies

5060 Fort St. George 20th Novr. 1773

Acquired such a degree of weight & credit as must
appear very extraordinary to those who have perused
the records of the two Presidencies and observed the
passages of the times — It is indeed much to be
lamented that the conduct of the Governor General
and Council should have given encouragement to
the Nabob to think that the System of the Court of
Directors was not of equal force thro all their
Presidencies and that the Bengal Gentlemen should
seriously wish to see rescinded the Agreements which
by order from home that both They & we have
equally bound to obey It was well known must
be rendered ineffectual —

There is no Man on the least
Acquainted with the politics of the Durbar
but knows that the Moment the Agreements were
relinquished that System would be adopted
by the Durbar which by the letter of 24th Decemr
1765 the Company were determined to oppose and
prevent the revenues instead of being applied
to their proper use, towards the reimbursement of the
immense expences of this War, the discharge of a
heavy private debt, and the reestablishment of the
prosperity of the Country, would be employed
in keeping Troops in mischievous Intrigues, and
in preparations for shaking intirely all

Dependance

5061

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1782.

all dependance upon the Company—

It is therefore the more astonished that neither the past experience of the Bengal Government the Recollection of former instructions for themselves, the repeated representations from hence and the pointed direction from England which has annulled their Treaty with the Nabob & confirmed ancient, should have guarded them from any Correspondence, or Interference with the Nabob, by which one or other he might be led to look up to, or rely upon any other protection but that of the Company, thro' their Immediate representatives at Fort St. George—

The Mischiefs we actually Sal from that Correspondence & interference the fatal consequence that may be apprehended from them are such that it is become absolutely necessary for the Committee to use the best means in their power to remove the [illegible] and prevent the Letter.— The Committee therefore agree that a Letter be written to the Governor General and Council communicating to them the Intelligence received of the Nabobs Troops in their Province with Hyder Ally, to inform them that our Troops on the Coromandel Coast, to take such Steps as may appear to us requisite for the Safety & Welfare

5062 Fort S.t George 20.th Novem.r 1783

Welfare of the Company by restraining the further
keeping of troops in their neighbourhood which are
to be independently of the Company's authority
under the command of a new and unruly
Nabobs Second Son, whose disaffection and malignity
to our Government are so well known — and for the
faithfull discharge of our duty in conformity to the
Company's System, as directed in the above cited
Letter of the 24.th Decem.r 1765 and confirmed by
Several Subsequent ones, and in consequence of our
Sense of the necessity of our persevering in that
System we do expect from the Bengal Government
all the Support & assistance in their power to
give us —

W.m Boyd lately returned from his
Captivity at the French Islands of Mauritius and
Bourbon having delivered to the President a
Narrative of his proceedings in the embassy to
Candy his Lordship says the same before the
Committee ordered that it be sent in Circulation
for the perusal of the Members of the Committee
and that Copy of it be sent a number in the
next dispatch to the North Court of directors

The

Fort St George 20th Novem. 1783

5063

The President laid before the Committee
the following extract of a Letter from the Paymas-
=ter of Ellore

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Westcott Paymaster
at Ellore to Capt.n Lydenham dated 1.st Nov.r 1783

I have delivered to Mr. Cattle since
his return from Nellore, upwards of a thousand
Bullocks — I do now begin to conclude whether
I am to procure any More than the fifteen
hundred &c. this Month to be expired I shall
have furnished for all the Advances I have made
but if Lord Macartney wishes to have any
more procured not a Moment should be lost,
and by the first of January I shall be able
to get two thousand five hundred or upwards"

A true Copy
Jno. Lydenham

As we have yet no certainty of a
termination of the War, and the Bullocks will
on

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

5064

in all events be useful, it is agreed that Mr.
Watson be directed to purchase 2500 bundles
the 1500 already ordered.

+ Read the following Letter from the
Committee of assigned Revenue with the
enclosure therein mentioned.

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have the honor to enclose for the
Information of your Lordship &c. Extracts of a
Letter from the Zemindar of Calastry on the
subject of the Hill Pollams

The renter of Pollams &c. Districts
has represented that the Inhabitants are in many
places unable to carry on the cultivation on
account of the depredations committed by the
Poligars on their neighbourhood, we therefore beg
leave to recommend that Sepoys be stationed
as soon as may be convenient on the Fort of
Chittoor and such other Forts as are evacuated
by

5065

Fort St George 20th Novemr 1783

by the enemy in these Districts, for the protection of the Inhabitants.

An Account of the Peons of the Calastry Jemmedars stationed by your orders on the Fort St George duty has been lately laid before us, by which it appears that their number is 500, and the Monthly expence of Pulla about 800 Pagodas — as there is no Apprehension of danger to that place at present, we submit it to your Consideration whether the number of Peons may not be reduced.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord & Lem Honors,
Your most Obedt
Humble Servants,
Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
George Mowbray

(Signed)

Fort St George
16th Novr 1783.

Extract of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry to the Governor

Dated 7th Zehudge or 3d Novemr 1783

All the pollams, granted to me by

5066

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1703

by Seamen and on my Profession accepting two or three which the hill Polygars took Possession of during the troubles – Depending on your excellencys favor, I will shortly take possession of them, which I would have done before, but I thought it incumbent on me to advise your excellency of it, as the whole Country is under the authority of the Company I being at all times my desire to manifest my attachment to the Company, I have given proofs of it by the Services I have executed, in obedience to yr Commands and my life is devoted to them to gain their favor I refer you for the rest to my Cousin Peter Bow

Adieu extract

I London

Secry

Resolved that the Calastree Royah be desired not to attempt to take any new possession of Pollams not possessed by him before the Troubles

Resolved that the Peons of the Calastry Royah Stationed at Chandergery remain there for the present –

Resolved that the Commandery Officer of Vellore be directed to give the Master all the assistance in his Power but the Committee

Wack

5065

Fort St George 20th Novemr 1783

by the enemy in those Districts, for the protection of the Inhabitants.

An Account of the Peons of the Calastry Zemeendar stationed by your orders on the Fort of Chevendergurry has been lately laid before us, by which it appears that their number is 500, and the Monthly expence of Batta about 800 Pagodas - as there is no Apprehension of danger to that place at present, we submit it to your Consideration whether the number of Peons may not be reduced.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord & Lem Honors,

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servants,

Thos. Oakeley

David Haliburton

George Moubray

Fort St George
16th Novr 1783.

(Signed)

Extract of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry to the Governor

Dated 7th Zelhadge or 3d Novemr 1783

All the pollams granted to me by

1040

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

Sir W. H. The President

5D66 Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

by Land

I have the honour to acquaint you that I have
this day taken possession of the Government of
Fort St. George, and assumed the Command of
the Troops. Depending on your confidence in me,
I will shortly take possession of them, which
I would have done before, but I thought it necessary
to advise your excellency of it, as the whole
Country is under the authority of the Company
It being at all times my desire to manifest my
attachment to the Company, I have given proofs
of it by the services I have executed, in obedience
to your Commands, and my life is devoted to them
to gain their favor I refer you for the rest to
my Verbal Power Now

Adieu extract

I London

Secry

Resolved that the Calastrie Rayah be
desired not to attempt to take any more possession
of Pollams not possessed by him before the Troubles

Resolved that the Peons of the Calastry
Rayah stationed at Chandergary remain there
for the present—

Resolved that the Commandery
Officer of Vellore be directed to give the master all
the assistance in his power but the Committee

Wait

5065

Fort St George 20th Novemr 1783

by the enemy in those Districts, for the protection of the Inhabitants.

An Account of the Peons of the Calastry Zemeendar stationed by your orders on the Fort of Chandergerry has been lately laid before us, by which it appears that their number is 500, and the Monthly expence of Pollams about 800 Pagodas — as there is no Apprehension of danger to that place at present, we submit it to your Consideration whether the number of Peons may not be reduced.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient

& most humble Servants,

Fort St George
16th Novr 1783.

(Signed) Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
George Moubray

Extract of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry to the Governor

Dated 7th Zehudge or 3d Novemr 1783

All the Pollams granted to me by

5066

Fort St George 20th Novem. 1713

by Summons and on my Profession excepting two or three which the Gold Judygars took Possession of during the troubles – Depending on your excellency's favor, I will shortly take possession of them, which I would have done before, but I thought it convenient to advise your excellency of it, as the whole Country is under the authority of the Company

Having at all times my desire to manifest my attachment to the Company, I have given proofs of it by the Services I have executed, in obedience to y.r Commands and my life is devoted to them to gain their favor I refer you for the rest to my Verbal Power Now

Atome extract

I London

Secry

Resolved that the Calastree Rajah be desired not to attempt to take any new Possession of Pollams not possessed by him before the Troubles

Resolved that the Peons of the Calastry Rajah Stationed at Chandergerry remain there for the present –

Resolved that the Commandery Officer of Pollams be directed to give the renter all the Assistance in his Power but the Committee

Wait

5067 Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1793

Wait for particular information with respect to the State of Bhattoor & the adjacent country before they issue orders for sending Troops thither—

Resolved that the Committee of assigned Revenue be directed to cause a Narrative of their Transactions to be prepared to be forwarded by every dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors

The President lays before the Committee the following Letter received last night from the Officer Commanding at Bangalore—

Sawandroog 1st October 1793
Bangalore 4th October 1793.

My Lord,

We take the liberty of acquainting that your Lordship will be pleased to order Four hundred Pagodas to be paid to the order of Ramaiah an Amildar who resides at Bangalore & who has been with much danger to himself for these two years past particularly serviceable to us in our correspondence, & in procuring the Supplies which we have at different times received from your Lordship &c. Our friends in the Carnatic— The Sum he requests to be

paid

5068

Fort St. George 20th Novemr. 1783

Paid at Madras—we are with the highest respect,

My Lord

Your Lordships very obedient

& most humble Servants

To the Right Honble
Lord Macartney Governor
President &c. & the Governor &
President for the time being—Fort St. George

Geo. Stuart — Alex.r Whyte
David Sorieth — Wm. Nash
D. Campbell — H. Denny
John Forbes — B. W. Healy
James Dalrymple — John Gorry
Alex.r Read — Robt. Latham
George Oglesby

Tho.s Lee — Jam.s Innes
Jn.o Goudie — J. Byrne
Robt. Bate — Robt. Wilson
Philip Melville — H. Baine
H. Coathbert
Matw.w Hodges
Hon Halibuton
J. Cranstoun
Rob.t Lang
Jn.o Frank
Geo. Mackay

W.m Cumberlege
Jn.o Hodd

The President is requested to discharge
the Amount agreeably to their request and to take any
Opportunity that may offer to send them further
Supplies in the meanwhile he has hitherto done.—

The President lays before the Committee
an Account of articles purchased for the Accommo-
dation of General Stuart on his Passage to
England and of the repairs of the Portlitude packet
as lodged in the Office / the former amounting to

Pag.s

5069 Fort St George 20th Novem. 1793.

Page das 1473.. 19:72: and the Letter to Page 2622. 24. 10.

I agree that the Amount of the above Bills be discharged as soon as the state of the Treasury will admit and carried to the head of Forfeited Packet.

Instead of the order to be issued by the Commander in Chief as resolved in Committee the 2d Instant it is agreed that the following be published in General orders by the Select Committee

Fort St George 20th Nov 1793.-

G.O.

The Right Honble the President & Select Committee have been pleased to resolve that no Leave of Leave be granted to any of the Troops on Cantonments but upon proper application to the Commander in Chief Lieut. General Lang by the Officer Commanding on each Cantonment.

The same is therefore hereby published in General orders to the Troops in Cantonments and to all the public offices and departments & the respective Commanding Officers are hereby directed to make proper application without delay as above mentioned.

By

5070

Fort St. George 20th Novemr. 1783

By order of the Right Honble the President
and Select Committee.-

(Signed) J. Handleston
Secry

Read the following extract of a letter
from the Superintendant of the Revenue in the
Ceded Country with extract of the Minutes
of the Committee of assigned revenue

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Mr. Irwin having in his letter
of the 26th ultimo requested that an assistant
may be appointed under him in the room of Mr.
Orton, who is employed as Commissary to the
Southern Army we beg leave to recommend to
your Lordship &c. that his request be complied
with.

We have the honor to lay
before your Lordship &c. an extract of the above men-
tioned letter from Mr. Irwin relating to
the

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

5071

the intended Visit of the Raja of Travancore to
Ramesseram and Copies of the Letters that passed
between them on the Subject

We have the honor to be,
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo: Montgomery

Fort St. George
18th Novr. 1783

Extract of a Letter From Mr. Eyles Irwin
Dated 26th October 1783.

I take the liberty to trouble your
Lordships with a Copies of the Rajahs of Travancores
Letter and my answer (No. 3.) on the Subject of his
wish to Ramisseram, I trust that I need say no
more to explain the exception he will meet with
in this province, not less on Account of this flattering
marks of his confidence in the Companys Government,
than the other points of his Conduct, from which
he merits every mark of Attention from their
Servants - His expences here this Country have
been calculated at 10,000 Pagodas, they
Leave

Fort St. George 20th Novem 1783

5072

leave to know whether you Lordship approves
of their being borne by the Company.

Attest Extract

I Sandon
Secry

Translate of a Letter from the Rajah of Travancore to
Eyles Irwin Esq. Septembr 1783.

After the Preamble. — Some time ago I informed
the Governor Balavander of my intention to visit
Rammaud. To which he deigned a favorable
answer, and evinced his friendship towards me.
you are acquainted with these things. In the
Month of Perthi / November / I mean to proceed
you must therefore be pleased to order Provisions
to be collected at the different Stages in my
Journey, from Valiore to Rammaud and back again.
— I send you Samiah, a Bramin of consequence
to furnish you with an Account of my wants,
and to communicate to you by word of mouth what
I am likely to have occasion for, which out of your
Friendship you will order the different amils
where I pass to provide for me — whatever may
be the expence of these Charges, I shall order
punctually to be discharged. These Charges will be

5073

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

We accomplished by your favor - Before I set out from my Country, I shall give you timely notice, that you may order an Officer of Rank and a Company of Sepoys to attend me to Ramnaad, and back again - what can I say more?

Letter from Eyles Irwin Esq. to the Rajah of Travancore

Y. October 1783 -

After the Preamble - Your Friendly Letter as arrived with me: you say, that the Governor Bahadur gave your Permission to go to Ramnad Poraam: and that in the Month of Carthe (November) you had determined to proceed, you also write me, that you wish I would give order to the Aumils in the Districts through which your Road lies, to provide provisions for you - agreeably to the Account delivered me by Sumiah, whom you have sent to me - I understand the Contents of this Letter - By the Grace of God. the favor of the Governor Bahadur will always shine upon your Excellency, It is my wish that it should increase daily towards you. the Company's Country and yours are the same - I know not any difference - when you write me on any business my mind has already Anticipated your desires,

And

5074

Fort St. George 20th Novemr. 1703

And injuncts to fulfill them as far as is in my power

The Brahmin Lamaiah, is arrived here, and has delivered me the Account and explained all that was necessary agreeably thereto I have already sent orders to the different Aumils to comply with the requisitions for your Excellency's Journey in every Stage from Velloore to Ramnad for and back again; when you Arrive one of your Intention to attend, I shall detach an Officer of Rank and a Company of Sepoys to meet you at the Gate, and Accompany you thro' this Province. I have also written to Colonel Martaing at Ramnad, to send a Company to meet your Excellency on the borders of the Marawar Country, That all the world may see you are a friend to the French Nation with the Company, and that the Inhabitants of this Country may visit and respect you Accordingly.— My endeavours shall not be wanting to render these things agreeable to you, when I have the pleasure of meeting your excellency I shall be better able to express my Friendship & respect for you.

What can I say more?

I am Sir

Your Excellencys

Most Obedt Humble Servt

J Landon

Secry

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1793

5075

Extract from the Minutes of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Dated 17th Novem. 1793

Read Letter from Mr. Stevens, dated 26th October /

Agreed to recommend that an Assistant be appointed under Mr. Stevens on the Tinnevelly Country - that he be directed to carry to the head of Thank Jaikary the Sums he has or may in future receive on that Account, and to the head of Payments to the Southern Army the Supplies he may be furnished the Southern Army - Mr Lewin, by appointing Mr. Dodd to the Assistantship of the Thank Jaikary, does not the Committee in alternative, but to recommend that he be continued, and his proposal which is the highest, be accepted, as the term for farming the Jaikary has already commenced - They however Agree to recommend that Mr. Stevens be directed not to receive Proposals from Europeans in future, as this expressly contrary to the Company's directions that they should ever be employed on such occasions -

Agreed that Mr. Nathaniel Edmonds thereafter be appointed Assistant to Mr. Stevens in the Tinnevelly Country -

Agreed that Mr. Stevens be directed

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1793.

5076

directed as recommended by the Committee of
assigned Revenue to carry to the head of Chanks
Fishery the Sums he may receive on that account
and to the head of Paymaster to the Southern army
the Supplies he may furnish that army - Agreed
that Mr. Dott be confirmed in the Accountancy
management of the Chanks Fishery and his pro-
posal for farming it accepted but that Mr.
Lewin be directed not to receive proposals from
Europeans in future.

The Committee considering the
exemplary conduct of the Rajah of Travancore,
the decided part which he took in favor of the
Company at the Commencement of the War and has
continued through every stage of it, and the Cheerful
assistance which he has rendered on many
Occasions, particularly on Supplying our Troops
with provisions on their march through his
Country to attack the French Settlement of Mahe,
are happy in the Opportunity afforded by the
Rajahs intended Journey to Ramisseram to renew
to him the just Sense we entertain of his fidelity
and attachment to the Company, for which purpose
it is Resolved that in his progress through our
Districts he be Supplied according to Mr. Brunis
Letter with every thing he may require at the
Companys Expence and that Mr. Brown be

Directed

5077

Fort St. George 20th Novemb. 1793

Directed to furnish him with an Officer & a Company of Sepoys to attend him on his Journey and to Shew him every other mark of respect and attention — The President is requested to write to the Rajah and acquaint him of these resolutions —

The Committee not having yet received any clear or Satisfactory Information relative to the Ramnad Country, or any Account of the Revenues or Collections it is agreed that the Committee of Assigned Revenue be directed to turn their attention to the Affairs of that District and to report its present State and condition and also lay before us an Account of the Collections made since the Assignment took place. —

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee the following Letter. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Restrictions which I have long been under as a Prisoner of War, and the important Affairs that have for a long time past engaged your attention, have hitherto prevented my addressing you

this

5078

Fort St. George 20th. Novem. 1783

this Honble Board upon the precariosity of my Situation
in the Honble Companys Service which distresseing
as it is to me, as it has not been occasioned either thro'
any misconduct or misprudence on my Part, will,
I trust, meet with the Attention and Consideration of this
Honble Board. In January 1776 I was appointed
by Lord Pigot and Council a Cornet on the establishment
Troop of Cavalry, upon the Reduction of which on the
Year 1777 as I could no longer be employed in the
Cavalry Line on which I had served for many years
in his Majestys Service I resigned the Honble Companys
Service with an Intention of returning to Europe, but
being prevented from proceeding thither by misfortune
Imprudence, I applied to Mr. Whitehill and
Council to be restored to my Rank in the Service, which
reasonable as my request was, I was unable to accomplish
and could only obtain the appointment of the youngest
Cornet in the Service by which means I was deprived
of two years Rank, and subject to the Mortification
after near twenty Years Service in the Military
of being commanded by a great Number of Officers
who had been under my Command my Situation
at that time, from the Degradation which I had
suffered became exceedingly irksome to me, that in
the beginning of the year 1778 I applied unto the
Board for and obtained Leave to proceed to
England on my private Affairs with a View of
endeavouring

5079 Fort St. George 20th Novemr 1783.

endeavoring my friends to assist them Interest in pro-
curing my restoration to my former Rank in the
Cavalry Line which I was prevented from carrying
into execution by breaking out of the War with France
when anxious to discharge my Duty to the Company
and my Country, I gave up all private Considerations,
and addressed a Letter to the Board requesting
permission to dispence with their Indulgence and to
be appointed to the European Cavalry which was
then ordered to be collected together which was
granted to me and I served in that Corps at the
Reduction of Pondicherry and untill the Troops was
disbanded which happened soon afterwards, when
I was appointed to an Infantry Corps, but permitted
to draw Cavalry Pay untill the reduction of the
Company was known upon the Commencement of the
present War with Hyder Ally Part of the European
Troops was again collected together & upon my
Application I was appointed to do duty thereon,
but was afterwards removed to the Infantry by
the Order of Sir Eyre Coote without any reason
whatever being assigned for my removal, and was
soon afterwards taken prisoner in Cuddalore with
the Battalion to which I belonged as the
European Troops of Cavalry is still embodied and
as that is the Line of Service in which Gen.

most

5080

Fort St. George 20th Novem. 1783

Most convinced I hope this Honble Board will
not deem my request to be appointed thereto —
unreasonable particularly if it is considered that
my first Appointment in the Service was to
that Corps, and that my being again attached
to it will not be attended with any additional
Expence to the Honble Company as I now draw
Cavalry Pay & full Confidence that the Justice &
Generosity of this Honble Board will pay every
Attention to my long Services and the Hardships
I have Suffered by my Loss of Rank, I cannot but
flatter myself with the hopes of being again
appointed a Cavalry Officer with the Rank
which my first Commission in that Corps
would entitle me to.

I have the honour to be with
the greatest Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most faithful &
Obedient humble Servant
George Brudenell Lieut.

5th Novemr. 1783.

(9 Signes)

To the Right Honble. Lord Macartney K.B.
President & the Gentlemen of the Select
Committee.
My Lord & Gentlemen,
With great concern I

5081

Fort St. George 20th Novemr. 1767

The Servant sends a Note sent to him professing to be by your Directions of the 4th.

Conscious of ever having paid a proper respect to my Superiours and having to the best of my power performed every duty allotted me I cheerfully Servant help complaining of this injustice, and must beg leave to refer you to the Commander in Chief and every other Commander, I have had the honor to serve under for the truth of this Assertion, I also refer you to a Letter I believe on record, obtained from the Board in the Year 1766 on my going to Europe with General Lawrence and Colonel Charles Campbell declaring their Satisfaction with my Services since my return in July 1768 I have at all times, when health permitted offered myself for every Service in the Field, and literally repeated repeatedly in person to Genl Stuart, to permit me to join the Army, who put me off with the Observation of my want of health and my former attempts to leave the Field, but alleged to endeavd.

Now my Lord and Gentlemen beg leave to join the Army when it takes the Field, and I flatter myself to have Capacity Sufficient to give Satisfaction to which intent I pray my Lord & Gentlemen your with

5082

Fort St George 20th Novem. 1783

will please to receive your Lordships Sentence, and
let my future actions declare whether I have
merited your Lenity —

My Lord and Gentlemen after
what I have advanced about my Late proceedings
irrevocable, I have to request, for the Honor of
my Wife and Children, you will please
to promote me, even in the most detested
Corps, and appoint me to the Command of
Chingleput, where I promise my Conduct
shall prove unreproachable, and where under
your protection, I may obtain a small Matter
for the benefit of my Creditors and to render
the Winter of my days Supportable —

Referring my distressed Case
to your Candid Consideration —

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Faithfull and
Obedient Servant
John Stoddy

Fort St George
7th Novr 1783 —

(Signed)

Ordered to lie on the Table —

Lieutenant

5083

Fort St. George 20th Novem 1783

Lieutenant Brodmills request to be considered when an Arrangement of the Cavalry shall take place.-

Sir John Burgoyne having in his Letter of the mentioned that the Conscript who was confined for fraud in the Grain department had been released General Lang informs the Committee that the person who was actually confined is as still and that a dubash who is strongly suspected to be at the bottom of the fraud is at large in Mooney Labourhood.- the General is desired to send and secure the dubash and after making strict enquiry into the Matter to report the same to the Committee.

5084

Fort St. George 20th Novemr. 1793

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble Geo. Lord Macartney
K.B. President

Monday
20th Novr. 1793.

Lt. Genl. Ross Lang

Anthony Sadleir Esqr.

Alexander Davidson Esqre.

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved.—

The Committee being met to take into Consideration the Business of the Medical Department with the Army, and the Arrears due to the field Surgeons also to determine relative to an application from the Surgeon of his Majestys 73d Regiment for Cots Quilts and Cloathing to a very considerable Amount the Surgeon General and the Surgeon Major with the Army attend to assist the Committee with their Opinions and Information and the whole Subject having been maturely considered and discussed the Committee came to the following Resolutions.—

Resolved that all the Army Surgeons Accounts sent in to the Secretary in consequence of the General Order for that Purpose be referred

5085 Fort St. George 20th Novemr. 1793

referred to the Surgeon Major that he be empowered and directed to call upon them for the remainder of their Accounts to the 2d Septr last the day the new regulations took place and to examine the whole Strictly and accurately and report his opinion upon their Charges respectively as soon as the Committee shall have determined on the report the Arrear due to the Surgeons to be discharged in such manner as our Circumstances will admit.

The Surgeon Major having superintended the care of the whole of the sick and wounded with the Army must be fully competent to this Service, and the Committee rely upon his Integrity for receiving a Report that shall be equally just to the Company and the Surgeons.

As it appears upon a Calculation that the great expence of Coolies, Cattle and Bullocks for the Sick which by Mr. Pasley's regulation are to be found by the Company would entirely frustrate the benefit expected from that regulation it is Resolved that the Sick of the Troops whose cases are Dangerous or so severe as to require the patient to be Cooly borne to the Company's General Hospital, and their number be deducted from the Strength of each Regiment & that the Sick whose cases are less important remain with the Surgeons of the Regiment and be drawn for according Mr. Pasley's regulations.

In consequence of the foregoing resolutions the Surgeon of the 73d Regt to be debited to Sundries one to the Surgeon Genl the Cattle &c he have delivered to him from the Depot which must be credited for in the Hospital Accounts.

5086 Fort St George November 1783

20th

Dispatched letters as entered in M. B. Ao. To the Resident at Tanjour informing him of Mr. Martin being appointed an Assistant at Tanjour —

To Mr. G. J. Martin informing him of his being appointed an Assistant under Mr. Sullivan —

To the Paymaster at Vellore approving of his purchase of grain, & informing him that a supply of money shall be forwarded as soon as the public exigencies will admit —

To Lord William Murray informing that orders are issued for every necessary for the accomodation of the sick of the 73d. Regt. to be prepared —

To Colonel Nixon informing him of the receipt of his letter of the 26th. Ultimo, and that the Committee cannot interfere in the matter therein mentioned —

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue enclosing Extract from a letter from the Paymaster at Vellore, & desiring their determination upon it —

To Mr. Robert Gardiner informing him that the Committee are surprized at his not having regularly communicated his proceedings to them, & desiring immediately to transmit a particular account of all the gross Revenue which has been collected in the Carnatic Country —

G. B.

5087

Fort St. George November 1783

20th.

Fort St. George 20th. November 1783

G.O.

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee have been pleased to resolve that no Supplies be furnished to any of the Troops in Cantonments but upon proper Application to the Commander in Chief. Lieutenant General Lang by the Officer Commanding in each Cantonment. The same is therefore hereby published in General orders to the Troops in Cantonments and to all the Public Officers and Departments and the respective Commanding Officers are hereby Directed to make proper application without delay as above mentioned.

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

To Mr. Balk granting him leave to come to the Presidency.

To Lieut. Thos. Underwood informing him that his request cannot be complied with, as the granting rank to Officers in order to invalid them is contrary to the orders of the Company. —

Received letters

5088

Fort St George November 1783

20th

To Lieut. General Lany

Commander in Chief of the Army on the Coast —

Sir

From Colo Horne — informing of the old wall at the Mount having fallen down. & advising that an Engineer be sent to lay a plan for fortifying it before the Committee —

The late heavy rains have brought down many parts of the Wall lately built on the Mount and the New Work has carry'd the old Wall where ever it has given way along with it the different breaches is nearly half of the Whole Wall and the remainder part will soon be also down if there are any more heavy rains — The stair case going to the top of the Church is also tumbled Down —

If it is deem'd Eligible to continue a post on the Mount I should recommend that an Engineer be ordered to lay before the Board a plan for Fortifying it in a proper Manner — and the Wall to be built of Mason=ry the repairing the present damages — or the Manner the Wall is now built will be to do over again every Monsoon — or after heavy rains — and indeed is at no time of sufficient Strength — the situation of the Mount is very advantageous for preserving a post in all Wars we may have — and properly constructed with very little expence may be made a respectable one — and in

5089 Fort St George 9 November 1783

20th

in no respect detrimental to the Church or any ways pre-
-vent the various religious Ceremonys - or the residence of
the Ministers. —

There has at different times been Lodg'd in the
Church - quantitys of damag'd stone - they are of no use
there - but may be repairable if sent to Madras there
are likewise several damag'd Surfaces of Glass &c which
if You approve I will order to Madras - and every thing
that is useless at the Mount - and which of course are
spoiling here —

The Barrack ranges in many places - wants a
few Bricklayers may be ordered up the first fair weather
to point - the Eaves - this is necessary for the preservation
of the Health of the men -

I have the honour to be
&c
(signed) Mat.w Horne -

Mount 20th - Novemr - 1783

To William George Wasey Esqr.
Deputy Military Secretary Fort St George

Sir

I was favord with Yours of the 9th last night.
I beg You will Inform the Right Honble the President and
Select Committee, that in regard the Making a new Gate
for

From Capt.n Dawes - that
it is useless to build a gate for
the Bottom - as the wall or
broken down. Mr. Le Mesurier
must wait for Instructions
from Madras declaring
the French to have been
annihilated by him, but that
they

5090

Fort St George November 1783

they had interrupted his 20th workmen a small body of horse have committed great cruelties

for the Pettah. is become by no means of Consequence Whilst the Wall is Down in Several Places. —

The Man You mention of Mr. De Souzas Came to him and told the Recieved orders from his Masters to go out & Settle the Countries Committed to his Managment, but on my telling Him that I had Recieved Advice from Madras, that Instructions are Coming Concerning Him he has Stopped till they Arrive, —

In Respect to the French - Collecting firewood, Lime and other necessary Articles — I have only to Observe, that they did it Unmolested by any one — but I Recieved Information, from My Man Who was Thinking Charcoal Ammunition for the Works, that some French Sepoys from Pondicherry Interrupted Him in His Work, and wanted to take from him Coolies that I had Employd & Paid Daily for Months Under Pretence that those Coolies had formerly been Employed to make Charcoal for the Mint at Pondicherry — I Desired the Commandar to write to His Managers at Marcovanam to Prevent any thing of that Kind. I Signified to them, that If they gave Interruption to my People - I should Laid & take them Prisoners Since which I never Heard one word of any Complaint and I know there has been people from Pondicherry there Since that time. — The truth I believe is this the French,

Not

5091 Fort St George November 1783

22th

Not Contrad with a Corporation want to Engross the whole; and If Permitted to Do it Now, will Ever Complain of it as a Hardship. If Prevented a Continu= =ance of the Monopoly —

I have ordered the Aumildar to give Direc= =tions that they may Continue to Collect, without Molestation, the Articles You mention Cautioning the at the Same time against Interrupting every Body —

I am Informed that 2 Horsemen Killed 2 Man at Nuconame the 9th and that the same Men went to Agharam the 10th & a Village in the Com= =pany's Sagheer & and Killed Veneatachellum and by the Head Man Wounded Ramah and by the Next Principal Man. I beg You will make the Right Honble the President & Select Committee acquainted with these matters. & Inform them I have written to Sabe Lebe on the Subject this Day

I have the Honor to be
&c
(signed) Matthew Dawes
Capt. Com. of Permacoil

13th November

P. S. 7 P. M. I beg You will Inform their Honors that a Man came in Horse this Evening most Cruelly Cut

Fort St. George November 1783

5092 20th

Cut by the Horse, / near Atchiriwauk. / His Throat is Cut & both his Legs wounded behind. by Deep Cuts through the large Sinews — / signed / N: Dawes —

From Lieutenant Hart requesting an order to be sent to the Military Paymaster for the payment of four Bonds. and the Interest due on them —

From Mr. Cochrane / as lodged in the office / with intelligence —

From Captain Napier, declaring himself to be entirely unacquainted with the hardships complained of by Lieut.r Campbell, and referring to Colonel Gordon for further Information.

25th From Masulipatam / as entered in M. B. No / enclosing return of the Troops in that District.

Received the following Letter from Mr. Falck

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney
Governor & President Fort St. George

My Lord

I have this moment received from Tranquebar an advertisement. by which it appears, that the Pearl & Chank Fisheries have been farm'd out by the

Chief

Fort St George November 1783

21st. Chief of Tutecorin for a term of three Years. — I am sensible that the right of War authorized the English Nation to derive every possible advantage from those places, which have been abandon'd by the Dutch, but as the Farm is expressly expressed for three Years it is evident that right has been extended beyond the term of the War, which We may soon expect to hear has been concluded by or definitive Treaty of Peace. It is beside, well known, that the Dutch Company have for ages past been in possession of the Pearl Fishery at Tutecorin, & that they have consequently exercised that right by publickly fishing there That right is so incontrovertible that it has never even been doubted, & in all the disputes which have arisen with the Soubah Mohammed Alley Khan, the sole question has been with respect to the proportion which belong'd to the Nabob. & which has always been allowed in compensation of the Services & assistance, which the Madura Country affords by the encouragement of Divers to resort thither with their Boats. These circumstances are well known at Madras. The Banks of Chank from the southward as far as Walemocean / situated in the Marrawa Country / have always been under the authority of the Dutch, nor have the possessors of the Madura Country ever asserted any Claim or pretensions

Fort St. George November 1783

5094
21.06

pretensions to that Fishery which has annually been farmed
out by our Government at Tuticorin, with which every person
on the Madura Coast are well acquainted

You are too equitable My Lord to anticipate the
terms of the Treaty which may take place in Europe, I may
therefore expect from Your Lordships Justice & Your desire
to cement the harmony which subsisting between the two
Nations, that Your Influence will be exerted to prevent
any encroachment of the rights of the Dutch Company
on the Coast of Madura — I most earnestly make this
requisition to Your Lordship I have the honor to be
with Respect &c.

(signed) Iman Willm Falck

Columbo
2d October 1783

Dispatched the following Letter

To the Committee of Works. enclosing Extract
from a Letter from Colonel Row, and the minutes of the Com-
=mittee upon it. —

22d Received Letter from the Honble Mr. Cochrane
with Intelligence as lodged in the Office

Dispatched the following Letter

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue enclosing
copy of the Letter from the Governor of Columbo —

5095

2d.

Fort St. George 9 November 1783

To Captain Nathaniel Dawes

Commanding at Bermacoil

Sir

To Captain Dawes — to furnish the Commissioners with a duplicate of all Intelligence — not to suffer the French to make any encroachment on the permission granted them to know that not to observe any delicacy towards the struggling horse, as they are no part of Syd Saibs army.

I have been favord with Your Letter of the 13th Inst. which has been laid before the Right Honble the President & Select Committee

I am desired to desire You will communicate to the Commissioners, who are now at Syed Saheb's Camp a duplicate of all intelligence & other information which You may judged of sufficient consequence to be transmitted to Government.

With respect to the French, as the permission granted them to collect Lime & Charcoal, is merely temporary & subject to be withdrawn at the pleasure of the Committee, they desire You will be upon Your guard to prevent any encroachment or abuse being committed in consequence of such Indulgence, of which should any instances occur You will not fail to communicate them to the Committee

As Syed Saheb has positively disavowed all hostile proceedings of the struggling Horse, whom he declares to be entirely uncommected with his Army

You

5096
22d

Fort St. George 22 November 1783

I am directed to desire You will not in future observe the smallest delicacy towards these Vagabonds, with whom the shortest process is the best. The Committee accordingly recommend that You do make severe examples of any straggling Horse that may fall into Your Hands, which may be the means of intimidating others. —

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Will.m George Wasley
Acting Secretary

Fort St. George
22d. Novem.r 1783

To John Sullivan Esq.re
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

To the Resident at Tanjore desiring him to send in a list of the Prisoners that are or have been in his custody, and Whatever Sums have been advanced to them respectively. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire that You will immediately transmit to them a List of all the French & Dutch Prisoners, which now are or have been in Your custody, specifying their names, the time when they were captured, — and the Sums which have respectively been advanced to them since that period under whatever denomination of Pay Subsistence or any other Allowance. —

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed)

For St. George
22d. Novem.r 1783

the

5097 Fort St George November 1783

No.

The same to Lt Col. Bruce Commanding at Trichinopoly

James Cannell Esqr. Chief & Council at Manalipatam

Claud Russell Esqr. Do — Do at Vizagapatam

John Macwellstone Esqr. Do — Do at Ganjam

To the Military Paymaster desiring him to order bills on Bengal for bonds in favour of Lt Hart —

To Lt George Pendered informing him that the Commander in Chief has laid his letter of the 1st. Inst. before the Committee, and that the request therein mentioned will be considered whenever an arrangement of Cavalry takes place —

2d. Recd the following letter

From Captain Cuppage will forward every useful Intelligence to the Commissioners —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

From Genl. Lang — enclosing copy of a letter from Col. Floyd. & requesting the opinion of the Committee upon it —

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter I received last night from Colonel Floyd Commanding the Cantonment at Mavenalore with the answer I returned to that letter, and I now beg leave to be informed

5098 Fort St George 9 November 1783

23d

informed whether You are of opinion that the application made by Colonel Floyd is proper according to Your Orders of the 20th Instt. that in the event You deem it a proper application I may give orders for the Troops at Mauvalon being furnished with Supplies The Officers Commanding the other divisions of the Cantonments having made application in what I judged a proper manner I have directed the Troops to be supplied accordingly —

I have the honor to be
Sir
(signed) Rob.t Lacy

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
23d. November 1783 —

To Rob.t Lacy Esq.r
Colonel in His Majestys Service.

Lieut. General & Commander in Chief of the Companys Forces on the Coast of Coromandel till the pleasure of the Court of Directors is Known —

Sir

The Provisions of His Majestys 23d. Regt of Light Dragoons being this day stopped and the Select Committee in their Orders of the 20th Instt having directed applications to be made to You — I am commanded by Major General Sir J. Burgoyne Commander in Chief of the Kings Forces in India to apply to You for the

5099 Fort St. George November 1783

23d

the usual allowance:

I have the honor to be

&c

Marmalow
Novem.r the 22d 1783

(signed) J. Floyd
Colt. in India

To Colonel J. Floyd

Commanding at Marmalon —

Sir

I have received Your letter of yesterdays date.
and inform You that in my Opinion the mode of appella=
=tion You have thought proper to adopt is not proper accord=
=ing to the Orders of the Right Honble the President
& Select Committee under date the 20th Inst. I shall
however submit the decision on this point to their considera=
=tion. that is whether You have or have not complied with
their orders of the 20th Inst.

I am Sir
Your most Obedient Servt

Head Quarters
23d Novem.r 1783

(signed) Ross Lang
Lt. General

In consequence of the foregoing letter the follow=
=ing General Order was this Day issued —

G - O

7100

23d

Fort St George November 1783

G.O. Fort St George 23d Novemr 1783

The Right Honorable President & Select Committee have been pleased to resolve that in order to prevent any Mistakes or Inconveniences, on the Applica-tion for Supplies of provisions or other Articles for the Troops in Cantonment the following form be observed—

To / The Commander in Chief to Lieutenant General Ross Lang

Sir

In obedience to the General Order of the Right Honble President & Select Committee I am to request that You will please to order that Supplies be furnished to the Troops in cantonment under my Com-mand, according to the annexed Indent—

And it is further ordered that no supplies of provisions or other Articles be issued unless application be made according to the above form—

By Order of the Right Honble the President & Selat Committee

Signed / J. Hudleston
Secretary

Receiving the following letters.

5101

23?

Fort St. George November 1783

5102

23.

Fort St. George November 1783

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

From Genl. Burgoyne that he has ordered Colonel Floyd to comply with the General order, but that he himself will not obey Genl. Lang —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Colonel Floyd, Lieut. Col. of my Regiment having shewn me Your Order of the 20th. Instt. in which You are pleased to say all Applications for the usual Allow=ances to the Troops must be made thro' the Commander in chief of Your Forces. I have in Consequence thereof ordered my Lt. Colonel so to do, but to prevent You for a mo=ment from believing I do in any degree acknowledge Your Commander in Chief, who is only a Colonel in the Kings Service, as my Superior Officer, or in any way Command=ing his Majestys Troops, I do hereby protest against any such Idea, I once more do solemnly assure You, that in my own person I will never receive, or obey orders com=ing from Col. Lang or suffer His Majestys Troops who are all under my Command to do so either. Your intention to starve the Kings Troops by way of forcing from their Officers the acknowledgment of an Act founded on Injustice & Oppression, in my opinion resembles that of a Man who with a Cock'd Pistol, makes another sign or will in his favor, but can any person when the

mother

5103 Fort St. George November 1783

23d

matter is known call the Will Legal, or suppose the Ruffian the right heir.

November 23d. 1783

Sam
&c
(signed) J. Burgoyne
Sec. G.
Comm.r in chief his Majesty's
Troops in India for time being

John Hadelleston Esq.r
Secretary to the Right Honble the President
& Select Committee at Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. May inclosing letters from the French Ministers to Messrs. de Bussy & Suffrein.

I have the Honor to transmit to you enclosed by Order of the Honble the Governor General an Original two Dispatches received this Day from Bombay by the Honble Company's Ship Warren Hastings, and signed by the French minister, for Monsieur le Marquis de Bussy, and Monsieur le Bailly de Suffrein, which are to be forwarded to them as soon as received.

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) C. May
Sub Secretary

Fort William
30th. October 1783

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

May

1004 Fort St George November 1783

23d

My Lord,

I cannot any longer delay acquainting Your Lordship of my arrival at this Place, after a most disagreable Journey. I took the earliest occasion to convey to the Marquis de Bussy, the Letter I was charged with from the Select Committee; and he has been pleased to appoint Monsieur Monneron the Intendant to confer with me on the Subject of my Mission. Monsieur Monneron has promised agreable to my Request, to send me in writing the Proposals he has to make on behalf of the French Nation; as soon as I receive them, I shall transmit them to the Select Committee, conformable to my Instructions: The Expectation I had, that they would have come to Hand before this Time, that I might forward them with my first Advices, induced me thus long to postpone writing — No material Matter has yet occurred, & the Proposals I am to receive from Monsieur Monneron, wole I conceive be the introductory Step to public Business —

I have the honor to be

&c

(signed) Geo: Js: Woodyard

Pondicherry
19th Novemr 1783

Dispatched the following Letters —

To Colonel Mathew Horne
Commanding the Cantonment at the Mount

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and

To Col: Horne informing in that the works at the Mount

5105 Fort St George November 1783

Mount shall be repaired in the manner he recommends the damaged stores to be sent to their respective departments.

23d and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 20th Inst. to the Commander in Chief and to inform You that orders will be issued for repairing the fort at the Mount in the manner You recommend and an Engineer will accordingly be sent to examine into & report its condition and the repairs that will be necessary — Directions are also given for repairing the Barracks.

The damaged Stores and provisions You will be pleased to send to the departments to which they respectively belong — the stores to the Military Storekeeper and the provisions to the Garrison Storekeeper.

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St George
23d November 1783

To Mr. Theodore Avery Tanner
Storekeeper at Chingleput

To Mr. Tanner informing him that the Committee disapprove his having supplied Mr. Sulivan with rice &c on the Company's account & that they hold him responsible for the full amount

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Inst. and to inform You that as there was a necessity for supplying Mr. Sulivan and the French Gentlemen with rice for their followers You should have established a Bazar from which they might have furnished themselves at the Current price but the Select Committee do not approve of your having supplied

5106

Fort St. George November 1783

23d

supplied them on the Company's account and they accordingly hold You responsible for the full amount of the quantity You have delivered and direct that You bring it to the credit of the Company in Your accounts. I am also directed to furnish You with the enclosed copy of a Letter from Mr. Sulivan on the same subject and to observe to You that he therein takes us notice of any stipulation to replace the rice from Madras as mentioned in Your letter —

I am &c.

(signed)

Fort St. George
23d November 1783

John Sulivan Esqr.
Resident at Tanjour

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th Instt and to inform You that they have received a Letter from the Storekeeper at Chingleput on the same subject and fearing that the supplying Your followers with rice on the Company's account might be made a pre-
-sident in future they have been obliged to signify to him their disapprobation of it and to direct him to consider himself responsible to the Company for the amount.

Copies

no

To the Resident at Tanjore informing him of the Committee's disapprobation of Mr. Tanner's conduct —

D

5107

23.

Fort St. George November 1783

Copies of the Storekeepers Letter and of the answer return-
=ed to it are enclosed and I have the honor to be

Sir

(signed) J. Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
23d. Novr. 1783

To Captain William Goodland

To Capt. Goodland - in-
forming him that the Committee
did not mean to refer to the
Court of Directors for their re-
solution upon the loss of
the Prince William, but
that they might settle matters
with the owners. —

I am directed by the Right Honble. the
President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letter to them of the 17th. Instt. & to observe to You, that You
have misunderstood the resolution of the Committee, as it
was not their intention to refer the subject of the loss of the
Prince William to the Honble the Court of Directors for their
decision, but to request they would settle with the Owners
for the value of the Ship — This reference will appear to You
indispensably necessary, upon the consideration that the Prince
William was probably insured, in which case the Company
will only be obliged to make good the difference between the
Insurance & the real Value.

Enclosed I return to You the original Papers
which accompanied Your Letter of the 17th. Instt. authenticated
Copies of them having been taken for the purpose of the
intended reference to the Honble the Court of Directors.

I have

5108
28d

Fort St George November 1783

Fort St George
28th Novemr 1783

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) John Budleston
Secretary

To Mr Westcote Paymaster at Ellore (as entered in M: B: No) desiring him to purchase Bullocks -

To Lieut.Col: Ross (as entered in M: B: No) desiring him to order a Skilful Engineer to proceed to Tripassore. as likewise one to Permacoil

To the Committee of Works (as entered in M: B: No) desiring them to send workmen to repair the Barracks at St Thomé and the Mount.

To Mr Nath: Edwd Kindersley (as entered in M: B: No) appointing him an Assistant under Mr Irvine in the Tinnevelly Country

Received the following letter

24th From the Honble Mr Basil Cochrane (as lodged in the Office

To John Budleston Esqr
Military Secretary Fort St George

Sir

I beg You will do me the favor to lay before the

...om Permacoil
...nclosing letter from
...lodged Fait

5109 Fort St. George November 1783

24th the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, the Enclosed Letter which I Yesterday received from Side Sibe. in Answer to my Letter to Him of the 8th Inst. of which I advised their Honors. in mine to Your Deputy of that Date. — I had expended all my sheep and wrote to Side Sibe. that I wished to Purchase Some from the Inhabitants of the Districts under the Manage= =ment of His People, which He has attended to — My man Informs me that the Account of Side Sibe's having lost agreat Many Man Horses. with a Number of Sent to Quantity of Baggage, is true, and adds that that 2 Guns with their Tumbrell that were in the Bed of that River were Swept away by the Torrent — He also informs me that their Camp is in Constant readiness to March at a moments warning He left it at Coonoolcon Moodoo Near Arnee —

I have the Honor to be

&c.

(signed) Nath: Dawes Capt.

Commanding Bermuda

Dispatched the following letter

To Charles Oakeley Esq.

&c. Member of the Committee of Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

To Committee of Assigned Revenue inclosing copy of the Select Committee resolutions

28th November 1783

on

5110

on their minutes of the 17th to 24th Instt. V Desiring an amount of the collections made in the Ramnadporam Country to be laid before them with an abstract Narrative of their proceedings

Fort St. George 24th November 1783

President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 16th Instant and an Extract from Your Minutes of the 17th and I have the honor to enclose You a Copy of their Resolutions on the several points therein referred to them, and upon that part of Mr. Irvins Letter of the which relates to the Rajah of Tanjore — [The Select Committee not having yet received any clear or satisfactory information relative to the Ramnadporam Country nor any account of the Revenues or Collections directed me to desire that You will turn Your particular attention to the Affairs of that District and report the present state and condition also that You will obtain and lay before them an account of the Collections made since the Assignment took place]

I am further directed to desire that You will furnish the Select Committee with an abstract Narrative of Your proceedings to be forwarded by every dispatch to the Honble Court of Directors.

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Fort St. George
24th November 1783

25th Received the following Letter

From Mr. Upjohn with copy of a letter from Col. Fullarton

My Lord

The following Extract of a Letter from Mr. Cram to Capt. Little is the only intelligence that we have yet received

5111 Fort St. George November 1783

25th arrived from Col. Fullarton's Army. —

We are in the midst of the Jungle cutting thro to get at Pallicatchery we are about 25 Miles from it Col. Fullarton with the Grenadiers & third Brigade are within 10 miles of it. in possession of a Quantity of Grain Mangalore is closely pressed by Tippoo. or rather was 5 or 6 days ago. —

Dated Camp West of the great range of Mountains near Anamalie 1st. Novemr. 1783 —

Some Bank Accounts just received from Tondeyall make Colonel Fullarton returned to coombetoor, but I have it not in my Power to say to your Lordship that those Accounts are to be depended on. Dispatch dayly Letters by Tappeal an Harcarah to the Colonel & in the Hope I shall soon be enabled to Convey to your Lordship more Certain Intelligence

I have the honour to remain
with great respect
Sir
Your
(signed) J. Cove Kepplesley

Dispatched the following Letters

To John Cove Kepplesley Esqr.
Acting Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble President &

To Mr. Kepplesley inclosing copies of several letters to Coll. Fullarton from their Committee. Done from

Fort St. George November 1793

5112 25th

from the Commissioner

& Select Committee to send You Copies of their several Letters to Lieut. Fullarton under the following dates 30 of Septemr. 18th. October 22d. & 2 November 14 &c In case there is any reason to imagine he has not received these Letters You will please to forward to him Copies of them without delay. I am also desired to transmit to You a Copy of a Letter from the Commissioner & Messrs. Sadlier & Staunton to Colonel Fullarton which You are requested to convey to him as expeditiously as possible

I am
&c
(signed)

Fort St. George
Novemr. 25th. 1793

To the Surgeon General. Surgeon Major with the Army. and Surgeon of the 73d. Regiment as entered on the Establishment of the Madras Army

M. B. S. enclosing Extracts from the minutes of the Select Committee -

26th Received the following letters —

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

From M. Cranmelin enclosing extracts from letters from Genl. Macleod. & Officer Commanding at Anow.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Enclosed are Copies of sundry Advices I have lately received from the Commanding Officers of our Garrisons at Anow Hearwar. also Copy of a Letter from Brigadier Genl. Macleod

5113 Fort St. George November 1783

26th

Mackod to Captain Burney of his Majesty's Navy, dated the 3d. Ultimo by which it appears that the General was then at Mangulore. & that Tippoo had promised to accompany him to Seringapatam. & to deliver to him all the English Prisoners in his Custody. Likewise a Copy of a Letter from Tellicherry dated the 14th. Ultimo giving an Account of the operations of the Enemy against Mangulore to the 13th. of July. but no Advices direct from thence have been received this way.

An Agent from the Bouncellow. & another from the Morattas, have been here some time treating of a Peace between this Government & the Bouncellow. but have not yet brought it to a Conclusion. —

The Warren Hastings bound to Mangalore Tellicherry & Bengale passed this Port in the night of the 16th. Ultimo. & the Ganges called here for a few hours on the 24th. in her way to the Southward. Bencoolen. Vbina — I am advised from Bombay under the 24th. Ultimo that the Honble Companys ships General Elliot Berborough. Sulivan. Gladon & Raymond were arrived there from England —

Goa 2d. October 1783

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Chambrommelin

Charles

Fort St. George November 1783

5774

26th

Charles Crommelin Esqr.

Sir

I did myself the pleasure of writing You the 20th. ultimo but saw with regret the Letter for Mr. Bont from some of the Crew perish on this Infernal Bar, & then gave You a particular Account of the exertions made by the Nabobs General Lutthuff allibey, against this place, but as I cannot now send large Packets unless You an extract from my Letter to the Governor, which will give You some Idea of our Situation — the 25th. I received the articles of the Cessation of Arms, which immediately took place here, they are strictly complied with on my side, but by the way very loosely on theirs and in particular the one regarding Provisions. It appears from the Nabobs Officers conduct that the means to starve us out of the Fort, in Revenge for our not giving it up to him, for all my remonstrances which have been frequent, & as determined as the Nature of circumstances would admitt here, availed but little, & not one of the Representations made by me to Mangalore have yet answered, so am quite ignorant how Matters go on in that quarter — I have taken the liberty of sending some letters for Bombay, which You will oblige me by forwarding as soon as possible

all

5/115 Fort St. George November 1783

26th. all my former nos were lost in the Pattamar, & I have not been able to write since from a variety of causes I trust You have enjoyed Your Health since I last had the pleasure of hearing from You. I am

Your very Obedient Servant

Onore Septem. 18th. 1783

I signed I. S. Torriano

Extract received from Captain Torriano mentioned in the foregoing Letter —

Onore Septem. the 2d

Since the 14th. of May, we have been pretty Smartly besieged by part of Tipoo's Army, commanded by Sutt uff Allaby. and rather roughly handled by their Artillery which has been so well served that we fire more from Field Ambrazures only there not being an entire stone Merlon left on the attacked side of the Fort, from whence we have fired upon their Batteries. & the Fascine work taking up the whole breadth of our Rampart, we are under the necessity of fighting our guns on [illegible] for that purpose their Breach is exactly where ours was, & would by this Time have been as Acceptible, had not we cleared at Night what was battered down in the Day, & immediately on the parapets being levelled thrown up a Fascine Work behind it, which we have thickened in the Inside, as they have battered without & still keep one Gun in it which plays on their Batteries. Out of Num

5716 Fort St. George November 1783

26th " Nine Guns, our principal Defendance all our others being small & very indifferent, they have Disabled one 18 & three 12 pdrs & killed some of our best Artillery Men. However we have still five good Guns & some fine Fellows left, with a Short plenty of Ammunition & provisions till we can get a further supply. The Enemy fire from their different Batteries (at present Eight in Number) 18.12.9.6.4.&3 pdrs but what number they have of each, or in the whole cannot at this period determine positively seven has been I think, the greatest Number, they have played at one Time from their Grand Batteries three of which, I learn from my Spies have been disabled & a fourth Damaged - This Intelligence from Circumstances appears true, as their breaching Battery has been long Silent, but put in through repair to receive some Guns: they expect from Candapore & the Lowdah Country. In the mean Time they entertain us with an 18.12.&6 pdrs from two Enfiladeing Batteries, erected on the Hill on the North East Side of the Fort which have killed & wounded on the whole many men In the beginning of the Siege, when their Fire was heavy, & the Enemy seemed so confident of success as to be lulled at Night in Security, I judged a Sally might be attended with

26th with good Consequences. One was accordingly made on their Batteries & Six Guns spiked up. they lost many Men. as they were compleatly surprized: We had only two Europeans, one Subbadar & one Havaldar wounded. The latter not being perceived by our party, was left behind, but their Commanding Officer very humanely sent him to me in the Morning — We have a good Retrenchment behind the Breach lined with Guns & Grape, should the Enemy attempt to storm. My men are resolved to stand by me to the last.

Copy

Sir

I send a Boat belonging to the Nabob to know what Ships You are. I think You to be Capt.n Burney if so or not. please to send me Your Name. Every thing here is right & quiet. the Nabob & I are on the best footing & I shall go with him in a few days to Seringapatam where he promise to deliver all the English prisoners to me — Tell the Governor of Bombay that things should not slacken, to ensure a good end —

I have the honor to be &c

(signed) Norman Macleod

Brig.r General

Directed

Capt Burney of his Majesty's Navy or the Officer Commanding the Ships in the Offing

Extract

Fort St. George 1783

5118

26.

Fort St. George November 1783

Extract of parts of a Letter from Captain Campbell at Sadashogur to Charles Crommelin at Goa, dated the 18th. & received the 22d. Septemr. 1783

— I should have answered Your favor of the 7th. but I have had the Bristol & this Men of War off this port since the 11th. Instant & have received such various reports of the Enemy's having taken Mangalore & Manor, that I deferred writing till I could learn something certain of their intentions. — I have inclosed You Copy of a Letter from Genl. Macleod to Captain Burney, but I received a Letter from Lieut. Torriano dated the 6th. which mentions that Tippoo's Officer Commanding at Onore had detained the Man I sent with my Letter to the Commanding Officer, & would not permit him to proceed, or return. I had sent two Battalions towards the Sadasho= =gur District. I concludes with this Paragraph "from which & many other reasons, I learn all is not as it ought to be at Mangalore — The Men of War sailed Yesterday afternoon for Bombay — The Troops from Onore arrived at Anola, but left it on my writing to the Command= =ing Officer, that I should deem it a Breach of the Cessa= =tion if they crossed the River, but I think it was owing principally to the ships being in the Offing — This day I received

5719 Fort St. George 9 November 1783

26th

I received intelligence from a Vessel belonging to Europeans, who is an Inhabitant of Bombay, that his Family are there, that eight days ago the Enemy attempted to get possession of it once by Stratagem but failed, I dont know what to think of these different reports, but it appears as if all were not right, and we cannot be too cautious —

Copy of a Letter from James Gibbald Esq.r to Charles Cromwelin dated 14 August 1783 Received at Goa the 21st. September following —

Dear Sir

On the 22d. Ultimo one of the two Boats I dispatched to Mangalore in June arrived here, & brought me Letters from Major Campbell of the 19th. Their sufferings have been exceeding great, & their defence of the place most noble. The Enemy has had Batteries open against the Fort since the 4th. of June of 18. 24 & 32 Pounders — they have silenced all our Guns from the East Bastion — they have made a Breach of more to the North Gate — they have made a Breach of more than 50 Yards within the North Curtain — they are in possession of the greatest part of the Glacis. I have by an inconceivable Number of Trenches worked up to the brink of the Ditch, which they were attempting to fill with Billets of Wood & Earth. Our loss to the 18th. Ultimo was 15 Officers Killed,

22

5720 Fort St. George 7 November 1783

26th.

22 Wounded. & about 750 Europeans & Sepoys Killed & Wound-
=ed Notwithstanding this reduced Situation Major Campbell writes
me he does not dispair of holding out until relief arrives pro-
=vided it is not long deferred, at all Events that he is
determined to defend the place to the last Man. — I most
anxiously Hope that the Bombay Reinforcement is ere
this arrived with them. —

Extract of another Letter from Capt.n Carpenter at
Sadashogur to Charles Commmelin at Goa. dated the
27th. Received the 30th. September viz.t

I have been plagued Eternally by the Rabobs
Officers at Ancola. they have the Modesty to desire
I will call all my out Ports into the Fort. & give up
the Country to them, that they may starve me as they
want to do Tonian at Onore. I am afraid the same
game is playing at Mangulore as we have heard no-
=thing from thence since the Depation. I am informed
to day that some Boats with Liquors &c.a — Anchored off
Onore. I were not permitted to Land any thing — From my
Idea of the 9.th Article I have a right to all the Revenue
of this District & the Country I have defended. I all Augusts
of these people is to wait for Answers to my Letters
to the Commander in Chief which I Dispatched the 2.d Inst.
as I am not clear that my writers write clearly what I wish:

I

5121 Fort St. George 9 November 1783

26th. I the Day before Yesterday wrote to Captn. Torrens, and desired he would explain to the Nabobs Commanding Officer, that I would not Collect any Revenue of this Country, nor should they, but it should remain in the hands of the Patells tell we could receive orders Respecting it - That I would not withdraw my Posts, as I had Occupied them ever since I destroyed Arcot, & that I should purchase from the Patells what was necessary for my Garrisons & no more, but I will not allow them to send any People into the Country - This is as far in my Opinion as I can go, for should I admitt of this people coming into the Country my Garrisons which consists of four fifths of its inhabitants would soon be reduce to nothing?, Vif I withdraw my Posts at the Gaunts, & a Peace should not take place, the first Knowledge I should have of it would be the Enemy close under the Walls - besides I have now not more than a Months Prov.n in the Fort & I believe they are well acquainted with our Situation at every Place & they would take care not to let me have any - My intention is to continue the Posts on the Gaunts & if they send any Troops a cross the River I shall reinforce my Posts, they have orders if an Enemy appear not to fire first, but charge their Bayonets should they attempt to Force them, & defend the Posts as long as possible.

Extract

Fort St. George 4 November 1783

5122

26th

Extract of a Letter from Capt.n Torriano to Charles Com=
=melin dated Onore Septem.r 25th 1783 received at Goa
the 1st October follg

Nat a line have I yet been favord with
from Mangalore in answer to all my Representation of
the Nabobs Officers misconduct - I have every reason
to geedge that their little attention to the Articles of Capitulation
proceed from the Nabobs orders on this Head. I as I am
determined to adhere strictly to them, till I receive Subse=
=quent directions from Mangalore. The anxiety I experience
at this period, in consequence of their Silence is inexpressible

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

From Major Lysaght
enclosing Persian letter
from Meer Hummer
addressed Canon

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have been honored with your com=
=mands of the 2d inst.t three M.r Secretary Ewdleston, &
M.r Deputy Secretary Macey: a translation of the latter
I immediately forwarded to Meer Hummud Sein Cawn
& the Accompanying Persian letter is his reply to it. He
says that if I will send my people to purchase provisions
he will not hurt them, but the taking of things from
the

5123 Fort St. George November 1783

26th the Villages possible is improper and compel the inhabitants to desert the country &c &c I can assure Your Lordship & the Gentlemen of the committee, that the strictest discipline as to that point has been kept up in the detachment ever since it arrival on this district & that not a single Article draft & Carriage bullocks excepted which Mr Gardener was under the necessity of pressing into the Service, had been taken from the inhabitants until the Enemy either destroyed or obliged the country people to quit every Village in the neighbourhood of this place, and not only prevented our Bazar people from going out to purchase provisions but actually seizing up some of them & some of the natives who were attempting to bring in small supplies after so hostile and inhuman a conduct in their part and the detachment being in much distress for a number of Articles which the native troops could not exist without I thought myself justly authorized to help myself where I could. It had not uncommenced rains set in about the second instt. and continued almost ever since without intermission I should most likely have collected a tolerable good supply by this time but the Country is so intersected with Rivulets, and in such a State from the deluge of rain that has fallen that it was impossible for any detachment to move a mile from Camp If there is any sincerity in what Mer now profess

but

Fort St. George November 1783

5124

26th

but for my own part I am convinced from the whole of
his conduct there is not. I have put it to the Capt. by
applying to him for orders to the commanders of his small
detachments &c to permit our people to pass. & unmo-
lested. possibly he may send me such orders. but I think
he will at the same time send others to his people not
to pay any attention to them. & that we must rely solely
upon what we have. and what we can get from the
Venkatagurry Country -

Notwithstanding the precaution I had taken to erect
Spacious & water proof huts for the several Corps the
Uncommon wetness of the season has very much affected
the Sepoy and other natives. but the Europeans seem to hold
it out tolerably well. a few of the Officers only. who have
had very severe attacks the doctor was of opinion. that
we should have lost Lt. Arthur Stewart. & Durand. but
I have the pleasure to inform Your Lordship that
both these Gent. are better - the former is out of danger
& Mr. Weston has hopes that the latter will yet do well
- The complaint has been purgeing. and vomiting which
generally terminates in cramps in the limbs & spasms
in the Stomach It carries the patient off in the space
of ten or twelve hours. if they survive twenty four
hours - they in general do well the loss has principally
fallen

5125 Fort St. George 9 November 1783

26th fallen upon the Circar Grenadiers, about five & twenty of whom have been carried off within these seven or eight days - Our last letters from Madras were dated the fifth. & I have not been able to dispatch a Coppial since the 13th inst.

I have the Honor to be
&c
(signed) Arth Lyttelton

Camp at Combam
20th Novemr 1783.

From Capt. Edmonds Commanding at Onore (as entered in M. B: No) giving an account of danger lately happened to that Fort

Dispatched the following letter to Capt. Dawes Commanding at Permacoil (as entered in M: B: No) informing him of Lt. Watkins having been ordered to proceed to Permacoil to repair the Damage lately happened

To Lt Col: Ross (as entered in M: B: No) desiring him to send an Engineer to the Mount to report the state of that Post

To Lieut. James Campbell of the 101st Regt (as entered in M. B: No) enclosing his copy of a letter received from the Commanding Officer of his Regt. in answer to one of the Select Committee ——

To Major Lord Wm Commanding his Majesty's 73d Regt (as entered in M: B: No) and the same to all the Commanding Officers of his Majesty's Regts enclosing an Extract from the minutes of the Select Committee, & agreeably to which desiring them

Murray

5126

Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

them to issue orders to the Surgeons of their Regiments.

At a Select Committee Present

Thursday
27th. November 1783

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor

Lieut. General Ross Lang

Alex.r Davidson Esq.r

Anthony Sadlier Esq.r and Morgan Williams

Esq.r absent upon service

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved

Read the following Letter and enclosures from

Mr. Hoppard

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Members of the

Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

The Marquis de Bussy has been pleased to appoint Monsieur Monneron on the part of the French Nation, to negotiate with me upon the subject of my mission and Yesterday I received a Letter from him, containing the Requisitions he has to make, on Matters relative to Commerce which agreable to my Instructions, I have the Honor to transmit for the Consideration of your Lordship &c. together with a

Copy

5127 Fort St. George 27th November 1783

Copy of my Reply — I have not presumed to enter into Conference with Monsieur Monneron upon the Subject of his Letter, as the Right Honble the President was pleased to signify to me that it was not Your Intention, that I should engage in Discussion with the French Representative, but transmit to Your Lordship &c. for Your immediate Consideration such Matters as he might present, and indeed I am not furnished with any Document, or special Instructions, to enable me to discuss with Weight & Precision —

You are pleased to instruct me to superintend the Police of this Place, and the Conduct of the Aumildar I am happy to acquaint Your Lordship &c. that on my arrival, the Police appeared to me well conducted and regular; nor have any Complaints been made to me of the Aumildar, and to avoid the Necessity of any immediate Interference on my Part, Your Lordship &c. not having thought it requisite, to place under me any Civil or Military Assistance, to enable me to enforce obedience I took an early Opportunity of mentioning to the Marquis de Bussy, that it was Your Wish to address any Irregularities which might occur, and that if any Complaints should arise, I should be happy to transmit them to Your Lordship &c. for that purpose

Mr. Benfield arrived at Pondicherry the 19th in the Evening from Cuddalore, in his Way to Tranquebar,

much

5128

Fort St. George 27th November 1783

much indisposed; and has been advised by the Surgeon Major of this Place, to postpone his further Journey, which that Gentleman thinks in his present state of Health, must prove dangerous indeed the Weather has prevented travelling for some Days past, and the Rivers to the Southward still continue impassable ——

I have the honor to be

&c

(signed) Geo: St: Hoissard

Pondicherry
22d November 1783

To Mr. Hoissard

Sir ——

After the honor which the Marquis de Bussy has done me by selecting me to negociate with the person whom the Committee of Madras might send to Pondicherry, nothing could be more agreeable to me than to confer with You; — Your conciliatory Disposition is a proof of that of the Committee, and it is incumbent on me to assure You that the Marquis de Bussy entertains Similar Sentiments. —

I do not conceive Sir, that We can at present touch upon any other points, than those which regard Commerce —

When Mr. Bybus on the 6th May 1765 ceded to the French the Factory which they had possessed at Masulipatam before 1749, together with the Village of Trumpt,

&c

Fort St. George 27th November 1783

he did not think himself authorized to insert in the Act of Restitution, that the French should enjoy an exemption from Duties. he allowed they never had paid any, but referred it to the Decision of the Council of Madras, to determine whether they should or should not in future pay Duties. The Answer from the Council was in the affirmative, but that an Account should be kept by each Nation of the Merchandize belonging to the French Company which might be imported or exported, by which means the Amount of the Duties levied, would be ascertained, in case it were ever determined that they should be paid back. — The Matter remained upon this footing till the Declaration of last year. I do not believe any Order has been received from Europe to confirm, or to invalidate the resolution of the Council of Madras. Mr. Canon protested against Mr. Pybus's refusal. —

The 19th of May 1765. Messrs Dobbs and Whitehill restored to us, the Factory of Yanam and its Dependencies, but they refused to surrender back the District that We had possessed at Narsapoure, and of which (tho' it had been abandoned for a length of time,) We had a right to resume possession long before the Year 1749. Mr. Canon protested also against this procedure. —

The Factory of Yanam enjoyed the privilege of having under its Order the Boatmen, and Inhabitants

of

5130

Fort St. George 27th November 1783

of the Island of Cuttapa, as likewise the Village where those Boatmen resided at Point Guadavery; Mr. Barron likewise protested against the refusal of passing matters on the former footing. ——

I cannot trace any instance that the French East India Company have ever been subjected to any Duties at Yanam, but when that Trade was carried on by Individuals, the Chief of Injeram demanded, and inforced the payment of Duties. ——

I observe a Letter from the Council of Pondichery to that of Madras dated the 5th Novemr. 1771 containing Complaints against Mr. Richard Lathom, who was then Chief of Injeram & who among other Grievances had levied Duties upon Merchandize — In the Answer from the Council of Madras which is dated the 20th January 1772, there is the following remarkable Paragraph "One point however We must premise on this: We do by by no means admit any right in Your Chief or any Servants or Dependants of Your Company, or any other persons residing under the Jurisdiction of your Factory, to press their own private Merchandize and Effects by Dustock, thro' any part of the Circar free of Duty, that privilege We acknowledge in Your Company alone, for the proper Merchandize of the Company

Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

Company and not for private Merchandize If You do not admit this proposition it will be needless on our part to proceed to any further discussion of the Subject"

The 13th. Article of the Preliminaries of Peace signed the 20th. of January has clearly decided that Question, by their Words a safe free, and independent Trade, such as was carried on by the late French East India Company whether it be carried on by them as Individuals or as a Company

To carry on a Commerce such as is understood by our respective Sovereigns, it must not only be exempt from even paying new Duties, but must likewise enjoy all free=dom of Navigation in the Rivers which pass by our Factories

Altho no arrangement may yet have taken place, I am well convinced that it is contrary to the intentions of the Council of Madras that Duties have been levied upon their Cutty Hyder shipped on the Kings account on board one of his Vessels at Tanam, and a Duty is even required upon Cloths - I request Sir, that You will acquaint the Council of Madras with this particular that they may issue such Orders as they shall judge expedient - At any other time I am persuaded that they would issue orders for the Duties already levied to be returned -

I am of Opinion Sir that the Presidency of Madras

can

5732 Fort St. George 27th November 1783

can only stipulated for the Establishments We are to posses on the Coasts of Coromandel and Orixa; — At present I will confine myself to the latter, and have accordingly the honor to demand —

1st That till such time as our Factories & Districts at Ma- =ulipatam & Yanam shall be restored to us, all French Subjects shall be permitted to carry on a free Trade in the Northern Provinces. —

2d That no Duties be exacted upon any Merchandize which they may either manufacture themselves, or export, nor upon such as may be imported, neither shall they be subject to the Chops of any Custom House Officers or others. —

3d Should there be any exception to the above Article, that the matter be referred to Europe, and till a Decision shall arrive, that such expedients be adopted as will preserve to each party their respective rights in all points of Dispute

4th That the French be permitted to have a Village of Boatmen at Point Gaudavery and on the Island of Enaltipa, to facilitate their Trade and that the Boat- -men be subject to their Orders.

5th That the French be allowed the free Navigation of the River which passes by Yanam, and of the several branches

5133 Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

branches of it, both ways, till it disemboques itself into the Sea —

6th. That they be permitted to provide Wood, Charcoal, Lemic &c at the same places from whence heretofore they have procured those Articles.

7th. Should any point necessary to be ascertained be now omitted: the French may always make the Demand which shall not be objected to from the circumstance of it's having at present passed unnoticed, nor shall that be deemed a sufficient reason why any new Regulation should not in future be established. —

If these propositions which appear to me equitable, should they strike You in the same light, I request Sir, that You will signify to me Your concurrence, or that You will Communicate to me any observations You may think proper to make. —

I have the honor to be with esteem

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

(signed) Monneron

Pondicherry
21st. November 1783

attachment

Monneron Esqr.

Sir

I have this Moment the Honor to receive Your Requisitions

5734

Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

Requisitions of the 21st. Instt. on behalf of the French nation, relative to Commerce; and agreable to the Instructions given me by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, I shall immediately transmit them to Madrass, for their Consideration. —

I beg leave to acquaint You that I am expressly directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to assure the Marquis de Bussy, that it is their sincere Intention, most punctually to fullfill the Article of the Preliminary Treaty, securing to the French Nation a safe, Free & Independant Trade, such as was carried on by the late French East India Company, whether it be carried on by them as Individuals, or as a Company; & that they are willing to settle such Stipulations on the Subject as may be necessary, to secure to France the full Effect of it, & to remove all occasion of dispute between the two Countries and it will afford me the most pleasing Reflection, if it may be in my Power to promote these Views, and demonstrate by my Conduct the same good Inclinations You profess.

I have the honor to be

&c

(signed) G. S. H.

Pondicherry 22d. Novemr. 1783

Endorsed

5133 Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

branches of it, both ways, till it disembogues itself into the Sea —

6th. That they be permitted to provide Wood, Charcoal, Lime &c at the same places from whence heretofore they have procured those Articles.

7th. Should any point necessary to be ascertained be now omitted, the French may always make the Demand which shall not be objected to from the Circumstance of it's having at present passed unnoticed, nor shall that be deemed a sufficient reason why any new Regulation should not in future be established. —

If there propositions which appear to me unexceptionable, should they strike You in the same light, I request Sir, that You will signify to me Your concurrence, or that You will Communicate to me any observations You may think proper to make. —

I have the honor to be with sincere attachment Sir

Your

(signed) Monneron

Pondichery
21st. November 1783

Monneron Esqr.

Sir

I have this Moment the Honor to receive Your Requisitions

5134

Fort St. George 27th November 1783

Requisitions of the 21st Instt. on behalf of the French nation, relative to Commerce, and agreable to the Instructions given me by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, I shall immediately transmit them to Madrass for their Consideration. —

I beg leave to acquaint You that I am expressly directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to assure the Marquis de Bussy, that it is their sincere Intention, most punctually to fullfill the Article of the Preliminary Treaty, securing to the French Nation a safe, Free & Independant Trade, such as was carried on by the late French East India Company, whether it be carried on by them as Individuals, or as a Company. & that they are willing to settle such Stipulations on this Subject as may be necessary, to secure to France the full Effect of it, & to remove all occasion of Dispute between the two Countries and it will afford me the most pleasing Reflection, if it may be in my Power to promote these Views, and demonstrate by my Conduct the same good Inclinations You profess.

I have the honor to be

&c.

(signed) G: S. H.

Pondicherry 22d Novemr. 1783

Dodond

5135 Fort St. George 27th November 1783

Ordered to lie for consideration —

Read the following Letter received the 25th Instt. from Bengal —

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

My Lord Gentlemen

We are desirous to have before us the fullest Information of your Correspondence with Mr. Bussy and of your Negotiations and Proceedings on the Subject of Peace with Tippoo Saheb, we request that You will be pleased to transmit to us as soon as you may be able after your Receipt of this Letter an exact Copy of Your Proceedings and Correspondence as well as Your Right Honble President with Mr. Bussy relative to any Part of the Preliminaries of Peace between the Courts of London and Paris, and that you will furnish us with a complete Copy of all Your Proceedings and a Detail of all Your Transactions, as well as those of Your Right Honble President together with a Copy of all the Correspondence that has been carried on by or with You or Your President in Relation to a Peace with Tippoo Saheb

We

5136

Fort St. George 27th November 1783

We have the Honor to be

&c.

Warren Hastings

John Macpherson

signed John Stables

Fort William

28th October 1783

Most of the papers required in the foregoing Letter and we believe all that are very material have been already forwarded to the Governor General & Council — the Secretary is desired to cause the rest to be prepared as soon as possible.

Read the following Letter —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor & Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship &c a letter which I received under cover of Mr. Hutchinson, dated Anjengo the 4th inst.

The Papers of this day do not enable me to convey to Your Lordship &c my Intelligence of Col. Fullarton's Army, nor have I heard that any authentic accounts of the situation of the Army has been

Convey

5137

Fort St. George 27th November 1783

been received since it was at Anamalee, on the 27th ultimo

I have the Honour to be with great

Tanjour
16th Novemr. 1783
10 P.M.

respect.

&c.

(signed) J: Cave Hippesley.

To John Hutchinson Esqr.

Resident &

Wm. Arthur Kling

Factor

at Anjengo

Gentlemen

We have received Your Letter of the
10th Instt. since when about eight hundred of his Ma-
=jesty's Troops have been landed at this Place from the
Squadron under the Command of Sir Richard Bickerton who after
having disembarked them sailed again for Mangalore. General
Mathews accompanying him thither with a Quantity of Provisions.
but for what intent we know not —

We are

&c

M. Furth

G. Paterson

Tellicherry
24th October 1783

(A true Copy)

(signed) Lawrence Shaw
Lieut.

To

5138 Fort St. George 27th November 1783

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I received Your Secretary's Letter of the 9th Inst. but so extremely indisposed, and the Weather so bad that I was unable to quit Permaveil till the 17th Inst. though the Surgeon there had again advised my removal from thence, as absolutely necessary, and recommended I would avail myself of the first favourable moment for the purpose: I have already represented the very mise-rable Situation in which I remained there and I presume You must be sensible how much I have suffered since the Commencement of the Monsoon, in so infirm a state of Health: it is evident too, how difficult it must be at this Season, for a Person chiefly confined to a sick Bed, to make a Journey with safety, nor have I got thus far without feeling the Consequences very eminently yet I have the Satisfaction of knowing, that I have devoted myself to Your Commands, may possibly even to the last stage of my existence: but it is a principle from which I shall never depart whatever may be my

private

5139 Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

private sufferings, so long as Life remains, to acquit myself as a Zealous Faithful and Dutiful Servant to the Company, in whose Service I have already passed the better part of Life, and shall be happy to finish the remainder in the advancement of their Honour and Interests.

On my arrival at Pondicherry I requested the attendance of Monsieur Gerard, the principal Engineer of the French Establishment, and submitted my Case and state of Health to His consideration: His Sentiments I have the Honour to inclose: He represents to me in the strongest manner that I cannot attempt to move from hence without great prejudice and Risk to myself, indeed He confirms how unable I am to undertake a further Journey, and recommends that I submit myself for a time, in Tranquility to his charge as the only chance of his effecting my recovery. But My Lord Gentlemen could You see my condition, You must readily allow that I need no testimony to evince how incapable I am at present of any active Service. I beg to know if I have Your permission to avail myself of Monsieur Gerards Services and Advice, in the hope of reestablishing my Health.

I have the honour to be
&c
(signed) Paul Benfield

Pondicherry
November 21st. 1783

P.S. The Rivers have not been passable for passengers
these

5140

Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

there ten days past, and Sleam continues full —

Translation

Mr. Benfield having consulted me upon the present state of his health, I have told him that it would be absolutely necessary if he wished one even to put him in a Course of Cure, for him to reside here for some time; in order, that I should not only be able to inform myself more perfectly of the Causes of his Disorder Viz. its amplications, but also to know by my own observation the different effects of the Medicines which I propose to give him — advising him by no means to undertake any Journey as it could not fail to increase the disorder with which he is attacked, as has happened in his Journey from Permacoil to this place —

(signed) Gerard de Landisme
Surgeon Major

Pondichery
21st. Novemr. 1783

Minute upon
Mr. Benfield's letter

The Committee have no doubt of Mr. Benfields being able to procure Certificates from Surgeons of its being necessary for him to stay where he is, or to remove elsewhere. there are several on the records annexed to the Letters with which he has at different times importuned the Committee and the Council and in answer to which he has been as often furnished with their sentiments. Agreed that Mr. Benfield be referred

to

5141 Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

to those Letters particularly to the last bearing date the 9th. Instant and that he be informed the Committee give him leave to remain days at Pondicherry but expect that he will continue his Journey to Tranquebar at the expiration of that time and return from thence to his duty at Permacoil assoon as his health shall admit of it

The President lays before the Committee the following Copy of a printed advertisement signed F. Mercara Secretary to the Committee of Grain Issued at Calcutta which he informs the Committee has been delivered to him well authenticated - It is dated the 31st. October & prohibits the exportation of Grain, / Government Contracts not excepted -

Advertisement —

The Honorable the Governor General & Council having resolved that a Total Embargo upon the exportation of Grain, by Sea, be laid, Government Contracts not excepted

Notice is Hereby given,

To all European & native Merchants, that any person attempting to export grain from Bengal by Sea, shall upon proof thereof, suffer the confiscation of the same by Government, and any person found guilty of having exported grain, subsequent to the Date of this Advertisement, shall be punished by the forfeiture of twice the amount of the Grain exported, the value

to

5142

Fort St. George 27th November 1783

to be estimated by the then Market price limited by this Government One Moiety whereof will be given to the Informer, by whose means such Defaulter shall be brought to punishment. —

By order of the Committee of Grain —

Fort William
October 31st 1783

(signed) F. Moore. Sec —

A true Copy from a printed one

(signed) Wm. Greene

The Committee observe that it is extraordinary that this advertisement should not have been published in the Bengal Gazette, of the 1st Novemr. just now received nor any official notice of it transmitted to this Government tho' so deeply interested in it and our Chief Dependance for subsisting the Troops as well as the Inhabitants being on supplies from Bengal.

The President informs the Committee that there are at present only 10057 Bags of rice in Store out of which 3112 are already ordered to be issued and the Troops at the Mount have with them provisions to the 12th Inst.

	19th	Do
The Troops at St. Thomé	5th	Do
at Trivatoor	7th	Do
The Followers of the Army		

The President has made deligent enquiry for rice to replenish

5143 Fort St. George 27th November 1783

replenish the stock but as yet has only been able to procure from 2500 to 2700 Bags for which the Merchant demands 165 Pagodas ₰ Garce and ready money — The rice in the settlement belonging to private persons (as by Account now delivered in) amounts to 29,840 Bags —

The President is requested to continue his endeavours to procure rice, and to make such purchases of that article as his Lordship shall judge eligible

Read the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne with the several enclosures therein mentioned, as lodged in the Offices

The Right Honble the President & Members of the Select Committee

My Lord Gentlemen

As it is more than probable that you may have heard of the late proceedings of my Regt. and well convinced how readily any false representations of my Conduct will be believed, in Justice to myself & my Officers I think it necessary to inform You that on the 22d. Inst. the Usual allowances for my Regiment being stopped I heard that the Men intended going in a body either to the Commander in Chief of the Companys Forces, or to Government to demand them. I assembled the Regt. and informed them of the reason why their allowances was stopped, that if they chose to Live upon their pay without their field allowances I

5744

Fort St. George 27th. November 1783

I would take it upon me to assure them they would be no loser in the end, but that I left the choice entirely to themselves and that whatever they resolved on I should comply with and by no means be dissatisfied. the Majority represented that from the Wet & Coldness of the Season. they should all fall sick if they had not field allowances, on which I ordered my Adjut.t Colonel to write to the Commander in Chief of the Companys Forces inclosure No.1. - this not producing the desired Effect in procuring Batta for the Men, & hearing they designd to march to the Fort in a body to demand it, I gave out the Orders No.2 Colonel Floyd having received No.3. & having wrote an Answer to it No.4. On the orders of government coming out Yesterday prescribing a form I ordered my Lt. Colonel to write the Letter No.5 to the Commander in Chief of the Companys Forces but the Men of the Regt. not knowing what had been done assembled of themselves Yesterday Morning and were determined to have Marched in a body to the Fort had not I gone to Marmelon & with the Assistance of my Officers & Noncommissiond Officers prevented so disagreeable a Matter taking place. I assembled the Regt. & after having explaind to the Men how highly incensd I was at their Conduct that I should use my utmost Endeavours with Government to withdraw their Batta. which I now hope My Lord & Gentlemen

You

5145 Fort St. George 27th November 1783

You will do at least for a short time to Convince them that Government will not comply with Demands made in so Unlawful & Mutinous a Manner. I shall now only beg to add, that however deserving punishment my Conduct, or that of my Lt. Colonel may be, no attempts may be made to punish us, by ill treating the Men: the Experiment is dangerous, if once made again, tho my utmost powers as well as those of my Officers will not be Wanting, it may be possible we shall not be able to prevent Dangerous Consequences detrimental in the Extreme, not only to the Service, but to the State. I shall conclude with a Classical Quotation

Me Me Adsum qui feci, in me convertite ferrum

Your Most Obedient Servant

Have My Lord & Gentlemen

(signed) J: Burgoyne M: G: &

Nov.r 25th 1783

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

The Committee think it unnecessary to make any remark on the foregoing Letter

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Stranbenzie —

4847 Fort St. George November 1783

2 Command will be considered as a Perusal of Hostilities
and as such to be respected and represented to Superiors

Sultaun . . . Shave the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George (Signed) John Huddleston
2d November 1783 Secretary

Sent the following Letter to Committee of Stores

To Lieutenant Colonel Ross

&c. Members of the Committee of Stores

Gentlemen

Committee of Stores with
closures from Mr. Morton
directing them to
ver up the Arms
rein mentioned
Stores

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to refer to
you the accompanying Letter and Enclosure
from Monsieur Martin and to desire that if the
Arms thereon mentioned are among the Company
Stores you will Cause them to be delivered to him

Fort St. George
November 1783

I Shave the honor to be &c.
(Signed) John Huddleston
Secretary

Received the following Letter from Lieut Dan

To William George Wasley Esqr.

Deputy Military Secretary Fort St. George

Lieut Dawes
requests

Sr I have received your Letter of the 1st and
by