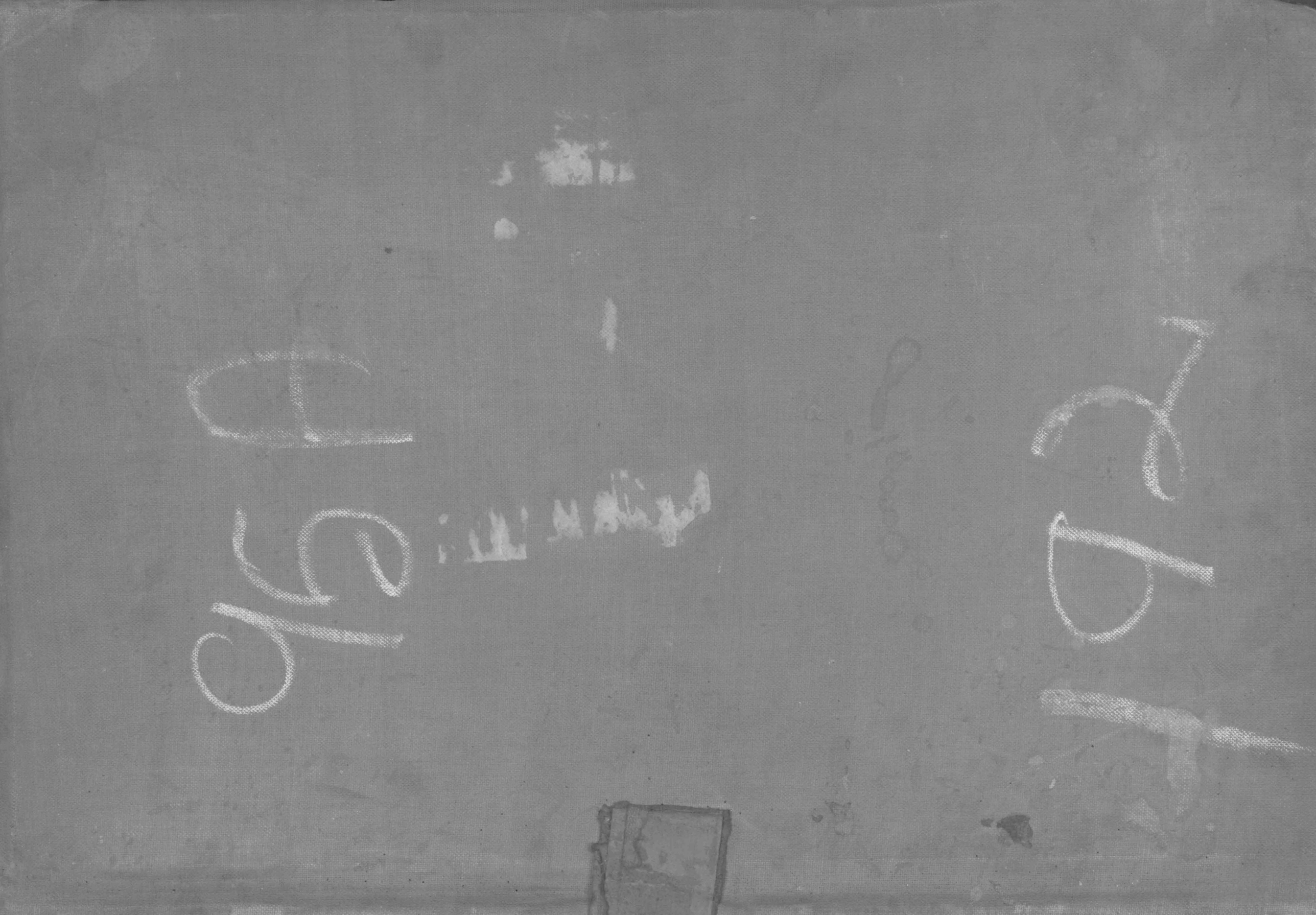


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convinced how incapable I was of any active Service

In the interim, I was fond on a Journey of Physick, from which I scarcely began to feel the benefit when I was required to proceed on the Journey to the Southward, or return to Pulicat; certainly should not implicate Gen and get out of the reserve of medicine I am under as well as I can; but, as to the Journey to the Southward as I have already observed I am so very weak and ill as to be utterly unable to undertake it, of course I have no alternative, but to return to the place from whence I came, with all its dangers and disadvantages, nay, even without the medical assistance before found there, for that Gentlemen, though apparently the strongest constitution, was reduced to the point of Death, probably from the unwholesomness of the place, and was removed to Pondicherry where he now lays in a very dangerous state and it is thought, had he remained Twenty four hours longer at Permacoil, that he must have Lost his life.

In my illness, I have been induced to transmit the Certificates of

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exceeds so far as your Commands, as to permit
me to avail myself of the assistance of the
medical Gentlemen, who have already been
administering for the re-establishment of my
Health and Constitution and who seem
now to be acquainted with the nature
of my Complaint, and especially as at this
Place I shall be without reach of the duties
of my employ, so far as the state of my
Health may enable me to act.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your faithful humble servant
(Signed) Paul Benfield

Pondicherry
9th Decem. 1783.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I is with infinite concern
I acquaint you that Major Ingoldsby was
attack'd yesterday with the disease that has
so universally prevailed in this Camp
for some time past, & has proved so fatal to
the

from Capt. George Brown - Major Ingoldsby being much disposed the superintendt of the Northern Army

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12th The native troops, however have the satisfaction to communicate to you the favorable Opinion of Mr. Weston who seems to think he is past all danger if he has no return of those violent cramps he is attended with - he still continues low. Mr Wash during his indisposition has requested me to Superintend the Detachment have therefore the honor to send you inclosed a Letter from Mean Commanding at Guntoor received the 4th instant - nothing extraordinary hath happened in the Detachment since Major Lyons last letter to Your Lordship, and the Committee

Camp at Combaconum Dec. 5th 1783

I have the honor to be
My Lord, and Gentlemen
with the Respect
Yr. Most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) George Browne
Dpt. Adjt. Genl.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

By the Accounts contained

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From the Committee of Assigned Revenue the Commanding Officer & Paymaster being absent from Palmaud is disadvantageous to the management of the Revenue – requesting they may be remedied

We received several Letters lately received from Palmaud, we are of Opinion that the absence of the Commanding Officer and Paymaster from that Garrison is a Circumstance that must Consi=derably affect the management of the Revenue by leaving the station without Superintendence or Check of any kind, we therefore beg leave to recommend to Your Lordships Y.r that this Inconvenience be remedied as soon as possible.—

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your Most Obedient
humble Servants.
Cha.s Oakeley
David Haliburton
George Monbey

Fort St George
18th Decem.r 1793

(Signed)

From Captain Crosse of Commandant at Vellore as entered on M.B. (No.) Acknow.=ledging the receipt of the letter respecting the Appointment of Mr Huddleston.—

13th Received the following Letter.—

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From Mr. Hippesley enclosing Papers & Letters with intelligence from the Malabar Coast. —

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My Lord,

The accompanying enclosures are just arrived which Mr. Sullivan who is ordered with Dispatches is to despatch without loss of time — he means to address your Lordship tomorrow I have the honor to be the truest respect

Your Lordships most faithful & Obliged Servant

(Signed) T. Case. Hippesley

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The Honble John Hudleston Esqre Resident at Anjengo

Sir,

The reports that have lately circulated relative to the Suspension of our Select Committee have been so vague that I have refrained from troubling you with them as they have come to me — Mr. Sullivan is still at the Presidency & writes me that Things look well in general & report on to other Letters which

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13th Shall not proceed — I conclude however that there is no foundation for those reports — And the more so, as we have received late Letters from the Committee, announcing the Recommencement of Hostilities against Tippoo Saheb —

Another Detachment equal in force to that of Colonel Stewart is now at Trincomalee ready on its march to join Colonel Fullarton — so that we shall have an army which may venture to look Tippoo in the face wherever we may —

We anxious to hear from your Coast —

I am

Sir With great regard —

Your Most faithfull

Humble Servant

Edwd. Hughes

Gardens

Near Tanjore

25th August 1783

(Copy —

(Signed)

Extract of a joint Letter from William Hornby Esq.r to General Macleod & Mr. Freeman Dated the 13th November Received the 24th following —

" This is to Acquaint you that

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13th that the Troops will March with the Troops to-
morrow for the Siege of Mangalore at about
ten Leagues distance I expect they will be there
by the 25th or 27th so that you had better set off
immediately with your Troops to join them.
Your instructions will come on the Subsequent
who will be dispatched as soon as I understand
may Success attend you"

I have Copy
William Truman

A true Copy
John Hutchinson

Sir

This is just to inform you that
I have again received my Post to the Board
hard, although I still very weak and that the
General left this the 17th Instant in the Drake
with an Intent as I understand to send Despatches
a Letter from the Governor and Council
prior to the Arrival of the Army from there at
at Mangalore which could not proceed until
the Squadron left by Sir Edward
Hughes under the Command of Captain
Mitchell

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Mitchell to convey it thither) could be
watered; I believe also one of the Generals
Specific motives for giving them so soon, was to
give Spirits to the Brave Garrison, who, should
Tippoo have recommenced hostilities must be
greatly distressed indeed, what their real
Situation is at present we know not for we
have no communication by Sea & Cannot get
any one to undertake to carry a Letter by
Land Country reports say that Tippoo has
allowed the Garrison lately to be furnished with
daily Provisions but what truth there is
on this I cannot say. —

The Squadron being watered
sailed last night for Anjengalore, at that Place
we shall shortly be relieved from our anxiety
on Account of that Place. —

I shall be obliged to you if
you will inform Colonel Sullivan of what
I have here wrote you, as I shall also do to day
by Dawarahs. —

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
Will.m Freeman

J. Hitchcherry
24th Novem.r 1783
8 Clock A.M.

John Hutchinson Esq.r Calcutta

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Dear Sir,

I was Yesterday favored with your Letters of the 11th October & 16 November.

Enclosed is the Copy of your Letter, quoted by Messrs. Firth & Pattison announcing the recommencement of Hostilities on your Coast, & giving the Committee for your authority — As I found the Gentlemen at Pallicatory Copy of no further explanation is required. — The Extract from the Regd Wm. the Presidents Letter of the 5th August, & from the Select Committee of the 8th of the same Month, both to the number afford a strong Argument of the fixed resolve of Government to recommence Hostilities the next demonstration of their having actually begun. —

I am happy to assure you that the Intelligence has not had the least Influence upon Affairs on this Coast whatever appearances have been assumed merely to the disguised —

I am under great apprehensions that Colonel Fullarton has proceeded too far to recede. — The Sword of War is lighted up not to be relinquished but by the ratification of Peace Salute — although such a Plan may be repugnant to

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to the Letter of the Instructions from Home, yet I think it will not ultimately prove so to the Spirit of them, which has for its object a Solid & permanent Peace, & which Plan of operation can be no otherwise established than on the total annihilation of the Enemy.

It is past doubt that Colonel Fullarton has captured Palicatchery & a Fort to the West of it called I think) Mangaro this Information I had to day from Captain Montgomery Commander of the Buborough Indiaman who assured me he saw a Letter from the Colonel to the Governor of Cochin requesting his assistance in supplying him with 12 Great Guns 400 Barrels of Powder, a great number of Balls Tarr, Arrack &c. he has been furnished with the Tarr & Arrack but not with the Great Guns &c. I am in hopes the Rajah of Travancore may have some of his Forts to the Northward Guns that will answer the Colonels description, if so, I shall endeavour to forward on board to assist us; as also with the Powder & Balls.

I am with great regard

Dear Sir
Your most Obd. humble Servt.
John Hutchinson

Anjengo
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To the Right Honble. Lord Macartney

President & Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

At Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have this moment received a Translate of a Letter from Cotiah Naigue to the Gentleman at Tellicherry — and as his Operations against Tippoo Sahib may have considerable influence on the Affairs of this Coast, I deem it incumbent upon me to transmit Copy thereof for the Information of Your Lordship & the Board — Extract of a Letter from Tavanore Homby to Admiral Madras & Mr. Farmer —

Captain Montgomerie of the Honble Company's Ship Warborough acquaints me that he has received a Letter from Colonel Sullivan to the Governor of Cochin, mentioning his having captured Palicatchery — The reinforcement he met with was little or none — Mangalore has never fallen to hand —

In consequence of the Intimation given to the Governor of Cochin he has been supplied with Arrack, Rice &c. &c. he is in want of Cordage and in want of 12 heavy Guns, 400 Barrels of Powder & a great Number of Shot, which I shall endeavor to procure from the Rajah of Travancore

&c.

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who may probably be able to furnish them

I have the honor to be with

perfect Respect &c

(Signd) John Hutchinson

Anjengo

28th November 1783

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.

President & Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord /

I had the honor on the 27th Novr

of informing your Lordship & the Board

that this Plain is in our possession, that Brigadier

Genl Mc Leod had received positive orders

from Bombay to force his way into Mangalore

& that I intended to move immediately to secure

Sattimungalum and the Pass of Guzzereddy.

But I have since that date received a

letter from Messrs Sadlier and Staunton

at Arnee of the 20th Novr — In consequence

of their intimations to me I conceive it to

be my duty immediately to cease all Hostile

opperations, and I shall therefore remain

here. and keep quit possession of the

Countrys already acquired, until I shall

hear farther from your Lordship and

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The Board, or from these Gentlemen —

Their Letter to me intimated that I should immediately relinquish all the Countrys conquerd from Tippoo Saib since the 26th July last but as they inform me that they wrote upon the belief, that the infraction of the Cessation had not been authorised by Tippoo Saib, and as they were ignorant of the late acquisitions made by this Army. I should not think myself justified in abandoning possessions of such importance, at a moment when I have positive information from Brigadier Genl. Macleod of the outrageous violation of the stipulations on the part of Tippoo Saib in person, and while the importance of the Countrys lately reduced remain unknown to your Lordship and the Board, & to Messrs. Saddleir and Staunton. I have therefore wrote a full account of every circumstance to these Gentlemen. — I shall in the mean while remain in Peace, and provide for Allen by sending to Trichinopoly and the Southern Garrisons for large supplys of Stores & Dispatch

Captain

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Captain Moodie, my Aid de Camp
Express to Madras, to inform your
Lordship of every circumstance respecting
this Army & this Country — As soon as
I have the honor of your Lordships orders,
I shall be ready within 12 hours notice,
either to advance or retire, as you shall
think proper to direct. —

Brigadier Gen.l Macleod wrote me
on the 17th. November that he was just
about to sail with the troops from Tellicherry
to Mangalore — The result of this Expedition,
will I presume operate very materially
on the future opperations of Peace or
War, but at all events, I shall not venture
to act in any offensive manner till I
shall be so directed either by your Lordship
and the Board, — or by Messrs.rs Sadleir and
Staunton in your name. —

I have the Honor to be with the
greatest Respect &c.a —

Signed W.m Fullarton

Coimbatore
8th Dec.r 1783

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T. C. Lippesley

Tanjore

Sir/

I had the honor to address you on the 1st December from Coimbatore on the subject of the steps, Colonel Fullarton had taken in consequence of your letters of the 24th November inclosing the orders from the Board, and of the letters from Messrs. Sadlier & Staunton at Arnee — In that letter I also mentioned my intended journey to Madras the purpose of which Colonel Fullarton has explained to you — I arrived here last night, & as it will be impossible for me to reach Tanjore tomorrow, owing to my baggage not having come up — that no time may be lost, I have inclosed the Copy of a letter from Colonel Fullarton to Lord Macartney which he desired I might request you would forward to his Lordship by express. — This letter will explain

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explain to you and Mr. Sullivan
the State of the Army, and of Affairs,
on the Malabar Coast. —

By Genl. Macleod's letter of
the 17.th he was to sail on the day
following, for the purpose of forcing
his way into Mangalore. ——

I have the honor to be &c

(signed) D Moodie —

Torichinopoly
Dec.r 8.th 1783 —

S. G. Hippesley Esq.r

Sir

Col.o Fullarton being much
indisposed by the excessive fatigue he has
undergone for some time past, has directed
me to make you acquainted with the
steps he has taken in consequence of your
letters of the 24.th Ultimo and of letters
from Messrs. Saddler and Staunton
dated the 20.th Nov.r at Arnie. —

I have pleasure in saying these last
are expressive of approbation on the
movement made in consequence of the
Official letters from Messrs. Firth and
Patterson

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13th. Patterson at Tellicherry respecting the
capture of Genl. McLeod, — "they however
can know nothing of the events which have
followed that movement as they have directed
him to quit all the Countrys taken possession
of since the 25th of July, to remain protecting
those in our possession previous to that period
and to be careful in future not to commit
the smalest hostility. —

When these directions arrived
the Army was under orders of march for
Sattimungulum in our way to the —
Gazzureddy Pass — The reason of that —
movement which was unexpected, and
almost entirely opposite to that, at first
proposed, the Colonel must have explained
to you previous to our movement from
Palogaucherry, as he wrote you very fully
on that, and every other subject respecting the
Army. —

So far in obedience to the directions of
Messrs Saddleir and Stanton the Colonel
has determined to remain quiet at Coimbatore
with the greatest part of the Army taking
care

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care to provide for future events by supplying himself with stores from every quarter that he may be enabled to carry into execution any orders which he may hereafter receive.— For that purpose the 2d Brigade is ordered to Paligaut= =cherry for the convenience of subsistance as well as to protect the escorts of Stores &c have every reason to hope from Coshon——

The Grenadier Corps consisting of four Batt.ns under Capt.n Maitland will move to Trichinopoly Tanjore &c for the same purpose. and Mr. Digby to Tinevelly to assist in providing Bullocks Gunnys &c which are very much wanted.——

The Colonel will write you fully tomorrow, & I will have the pleasure of seeing you soon in my way to Madras. when I can explain any particulars you may wish to be made acquainted with.——

I have the honor to be, &c

(signed) D. Moodie

aid de camp

The Colonel is much alarmed at your not having received his dispatches of the reduction of Paligautcherry you will now understand that Coimbatore is likewise in our possession.—— D.M.——

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Letter of Ultaraigue to Messrs. Forth and William Freeman —

Received the 20th. Novr. 1783 —

Gentlemen

I have received the letter you sent me, by the Braamin, and am well acquainted with all you therein mention; — You desire me if there is a good road, to pass through the Mysore Country, and to proceed to Palana, and to inform you with every particular, and with what assistance I can afford the Army; The Army ought to march by the way of Eyana Dewana Cottah, and you should write to the Army to set out immediately with 10 Pieces of Cannon and 5 Mortars. On the arrival of the Army there, I shall wait myself on the Commanding Officer, and will supply them with Rice, and with all the other necessaries that he may require, as also with Men and Cooleis, and they shall receive every assistance and three days after the Army shall have arrived, I bind myself to take and deliver

over

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13th over to the Army Peripulua and the
Battery of Quillumolvady, and on proceeding
forward, it shall have further assistance; —
If the Guns and Mortars should be
here in time, It may proceed immediately to
Patana, when the People belonging to Seppoo
that are none below the Ghauts must come
up against us; — On these terms Mangalore
and the other Places will be freed and be
secured forces, and we shall be Masters as
far as Bidenore, and if no delay should
occur we may possess all the Territory of
Mysore and Seringapatam. — In all these
transactions I am willing to assist you, if
there should be any delay in taking Seringa=
=patam, I do bind myself to take it, as
well as on the arrival of the Army here,
to comply with all the promises I have
herein mentioned, without any deviation on
my part; You must write immediately
for the Army to proceed by the way of Eyana
Pavana Cottah; Now there is against this
place, Velevendevauze and Hyder Beg,
and the King of Carracaguerry with 4 or
6000 Men belonging to Hyder and 500 Horse,

who

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who are very near my Districts. I made a Sally with my Troops by the way of Sidaporam Sitwry, so that the Enemy could not make their escape, and We have now been about 8 days firing at each other.— They have Guns and I have none their losses are very great, and mine very Trifling, nor can they have any expectations of succour, and I hope therefore in two days, by Gods favor, to be able to annihilate the Enemy — whatever may occur, I shall acquaint you — You must write to the Army to set out every expeditiously — I hope you will let me know your commands, and inform me of the state of your health — I have been informed that our People in Mangalore are in great want of Provisions, wherefore the Army ought to come immediately, which will oblige Tippoo's Army to withdraw from Mangalore, and our People will be rejoiced. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward a

Letter

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From Mr. Sullivan forwarding a Letter from Anjengo — The Revd. Mr. Swartz will set off for Seringapatam in a few days —

Letter from the President of Anjengo, and to add to the inclosures to which it refers the Copy of a Letter from the Chief of Tellicherry to the President of Anjengo. —

I had last night the honor of your Commands of the 4th Instant, & immediately transmitted to the Reverend Mr. Swartz the Letter addressed to him — It is repugnance to a political mission, the great, has yielded to his desire of rendering the public any service within his power, and he will accordingly set out for Seringapatam on the 10th Instant by the Route of Satamungalum at which place he will be met by letters from Col. Fullarton. —

I have the honor to be with great respect &c

(signd) John Sullivan

Tanjore 8th Decr. 1783 —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President &c — Select Committee

Fort St. George

From Capt. G. Browne has received instruction relative to the evacuating Cummeen — and will comply with them as soon as possible —

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 29th of November ordering this detachment to evacuate the Fort —

and

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13th and district of Combaum accompanied with
one from the Commissaries Mess.rs Saddler
& Staunton to the same purport, also a
translation of one from Meer Moadeen Cawn
to Meer Cammer ul deen Cawn to facilitate
our march into the Carnatic & supply us
with provisions which shall be complied
with as soon as the Necessary Arrangements
can be made with Meer — When I shall
have the honor to communicate to you the
Result — It is with great satisfaction
I acquaint Your Lordship & the Committee,
that Major Lysaght is pronounced out of
danger — & I trust will recover his Strength
in a few days. —

I have the honor to be &c.

(signed) Geo. Browne
Capt. 102. Regt

Camp at Combaum
6th Dec.r 1783 —

To Will.m
George Wasey Esq.r
Depty. Secretary

Sir

Fort St. George

I beg you will do me the favor
to acquaint the Right Honble the President
& Select Committee, that I am just informed
by

From Capt.n Dawes
with intelligence of
the taking of Combatoors —

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13th. by a letter from the Southward, that Coimbatore fell to the Army of Col. Fullarton, the 25th. ultimo; and that Tippoo Sultaun was Blockading Mangalore —

I have the Honor to be &c

Nath. Dawes Capt.
Comd. Permacoil

10th. Dect. 1783 —

Dispatched the following Letters —

Mr. Paul Benfield —
Paymaster of Permacoil —

To Mr. Benfield — granting him permission to remain at Pondicherry ——

Sir / I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your very long letter of the 9th Instant, containing, as usual, a most lamentable picture of your health, a justification of your Surgical Certificates and professions of Zeal for the service &c &c of all which the Committee know how to make a proper estimate — I am also to inform you, that as you seem to think the French Doctors are now so well acquainted with your constitution and that as you desire to stay some time longer at Pondicherry for the benefit of a farther trial of their experiments, you are permitted to

Remain

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Remains at Pondicherry; within reach of the Duties of your Employ 'till further order

Sam. Sr

&c.

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(Signed) Wm. George Wasey
Acting Secretary

To Mr. Francis Lind
Baymaster at
Nellore

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to desire You will immediately furnish them, with an exact account of the Quantity of the several Kinds of Grain laid in Store at Nellore, specifying the prices at which they have been purchased. —

In answer to the query contained in your Letter to the Right Honble the President of the 7th Instant respecting the disposal of some Bullocks you have received from the Renter, I am directed to desire You will keep both the Draft & Slaughter Cattle 'til further Orders —

To the Baymaster of Nellore desiring he will send in an account of the several kinds of Grain in Store there —

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I am &c

(Signed) Wm. George Wasey
Acting Secretary

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To James Peter Auriol Esqr

Secretary to the Honble the Governor General

and Council at Fort William

Sir,

In addition to the Packet forwarded to you on the 10th Instant in consequence of the desire of the Honble the Governor General & Council contained in their Letter of the 28th Octr — I am now directed to transmit to you the several Extracts specified in the enclosed List, which comprehend all the Correspondence of this Government both with the Nabob Sippoo Sultaun & the Marquis de Bussy from the 1st of November to the 1st December; — to the former of which periods the Dispatch on the 10th Instant included every thing on the above subjects; — I shall have the honor of furnishing you tomorrow with the Remaining Correspondence to this date & with Copies of the original French Letters from the Marquis de Bussy. ——

To the Secretary at Fort William — Transmitting Copy of the Correspondence with Sippoo Sultaun & the Marquis de Bussy — also Copies of 5 Letters to & from the Nabob Mahomed Ali. —

I am likewise directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to transmit to you five Letters which have been received from & addressed to His Highness the Nabob by the Right Honble the President

under

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13th under the following Dates. —

To the Mabot ---- 10th Sept.
From do. ---- 15th do.
To --- do. ---- 5th Oct.
From do. ---- 25th do.
To --- do. ---- 28 do.

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13th Dec.r 1783. —

I have the Honor to be &c.

14 - Received the following Letter —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c.
&c. &c. —

My Lord,

From Mr. Cochrane mentioning intelligence

The Packets that came by the Crocodile Frigate in which Mr. Burke came passenger to Tranquebar were forwarded on by me the 6th - at Night - If they arrived the next day at Tanjore - I send your Lordship enclosed further intelligence and am sorry to inform you that Captn. Judsons Letters to his Wife Mentions Lt. Speedeman, Clarke & others to the number of ten having embraced the Moorish Religion & taken Service with Tippoo Saheb -

I yesterday saw a Dutch Letter dated - Batavia the 28th July mentioning the arrival

there

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There of 6 Companys Men of War that were
long expected, with 6 Companys of Firench &
2 of Dutch Soldiers and that they daily expected
the arrival of an other ship called the Gereghtigheid
from the cape that was to bring all the news —

I have the honor to be &c

Negapatam
10th Dec. 1783 —

(signed) Basil Cochrane

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

From Mr. Cochrane enclosing extracts from Letter & papers of no intelligence. —

My Lord & Gentlemen

Enclosed your Lordships &c. will receive
Extracts of Letters received yesterday & today from the
Southward, also further Intelligence from N° 3 —
and have the honor to remain with respect &c. —

Negapatam
10th Dec. 1783 —

(signed) Basil Cochrane

Extract of a Letter dated Palem Cottah 3d Dec. 1783 —

I had the pleasure of informing you of the
fall of Pallicatcherry the confirmation of it we
learnt by Dindigul, as no Letters has been received
by the Travancore Country tho a Sepoy goes daily
by that route — And by a Letter from Anjengo rec.d
yesterday by a Gentleman who left it the 27th we
learn that the Col.l has taken Mungarce and

Ramgurce

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14th Ramgueree lies Forts to the westward of Pallicatcherry and has sent to Cochin for arrack &c & the Rajah of that Country is now collecting a tribute of 2 Lacks of Rupees to be paid our Army — The Gentn who brings this accounts left France in March with duplicates for Buffy. & Suffrein of the Preliminary Articles of Peace, he left Major Yeles at Bombay & met the Squadron under Sir Richard Bickerton near that place the beginning of last Month. The before mentiond Frenchman Monsr Lavelier left Pallicatcherry the 16th ultimo Genl Macleod with 1300 Europeans & five Battalions of Sepoys were there waiting for orders to March to Mangalore — the French were encamped between Pallicatcherry & Arakee — there will now be communication between our Army & the Travancore Country, four Gentlemen have gone that way & are now at Cochin which is forty Miles from Ramgueree — The Col has wrote for stores &c to Madura and are to be sent to Dindigul & we are to send them money from this —

then

Extract of a Letter dated Trich.y 8th Dec.r 83

Capt.n Maitland with the Grenadiers & Light Infantry of the Army with twelve Guns are to be here the 10th in order to convoy

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14th all the Stores that can be spared at Tanjore or here — and Mr. Digby is gone to Madura on the same business. —

Extract of a Letter dated Pallemcottah 4th. December 1783 —

By a Letter yesterday received from Anjengo we learn that accounts from Europe via Bussorah mention that no successors were appointed for India as late as the 22d of July & that the French Ministry had sent to the Dutch informing them if they did not sign the definitive Treaty before the end of July the Court of France would do it without them — The Prodyce Frigate & Company's Packet were detained at Portsmouth to bring the fine Determination of the Dutch &a. Sr. Thomas Rumbold's Prosecution goes on, but they have given him back all his private property & only kept his Estate to answer the prosecution — Colonel Fullarton has moved the Guzerate Pass, which hinders us from hearing by any other Channel than Dindigul Mr. Lind is still at Tilly waiting for orders. The King of Travancore is expected soon to return from his Pelious Ceremony at Ramisseram. ———

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December 4th.

Sultaun Saheb had given orders to his People to take Receipts from the French for all the Provisions delivered them at the daily Market price. & Mr. Moda was the person that granted them, but after the French took Possession of Cuddalore they were supplied by the means of Seyed Saheb with Rice, Ghee, Cattle, Sheep &c without Receipts - At present Seyed Saheb has wrote a Letter to Mr. Bussy the following is the extract of which - I have received orders from Sultaun Saheb to march with my whole Detachment out of the Carnatic towards Seringapatam, I therefore request you will send me Receipts for the Provisions you have received. -

Dec. 7th. - After Seyed Saheb had wrote to Mr. Bussy he set off with a Detachment for the Mysoore Country - The rest of the Troops and all the Baggage afterwards followed and arrived at Calasaracum -

Seyed Saheb has wrote a Letter to the Arachal at Tranquebar dated the 30th. November from Chungama Hill, which came to hand Yesterday - mentioning that he and all his Detachment were marching to Seringapatam,

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and desiring the ovacheb to forward all the
Latest Intelligence of Tranquebar on to annuntagarry

To The Right Honble the President and
Select Committee —

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have received your Secretarys Letters
of the 10th & 12th this day, In answer to his of
the 12th I must beg leave to inform you that you
holding me responsible for the amount of Private
Drafts is a thing impossible, and as this is your
answer to me, I must decline having any thing
to do with them, I conceive there is no chance
now of the Honble Company being paid, but
before there was, had you been pleased to
have left out the word responsible. —

From the Deputy Bengal Paymaster — as the Committee throw the responsibility upon him, he declines having any thing to do with the private Draughts of the Officers. ——

In further explanation of my Letter
of the 4th Instant. the Charges drawn for Guns
and Artificers employed in the garrisons of
Trisplasore and Carringoly was for Tar, Grease,
Working tools &c and the People were kept
up for the Repairs and Keeping in Repair the
Gun Carriages, Tumbrils &c in these two Forts. —

I observe that no answer is sent to
my application for Mr. Jacksons Account, tho

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of very great consequence in clearing up doubts which may arise when settling the accounts of the different Bengal Regiments. —

Madras
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I am with the greatest respect &c
(signed) John Anderson
Mil.y Deputy Pay.r
to Col.o Pearse Detach.t

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Dispatched the following Letter — —

To William Jackson Esq.re

Sir/

To Mr. William Jackson approving of the Letter he intends sending to the Person who is to adjust the Grain accounts of the Southern Army. —

The Right Hon.ble the President having laid before the Select Committee, the draft of a Letter which you proposed writing to the person appointed to adjust the Grain Accounts of the Southern Army: — I am directed to inform you, that the Letter entirely meets with the approbation of the Select Committee, & they accordingly desire that it may be immediately dispatched to the Paymaster or Grain Keeper with the Southern Army. —

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I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) William George Wasey
Acting Secretary

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To Charles Oakeley Esqr.
&ca Members of the Committee of
Assigned Revenue

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant,
& to inform you, that in consequence of the
Recommendation therein contained a Letter has
been written to Captn. Edmonds to desire that
he will immediately detach an Officer from
his Garrison to command at Palnaud, who
will of course act as Paymaster to the few
Troops stationed there —

I have the honor to be &c —
(signed) Willm George Wasey
Acting Secretary

To the Commtee of Assigned Revenue — Captn Edmonds has been desired to send out Officer to command at Palnaude —

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To Colonel Tho. Deare Pearse —
Commanding the Bengal Detachment

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Sir/

I am directed by the Right Honble
the Poresident and Select Committee to desire
You will acquaint them what quantity of
Rice

To Colonel Pearse — desiring him to send in an account of all the Grain he received from the Nabobs Officers from the time he entered the Carnatic —

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Rice or other Kinds of Grain or provisions you
received from the Nabobs Officers on account of
the Bengal Detachment under your Command,
from the time you entered the Carnatic till
you joined the Main Army under Sir Eyre Coote in 1781.

I have the honor to be &c

(signed) Willm. George Wasey

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Dispatched the following Letter —

To John Sullivan Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee having come to the resolution of completing His Majestys' several Regiments now serving to the Southward; — the remainder of the 78th, 98th and 101st Regiments have accordingly been ordered to hold themselves in readiness, to proceed by Sea to Negapatam with all possible expedition. — I am therefore directed to desire you will give Instructions to the Gentleman whom you may appoint to

Preside

To the Resident at Tanjore
the remainder of the
78th, 98th & 101st Regiments
being in readiness to
proceed to Negapatam —
desiring he will
provide accommodation
for their reception
there — and afford
every assistance that
they may proceed where
Colo. Fullarton may
order them. ——

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15th Preside at Negapatam, or Tranquebar in the room of the Honble Mr. Basil Cochrane, (whom you have already been informed from the other Department is desired to return to the Presidency) / to provide every accommodation for the reception of these Troops on their Landing as likewise every necessary Assistance to enable them to proceed, wherever their Services may be required by Colonel Fullarton, under the Orders of whom as Commanding all the forces to the Southward they will be placed, by the Select Committee are of opinion. that they may in the meantime be so stationed, or distributed that the approaching Crop, may be effectually covered & secured. ——

I have the Honor to be &c

(signed) Willm George Wasey

Acting Secretary

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Received Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam dated the 8th Inst. as entered in Mo. Bs: (No) transmitting the General Returns of the Troops in that District. —

16 Received the following Letter

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W. G. Macey Esq.
Secretary

Sir,

I have been this moment honored with the Commands of the Select Committee

From Colo. Pearse giving a short account of the Grain he received Money unable to give more as he left all the accounts of the Detachment has left in Bengal—

At my Junction I give in an account between the Bengal Detachment & the Madras Presidency — All the Sumes for which the Company had Credit under the head of Rice or Cash received from the Commissary of Provisions — Where for that Rice or Grain which I received the first I got and did not pay for in Money was at Ellore from Mr. Westcot. The most I believe was a very insignificant supply from Ramchunder Rauze in the Wungole District & the last was from the Nellore Fouzdar The Cash received made up the Price that was to be paid for those Articles. —

This I beg you will please to inform the Select Committee is all the

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The Account I can give at present for all accounts of the Detachment I carried to Bengal when I went in 1782 & I left them all amongst my other Papers and they cannot be come at till I myself go there — Lieutenant Hennaway who was Persian Interpreter may possibly have an account of all I received from the Wengole & Nellore Districts. I expect him daily & when he arrives I will if the account can be made out send it to you. I think he told me he had those account — amongst his Papers. —

account

I am &c

(signed) J. D Pearse

Madras

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17 Received the following Letter

To the Right Honble Lord George Macartney

President & Governor of Fort St. George &c &c &c

My Lord,

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that I have repeatedly represented to the Military Secretary the Distressed situation

From Doctor Gordon representing the great want the Southern Army is in for Medicines &c — and requesting a supply to be sent as soon as possible. —

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situation the Southern Army would be in;
for want of Medicines Instruments & Utensils,
Unless Speedily Supplied; But as yet have
not Received an Answer to any of them, —
Notwithstanding my first Letter was dated
from Trichinapoly in the Month of August,
this Neglect is the more unpardonable
at this time, as the Lives of Many of the
Honble Company's Valuable Servants are
much Endangered by it. —

I therefore beg leave, to Observe
to your Lordship; That if some Method
is not Speedily taken in Supplying the
Army with Medicines &c &c the —
Consequence may Prove of Dangerous Tendency
to the Army in General, as all the Surgeons
here, are in the same Predicament with
myself; Permit me to intreat your Lordship
will be Pleased to give Orders to the —
Medical Store Keeper, to be as Expeditious
as Possible in the Dispatching of the —
Medicines &c. and to send me per Sappy
such Articles as I shall Mention to him
in my Letter of this days date, I have the

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Have to be My Lord with Perfect Respect &c

Camp at Coimbatoor
30th Nov.r 1783 —

(signd) William Gordon
Surgeon Mayor
Southern Army

Dispatched the following Letter

To Mr. William Gordon

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the

To Doctor Gordon —
surprized at the frequency
of his Indents for Medicins —
desiring he will use
a coromy in the expenditure
of those articles; & taking
notice of the title he
had signed himself of
Surgeon Mayor to the
Southern Army —

President & Select Committee to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter to them of the 30th of Nov.r —
and to signify to you their surprize at the
frequency & largeness of your Indents for Medicines,
more especially as so ample a supply was
forwarded to the Southward in the month
of August last — of which I am directed to
enclose you a List; and to desire that you
will use the utmost occonomy in the expenditure
of Medicines, as the demands are at present
very numerous; & as the smallest disappointment
in the receipt of a supply from Europe may
be attended with great Inconvenience —

The Select Committee cannot
avoid taking notice of the title affixed to the
Signature of your Letter of the 30th Ultimo. —

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by which you are pleased to state yourself
"Surgeon Major of the Southern Army" —
and I am accordingly directed to observe to
you that the Select Committee do not
recollect your ever having received that
appointment from them. —

I am &c.

(Signed) William George Macey
Acting Secretary

Fort St George
17th Decr 1783 —

To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse —
Commanding the Bengal Detachment —

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your
Letter of yesterday's date, which has been laid
before the Right Honble the President &
Select Committee, who have directed me to
inform you, that the reason of their application
to you, for an account of the Grain & Provisions
that had been received by the Bengal Detachment,
from the time it first entered the Carnatic till
its Junction with the Main Army, — was
because it will be necessary that credit should
be given to the Nabob for the amount of subsistence
guarantees

To Col. Pearse —
assigning the reason
for requesting the
accounts of all Provisions
received by the Bengal
Detachment & desiring
him to give orders
that they may be
prepared & laid before
the Committee. —

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17th quantities of Grain &c.a may have been received from the Ongole & Nellore Districts —

— From the above Circumstance I am directed to request you will give Orders that the necessary accounts may be prepared, & laid before the Select Committee as soon as may be in your power. —

I have the honor to be &c.a

(Signed) Willm. George Wasey
acting Secretary

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18th Dispatched the following Letter —

To John Sullivan Esq.r
Resident at — Tanjore —

Sir/

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknow= =ledge the Receipt of your Letter to them of the 7th Ultimo. with it's enclosures. — and to inform you, that they are pleased to acquiesce in the claim of the Captors to the Grain found in the places taken by Storm, you will accordingly be pleased to settle the

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6 to the Resident at Tanjore — acquiescing in the claim of the Captors to the Grain found in the places taken by Storm and desiring he will settle the amount with them at a fair valuation. ——

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the amount with the Captors at a fair Valuation; but as the prices at which the Grain is estimated & Stated in their Letter, appears to be extremely high, the Select Committee desire that you will make a particular enquiry on that point, and that you will allow no more than could have actually been obtained for it by public sale— Company's Bonds will be granted to the Captors as soon as this matter shall have been finally adjusted. I have the honor to be &c—

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18th Decr. 1783—

(Signed) Wm. George Wasey
Acting Secretary

19th.

Received the following Letter—

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr. Bonfield— receiving an account of the weak state of his health— and requesting to return to Pondicherry for medical assistance.—

In compliance with your Commands, Notwithstanding my very bad state of health, I left Pondicherry yesterday, the 18th. Instant, the time to which you had limited my stay there; I hoped to have received, before my departure, a favourable answer to the Letter I had the Honor

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I Honor to address you the 9th Instant, —
setting forth the my infirm and reduced situation,
and the serious consequences to my Health,
that probably must attend, my removal from
the various disadvantages I must labour under
in removing, and especially to this place,
the only alternative left me, by your Orders,
within the Powers of my health and —
strength to accomplish; nor did I make the
the Journey, though by short and slow stages,
without great difficulty and distress, and
have had a Fever upon me ever since;
which, added to my other Complaints, increases
my Sufferings more than I am able to express;
and in this situation I am without any Medical
Assistance whatever, either to afford me relief,
or to certify to you my Situation. Thus
circumstanced, what am I to do! Nor can you
be surprised that the Restoration of my Health,
possibly the safety of my Life, should still
engage my solicitudes: Let me therefore
intreat of you, my Lord and Gentlemen, —
seriously to consider my case, and indulge me,

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so far, as to leave me at liberty to avail myself of such Physical Assistance, and Accommodations, as I may be able to procure, to return to a course of Medicine, which the Faculty assure me is the only possible means of restoring my Health and Constitution. —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Paul Benfield

Permacoil
17th Dec.r 1783 —

Received the following Letter from the Committee of Affairs Revenue. —

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

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship, &c. Extract from our Minutes of the 15th. Instant —

We have the honor to be &c

(signed) Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo. Mowbray

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At a Select Committee Present —

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

Friday the 19th Dec.r 1783 — ——— Lieut.t General Ross Lang

Alexander Davidson. —

Anthony Sadleir and Morgan

Williams Esquires absent on Service. —

Minutes of last Committee read,

and approved. —

Read the following Letter from

the Chief Engineer enclosing Copy of one addressed

to him by Lieut.t Wickens. —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c.a Select Committee

of Fort St. George

From the Chief Engineer enclosing the report of Lieut Wickens on the state of the Fort at Permacoil —

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Honor herewith to lay before you a Report and Indents from Lieut.t Wickens, on which I am to request your Directions. —

I have the Honor to be &c.a

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16th December 1783 —

(Signed) Patrick Ross

To

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To Lieut.t Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer

Fort St.r George

Sir/

In consequence of the orders of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee in addition to those I had the honor of receiving from you, Viz.t — That I should complete any Repairs that may be absolutely necessary at Permacoil: — I have to request you inform this Lordship & Gentlemen that the following is the State of the Upper Fort, — The North extreme where the upper joins with the old Fort, and from thence eastward to the Tower beyond the North Sally port, built in part by us which the Army lay on this neighbourhood, and since finished by Captain Dawes, is almost totally dissolved by the violence of the Rains. — but has no where burst except a few feet on the western side, occasioned by the water having found its way through the heart of the Old work. — a small breach is only yet the consequence, but the remainder must inevitably be taken up, to prevent its going

&c.

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also as well as for the purpose of repairing. —
— The Parapet from hence to the platform
on which the Choultry stands has sustained
no more damage than might be expected
of such works. it is made rough, but will
nevertheless answer the purpose of immediate
defence. — The Parapet round the platform
on the outside of the Choultry, and within
the Choultry fronting the S.W. is in very near
the same state except a few small Breaches —
The Parapet erected on the inside of the
Rampart of the Lower fort for flanking the
front of the Choultry and Magazine with its
Traverses, Barrier, & Fraising & the dwarf
mud wall on the outside, are much destroyed
and stand greatly in need of Repair —
The damage done the Choultry
/ in its front / by the late storm, added to
those in the two Seiges by Hyder Ally, in which
no two of the stone Columns have escaped one
or more shot wounds, is now rendered Really
dangerous to enter; and I apprehend if not soon
taken down, will fall. and with it in all
probability bring great part of the high Stone
Wall it stands on. — This place You may
remember

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I remember Sir, when the Quarter of the Commanding Officer and with the little thatched house in the rear of it, composed all the Covering for the Officers of the Battalion / The interior of the Choultry being occupied by the Stores, Provisions and a few Sepoys / The former being in the state I have represented, and the latter only one Room, and that barely habitable, I have ventured to state them amongst the inconveniences requiring immediate attention, and hope for the concurrence of His Lordship &c Gentn. in so doing — particularly as it may at the same time be done with a regard to the intention of their Honors, in having accommodations for the Officers on the Spot where they may have occasion to act. —

By the above His Lordship and Gentn. will be able to judge what is absolutely necessary for re-establishing a Post for the Troops to retire to if occasion should require it. — The expence of performing which will be very moderate if undertaken in time, but if delayed, must considerably increase from the additional labour of bringing the Stones

and

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and Earth up the Hill again, and this I trust will be a sufficient apology for the present intrusion before I have it in my power to perform the whole of their Commands — Should they honor me with a concurrence of Opinion I must request they will please to send a supply of Cash as Captain Dawes informs me it is totally out of his power to assist me with Workmen from the want of that Article. —

The damages sustained in the Lower and Old Forts will be the Subject of another Letter — of which at present I can only say, that the greatest part of the Gateway having fallen, and the remaining part / the only access to the Fort / threatning every moment to fall and crush those that enter at it. I shall as soon as possible uncover it and take down as much of the Masonry / to prevent any such Accident / as may be necessary. —

Inclosed is a Return of the Pioneer Tools in the Garrison being the remains of those left by the Army, few of them deserve the name of Serviceable. —

And

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And an Indent for a further Supply.

I have the Honor to be &c

(Signed) Jno Mickens
Sub Engr & Lieut.

Permacoil
6th. December 1783

A true Copy
(signd) Patrick Ross

Return of Pioneer Tools in the Fort of Permacoil - the 5th. December 1783 -

Iron Crows	
Mamotties	
Pickaxes -	
Bill Hooks	
Hand Hatchets	
Baskets -	

N.B.

Not having had an Opportunity of examining them particularly is the reason they are not classed into Serviceable & Unserviceable 18 46 56. 16 14 82

(Signed) Jno Mickens
Sub Engr & Lieut.

A true Copy
(signd) Patrick Ross -

To

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To Lieut. Col. Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

Please to order the delivery of the
Undermentioned Tools for the use of the
Garrison of Permacoil. ——

Viz. Pick axes with Helves ------ 50
Mamotties. ----- do. ----- 100
Broad Axes ----- do. ------ 5
Filling do. ---- do. ---- 10
Hand do. ---- do. ---- 30
Saws Wip ---------- 2
Do. Cross cut ----- 2
Baskets Battan ---- 200 Rattan
Beak Iron ------ 1
Iron ---------- 1 Candy
Steel ---------- 3 Bars

Sam &c.

(signed) Jnº Wickens
Sub Engr. & Lieut.

Permacoil
5th December 1783 —

A true Copy
(signed) Patrick Ross

Before

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Before the Committee can come to any determination on the above report of the state of the Works at Permacoil, — it will be necessary that they should be furnished with an Estimate of the Expence attending the Repairs which Lieut. Wickens conceives to be absolutely necessary at present; — but as Government from the advantageous situation of Permacoil & its Vicinety to Pondicherry means, as soon as their Finances will permit to reestablish the Works of that Fort, — Lieut. Wickens must be apprized of such their Intention & be directed in consequence to keep that circumstance in view, in any — Repairs which may be now made, & which must be considered as forming a part of the new Works that may in future be erected at Permacoil. —

Minute thereon —

Agreed that the Indent for Pioneers Tools. & the Return of those found in the Garrison of Permacoil / which are enclosed in Lieut. Wickens's Letter, / — be referred to the Committee of Stores. —

Read the following Letter from Lieut.

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Lieut.t Sundt, who was sent to take possession
of Chittapet. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to inform your Lordship
and the Right Honorable the Select Committee,
that in Obedience to the Orders Communicated
to me by your Lordship and Lieut.t General
Lang; on the 14th Instant I took Possession
of the Fort & Pettah of Chittapet, having
previously passed through the Villages of
Caulvah and Wolpandal. the Management
of which I have agreeable to my Instructions
Delivered to your Humildar Ram Row. —

The Person left in Possession of this Place
by Juggoo Pundit, who is now with Said Sahib,
made some Difficulties with Respect to the
delivery of this and the dependent Districts,
but has agreed to Retire with his People to
the Amount of 80 Match locks and Swords
men, to Some distance from the Fort; until
he shall Receive instructions from his Master

to

From Lieut.t Sundt —
has taken possession of
the Fort of Chettapit —
and given the manage=
=ment of some villages
to Ram Row —
giving an account
of the state of
Chittapet. ——

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to Quit this Country. —

This man on the news of our Arrival had imprisoned the Principal Inhabitants and sent them to Trinomalie, but I have no doubt but by a proper Application to Said Saheb I shall be able to Effect their enlargement, and to Procure the peaceable delivery of all the dependent Districts — According to the best intelligence I have been able to procure, the Army under Said Saheb is at present incamped between Trinomalie & Calispauk, and Consists of 4000 Horse and 8000 Infantry. — Sultan Sing with 700 Horse Commands at Arcott, and Morarow with a 1000 Horse at Walcondah — There are Several Small parties dispersed in the Villages one of which cutt off 30 Bullocks with Provisions from the Village of Culvark, for this place. — I shall not neglect to mention this Circumstance to Said Saheb but will hope that these are free Booters who are neither authorized or Countenanced by him. —

What was formerly the fort of Chittapet is now no more than a heap of Rubbish, it is hardly Possible to conceive any

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thing more Effectually Ruined, the Ditch alone which had been Considerably deepened and improved whilst in the Possession of the Enemy Remains nearly entire, should it be thought expedient to rebuild the Fort. I shall endeavour to send your Lordship a Sketch of its Present State — The Pettah is in like a more Ruinous situation than the Fort. being in many places open even to the incursions of Cavalry —

As soon as your Amildar has adjusted matters previous to taking Possession of the distant Districts I shall proceed with him upon that Service, and shall exert my utmost endeavours to Comply with the spirit of the Orders I have the Honor to act under — I have the Honor to be &c

(signed) J. Sundt Lieut.
Com.g

Chettapet
December 15th
1783 —

The President is requested to write a Letter to Mohun Ud Deen Cawn, (with a Copy of which Lieut. Sundt must be furnished,) — acquainting him that as the Fort of Combum has already been evacuated,

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If delivered up to Kummer Ul Deen Caun, whose Flag is now flying there. — This Govern= =ment expect from Mahomed Ul Deen Caun the most implicit performance of his Agreement with the Commissioners by the immediate and peaceable relinquishment of all the Districts belonging to Chettapet from whence the Committee have no doubt he will instantly withdraw all his people —

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts enclosing the accounts of the Grain Department in Camp from the 1st December 1782 & the 5th November 1783 as lodged in the Office. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Mr Jackson having observed in Capt. Hearsey's accounts, charges not authorized by Government — has written to him a Letter — copy of which he incloses with the reply — transmits likewise a Copy of all Capt. Hearseys disbursements. —

On the 3d of October last, Capt. Hearseys Receipts of Cash, and Disbursements in his Employ, as Grainkeeper to the Army, were laid before me, in which, having observed certain Charges, not authorized by Government, I thought proper to address him a Letter, of which the following is a Copy. —

To

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To Capt.r Hearsey
Grain keeper to the Army

Sir

"I have examined your Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements, from the 7th of December 1782, to the 1st of this Month, inclusive, and think it expedient, in Consequence of the Powers vested in me, by the Right Honble President, and Select Committee, to make the following Remarks". —

1st "It appears by the General Orders published in Camp, near Wandewash, on the 24th May 1782, and again near Tyar, on the 27th of the same Month, that you was by the former Orders, appointed Grainkeeper to the Army, and Lieut.t Hopkins by the latter, your Deputy, whose Pay and Allowances were directed to be augmented to that of a Captain, with an Extra Allowance of one hundred Rupees P Month. — The General Orders, in which you were appointed, there is no Mention made of an allowance to yourself, nor do I know of any, having been fixed by Government; in your Disbursements however, you have thought proper to charge one hundred Pagodas P Month for your own Salary, and fifty Pagodas P Month for your Deputy, these Allowances I am of Opinion, should not have been paid without the Sanction of Government;

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Government, or at least the written Orders of the Commander in Chief, for that Purpose, which I suppose you can furnish me with, and I should therefore be glad to have a Copy, or previous to my giving a Sanction as Commissary to the Army, for the Payment of your Bills on this Account.

2d Your Charge of five hundred and Sixty two Pagodas (562) P. Month for Servants, attached to the Granary, exceed your Predecessor in Office Mr. Erskine, upwards of two hundred and Thirty Pagodas Monthly; and when Messrs. Maunsell, Kenworthey, and Forster, respectively held the Office, their Charges for Servants did not amount to so much as in Mr. Erskine's Time; I am induced to make these Observations on the Increase of Servants in your Employ, because I perceive by the General Orders of the 24th. of May 1782, that you were to be furnished with a careful Sergeant, One Havildar, two Naigs, and Sixteen Sepoys, from each Brigade, which I apprehend, were intended as a Guard upon the Grain under your Charge; the Servants therefore I should imagine ought to have decreased, more especially in Consequence of the ample Assistance afforded you, for exceeding any of your Predecessors in Office.

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3d "The Charge in your Accounts of Five thousand Eight hundred, and thirty three Pagodas, twenty seven fanams, and thirty two Cash, (5833. 27. 32) for Gunny Bags, appears to me to be very extraordinary, after the Orders which the Right Honble President and Select Committee were pleased to give, in their Letter to you dated the 7th of May last, a Copy of which was likewise sent to me, with their positive Injunctions, that I should not allow of the said Charge; and in Consequence of their Orders, I must inform You, that unless the Sum of Five thousand Eight hundred and thirty three Pagodas, twenty seven fanams, and thirty two Cash (5833. 27. 32) is duly brought to the Honble Company's Credit, I shall be under the necessity of representing the same to Government." —

4th "The sum of One thousand and Sixty Six Pagodas (1066) paid to me, agrees with my Account, and I have carried the same to your Credit" —

Madras 4th Octr 1783 — To the above Letter, I received the following

Reply —

Willm Jackson Esqr
Commissary & Superintendant
of Grain Accts to the Army

Sir "I received your favor dated the 4th of last

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Last Month I should have attended to it earlier had not your Letter been Mislayed) with your Remarks on my Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements, from the 1st. of December 1782 to the 31st. of October 1783, inclusive; and beg leave to inform you the every points you allude to accord to Messrs. Holland & Mowbray in their Letter to me dated the 14th. of December 1782. my reply to that Letter will fully answer every purpose, if you will be so kind as to peruse it. You have pleased to observe that I have charged upwards of 200 Pagodas P Month more for Servants than my Predecessor, without adverting to the additional Servants Ordered by the Late Commander in Chief in India, when he insisted upon my taking Charge of the Department in May 1782, Likewise, permit me Sir, to ask You, whether you have not perceived a wide difference in the present mode of conducting the Accounts of the Department, which I flatter myself will fully evince the propriety of my management as to what Servants were necessary for the more Regular Conducting of the Business."

"The great trouble and anxiety you have experienced on this head, fully speaks to the point in question. In consequence of your

Observations

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Observations on my perquisites of Office (Gunny bags charged in my Accounts) I have enclosed for your perusal a Copy of the letter you allude to, with my reply annexed, and as you may imagine from my not hearing any more on the Subject, I have very reason to believe that, the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, have most graciously assented to my Petition as a small Recompence for the laborious task I have undergone in the double capacity of Civilian & Soldier; to harbour Contrary ideas on the subject, would be highly unbecoming in me & not doing Justice to the Honble members of this Government

"It may not be deemed unnecessary to remark that I have Served the Honble Company faithfully near Fifteen Years, and during that I have seen very many my juniors in the service reaping considerable advantages from their Labours in different employs under Government, surely it would be paying myself a very poor Compliment, even to Conceive that my Endeavors have not entitled me to the countenance of my Superiors after the great efforts I have made in my employ as Grain keeper to attain it" —

Sam

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Sir

Your most Obed.t. Servant

A.J.F Hearsey Capt.t

Grain Keeper

Vizpore

27th. November

1783—

I think it proper on this Occasion to send your Lordship &c.a a Copy of Capt.t Hearsey's Receipts and Disbursements by which your Lordship &c.a will be enabled to judge whether I have done my Duty.— my Letter to Capt.n Hearsey will give your Lordship &c.a every Information relative to his Appointment. What has come to my Knowledge, what written, or Verbal Orders, he might have received from the late Commander in Chief since his Appointment, I can give you no authentick Information, and therefore no more can be said, than what you have already before you, from Messrs. Holland and Mowbray.——

I have the honor to be with the great Respect,

W. Jackson

Superintendant of Army Grain Accounts

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27th. Novr. 1783—

Dr.

Dr. — Captain Hearsey in account Current with the Honble Company &c.—

1782 1783	To Cash received at Sundry Times of Rice issued to the Army	32855. 31 65	1782 & 1783	By Cash Paid Mr. Welch Paymaster to the Army on the Company's Account	12951. 39 27	
1782 Augt.	To the amount of Rice, Jemmalee, and Paddy, charged in your Cash Account for this Month, purchased from Babboo Ram Vackeel to the Rajahs Rajah as per your Receipt, and Since transferred to his Account with Government	212. 18	1782 July	By Dr. Mr. Jackson on Dr.	1066 30	
			"	By Dr. Bullock Masters in Grain Department	1616 "	
			Augt.	By 1500 Bullock Saddles delivered to the Masters	1066 30	
			Novr.	By Cash advanced the Bullock Masters	586 30	
			Septr.	By Dr. Dr. Dr.	589 "	
1783 Decemr.	To Cash, being the Amount of Rice Sold belonging to the Company, by Sundry Servants in the Grain Department	1566 "		By Tents, Carts &c purchased for the use of the Grainary	388 "	
				By Stationary, Oil, and Candles, from the 1st June 1782 to 31st Decr. 1783	920 "	
				By Grain Purchased for the Army	938 18	
				By Captn. Hearsey's Salary from the 24th of May 1782 to 31st December 1783 at 100 ₱ Mo.	1923 15	
				By Lieut. Hopkins Deputy Granekeeper from the 27th May 1782 to 31st Decr. 1783 @ 50 —	956 30	
				By Servants attached to the Grainary from the 1st June 1782 to 31st December 1783	11018 32 20	
					34021. 44.47	
			31st	December 1783 By Balance	612. 5. 18	
	Pagodas	34634. 4 65.		Pagodas	34634. 4. 65	

Fort St. George
5th Febry 1784.

The above Account drawn out by Order of the Select Committee.

(signed) W. Jackson
Com.y & Superintendant of the Army Grain Accts

a true Copy
(signed) W. Jackson

Examined 19th January 1785

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Read likewise the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts, enclosing Copies of Papers Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5 (as lodged in the Office) which he had delivered to the Paymaster of the Bengal Detachment —

Read the following Letter from the Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts, enclosing Copy of a Letter which he had agreeably to the directions of the Select Committee of the Instant — forwarded to the Paymaster of the Southern Army; together with an Abstract of Cash due from several of the Kings Officers serving with that Army; as lodged in the Office ——

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to send your Lordship &c. three Packets containing accounts, and authentick Copies, of sundry Vouchers for Grain delivered to Officers belonging to the Kings Troops, now under the Command of Colonel

From Mr. Jackson — transmitting Copies of sundry Vouchers for Grain delivered to Officers of the Kings Troops now under Colonel Fullarton — enclosing likewise an abstract due by the abovementioned Officers. ——

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Colonel Fullarton, also a Letter (Copy of which is herewith enclosed) which I have thought necessary to address Mr. Digby on this Occasion; I likewise send your Lordship &c. an Abstract of the Cash due by the abovementioned Officers, amounting to Pagodas 385,980.. 61 or Star Pagodas 8577.. 15.. 61. ——

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect
(signed) W. Jackson
Superintendant
of Army Grain Accounts

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17th Decr. 1783 —

It having been the intention of the Committee to take under their consideration at this meeting the Accounts of the Grain Keeper with the Army, — Captain Hearsey of the Bengal Detachment that Gentleman as well Mr. Jackson (the Grain Superintendant,) had been previously desired to attend; — the latter now waits on the Committee ——

Capt. Hearsey attends the Committee ——

Read the following Report from Mr. Jackson, enclosing an Account Current & Comparative Statement of Servants employed under the two last Grain Keepers. ——

To ——

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr. Jackson — with his report on Captn Hearseys Receipts & Disbursements

Your Lordship &c. being thought proper, to direct me to make a Report on Captain Hearseys Receipts and Disbursements, and to Audite them, from the Time he took Charge of the Office, — herewith I have the honor to lay before You, two Accounts No 1 Specifying his Receipts and Disbursements, taken from his own Books, and No 2. his Receipts, and what I am of Opinion his Disbursements ought to have amounted, by the Former your Lordship &c. will find, that to the 30th. of September 1783, the Balance against the Honble Company is Pagodas 7480.. 34.. 18.. and by the latter, you will perceive that he is indebted to the Honble Company the Sum of Pagodas 5627.. 19.. 28. I wish your Lordship &c. to take the Accounts into your Consideration, and for your Information, I take the Liberty to point out upon each Charge, what appears to me to be necessary for your Guidance. — Captn Hearseys first and

second

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Second Charge is for Cash paid to Mr. Welsh and myself, which is right, and I have in the Account No. 2, debited the Honble Company for the respective Sums. —

Third and fourth Charge is Cash advanced to the Bullock Owners, and paid for Bullock Saddles — Altho' it is every irregular for any Person but the Deputy Agent to make Partial Advances on this Account, yet as Captain Hearsey has delivered to me the Masbries Receipts for the Cash advanced, and likewise declares that he also took one for the Bullock Saddles supplied the Masbries, I have admitted of these Charges, which will of Course be carried to the Debit of the Bullock Owners, when their Arrears are Adjusted. Previous to which, I purpose with your Lordship's Leave, Permission to deliver over the Receipts to the Deputy Agent. —

The fifth Charge is for Gunny Bags received from the

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the Agent and delivered to different
Garrisons, and in some Instances
for the Use of the Army. —
Your Lordship &c. having
thought proper to disallow of
any Charge being made for
Gunny Bags, I have
therefore left it out in the
Dr. Account No. 2. —

Sixth charge — Grain keeper
and Deputy's allowances
from the 1st. of May 1782
to the 30th. September 1783
I have admitted in Part —
That is to say — to Captain
Hearsey from the 24th. of May
1782, the day he was
appointed in General Orders
by the late Lt. General
Sir Eyre Coote, to the 30th. of
September 1783 at Pay 100 ℔
Month, being the same
Salary as your Lordship &c.
were pleased to allow Mr.
Prshine the late Grain keeper —
By what Authority Captain
Hearsey takes upon himself
to pay Lieut. Hopkins his
Deputy Pay das 50 ℔ Month,
I know not, especially as his
allowances had already been
settled in General Orders and
which I understand were

for

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for some time paid to him
by the Bengal Paymaster —
Seventh Charges — For Servants
attached to the Grainary from
the 1st of June 1782. to 30th
September 1783, upon an
Average he has charged
upwards of Pagodas 580 ℔
Month on this Account.
Captn Kearsey has informed
me that tho' he had
employed more than any
of his Predecessors, it was
impossible that he could
have conducted the Business
with that Regularity so
essentially necessary in an
Office of his Nature. —
I perceive that some of
his Servants were discharged
in the Month of Novr 1782.
by Order of Major General
Stuart, which reduced the
Expences in that Month, from
the Sum he before charged
on this Account, Pagodas 193 —
but in the following Month,
and to the 30th of September
1783. Captain Kearsey increased
the Charge to Pags 120 Monthly —
For what Reason it does not
appear — nor do I know the
Necessity of his encreasing
the Number of Servants at
that Time, I should rather
have

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have thought that when your
Lordship &c. appointed me to
collect in the Out-Standing
Balances due for Grain,
and arrange the Accounts,
that the Charges for Conicopties
in particular, ought to have
decreased. In the Months of
July and August last, two
considerable Detachments
left the Army, notwithstanding
which, no Reduction whatever
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Servants are the Same in
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no alteration had happened.
On a Reference to the
Charges of former Grain=
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I beg leave to send your Lordship ₱
a Comparative Statement of the
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Lordship &c.a will perceive
a considerable Difference.—
In the List of Captain
Kearseys Servants, you
will be pleased to observe that
there are included two Tindals
and ten Clashys, or Lascars,
amounting to Pag.das 36. 35 fan.s
₱ Month, besides which, he
has

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has been allowed 1 Syrang, 3 Tindals, & 50 Lascars which have been paid with the others belonging to the Army by Mr. Welch — It remains with your Lordship &c. to determine on this Business, should you however adopt the same opinion which I have, your Lordship &c. will find in the Account No 2, that I have allowed Pay. 350 ₱ Month on this Account. —

Eighth Charge — Five Tents, Colours &c. &c. bought for the use of the Grainary — I have admitted. —

Ninth, Charges, for Oil, Twine Candles and Stationary, from the 8th June 1782 to the 30th September 1783 — — I have allowed in Part as your Lordship &c. will find in the Account No 2. —

Tenth — Charges for Grain procured for the Army — Captn. Hearsey informs me, that the Commander in Chief, directed him to purchase it, and pay the Inhabitants, which he did accordingly, but the Hurry of Business prevented him from taking a Receipt — If your Lordship &c. are satisfied with Captain Hearsey's Reason, These Charges are also admitted. —

I have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect &c.

(Signed) W. Jackson
Commissary, & Superintendant of the army Grain Accounts &c.

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18th Decr. 1783 —

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(Signed) W. Jackson
Commissary & Superintendant
of the Army Grain
Accounts &c

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D.r Captain Hearsey Grain Dep.t to the Army

A.o 1

1782 8
1783 — To the Amount of Cash received at different Periods from the Officers in the Army for Grain issued from the Publick Stores. —— 32855,, 31.6

Sept.r 30 To Balance due from the Honble Company. —— 7480 35,18

Pagodas 40336 22 2

D.r The Honble Company in account Current

A.o 2

1782 8
1783 — To Cash paid Mr. Welch at Sundry Periods —— 12951 39 27
To —— D.o Mr. Jackson —— 1066.30 "
To Cash advanced certain Bullock Owners with the Army —— 2791 30 "
× To —— D.o —— D.o —— for Saddles —— 1068 30 "
To Capt.n Hearsey's Salary from the 24th May 1782 to the 30th Sept.r 1783 is 16 Months and 8 Days at 100 ₱ Month —— 1625 " "
× To Servants employed in the Grain Department with the Army from the 1st June 1782 to the 30th September 1783 is 16 Months @ 350 Pag.s ₱ Month —— 5600 " "
To Carts, Tents, Colours &.c &.c —— 388 " "
To Stationary, Candles, Oil, and Twine —— 800 " "
To Cash paid for Grain procured for the Army —— 938 18 "

Pagodas 27228 12 27

Sept.r 30. To Balance due from Capt.n Hearsey —— 5627 17 38

Pagodas 32855 31 65

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in Account Current with the Honble Company &c.

By Cash paid Mr. Welch on Account of the Company —	12951.	39 27
By Do. — Mr. Jackson — Do. — Do. —	1066	30 —
By — Do. — Certain Bullock Owners with the Army —	2741	30 —
By — Do. — Do. for Bullock Saddles —	1066	30 —
× By Gunny Bags delivered to Sundry Forts & for the use of the Army	8316	40 16
By Grain keeper and his Deputy's Allowances from the 1st of May 1782 to the 30th of September 1783 is 17 Months at 150 Ps. pr Month	2550	— —
By Servants attached to the Grainary from the 1st June 1782 to the 30th September 1783 is 16 Months —	9332	32 20
By 1 Large Cart, and 4 Bullocks, 2 Tents. 5 Stand of Colours, 3 Private Tents, 1 Marquee, 3 Trunks and 1 Bureau for the Grainary —	388	— —
× By the Amount of Oil, Twine, Candles, and Stationary for the use of the Office from the 1st of June 1782 to the 30th Sept. 1783	933	36. 20
By the Amount of Grain procured for the Army —	938	18 —
Pagodas —	40336.	22 3

with Captain Hearsey Grain Keeper to the Army &c.

1782 & 1783 — By Cash received for Rice served the Army —	32855.	31. 65
Pagodas —	32855.	31 65

W. Jackson
Commissary and Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts

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Capt. Hearseys Charges for Servants January 1783 —

1 European Clerk		8	8
1 Serjeant		27	—
1 Head Dubash		10	—
1 Second Dº		20	—
2 Black Writers		15	—
1 Shroff		24	—
1 Head Coniceply		6	—
6 Second Dº D & Baj.		12	—
6 Coniceplies D 6 Pº		48	—
6 — Dº — D 5 dº		36	—
4 — Dº — D 4 dº		30	—
6 Hircarahs D 4 Pº		16	—
1 Head Peon		24	—
10 Peons — D 3 Dº		4	—
1 Measuring Mastry		30	—
26 Measuring Men D 3 Dº		4	—
1 Sewing Mastry		78	—
40 Sewing ditto D 3 Pº		3	22 40
6 Massaulgies D 2 Dº		120	—
4 Sweepers — D 1 22 40		12	—
2 Sindals — D 4 22 40		6	—
10 Bhatteys — D 2 34		7	—
		27	25
Total Baj.		562	2 40

Mrs Erskines Charges for Servants ditto 1782 —

		£	f.
1 European Clerk		26	—
1 Serjeant		10	—
1 Head Dubash		10	—
1 Black Writer		10	—
1 Cash Keeper		10	—
1 Head Coniceply		10	—
2 Coniceplys D & Pº		16	—
1 Coniceply		7	—
2 Dº — D 6		12	—
4 Dº — D 5		20	—
14 Dº — D 4		56	—
1 Head Peon		3	22
9 Peons — D 3 Pº		27	—
1 Measuring Mastry		4	—
14 Measuring ditto D 3		42	—
1 Sewing Mastry		3	—
31 Sewing Men D 2/		7/	22
6 Massaulgies D 2		12	—
2 Sweepers — D 1		2	—
Total Baj.		358	—

(Signed) W. Jackson —

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Minute thereon —

The Committee having attentively — examined the Account Current, enclosed in the above Letter, — cannot avoid observing the encrease of Servants in the Grain Department, & the extraordinary monthly Charges made on that account, which far exceeds the Sum drawn for that purpose by the late Grain Keeper Mr. Erskine; — as likewise the allowance for a Deputy, which the Committee do not ever recollect to have authorised. —

Capt. Hearsey's Defence of his evidence —

Capt.n Hearsey being called before the Committee, to account for the extraordinary expence for Servants, — is sensible of the striking augmentation in their number, but assures the Committee that without their assistance he should have been unable to have carried on the laborious duties of his Office; ——

With respect to the allowance made to his Deputy Capt.n Hearsey begs leave to inform the Committee that Lieut.t Hopkins was appointed to act as such by the late Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, and he further expects his hope that the Committee will be pleased to advert to the smallness of the Wastage in the course of the last nine Months, which

does

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Copy of Sheet presented to Congress 19th December 1783

Captain Clarkson's Account of Stores

Stores received at Newburgh by the Sloop Phenix amounting to above two Thousand Bushels of Wheat, Delivered to Captain Clarkson, which with the Stores before the Commencement of the Year 1783 Stated in the Commissary's Account, Exhibited to the Board of Treasury

The Year 1783 as Ds. Receipts D.r | By Issues &c. Contra — Cr.

	Gross Meas.d Sacks			Gross Meas.d Sacks	
First Quarter	913	397	7/16	First Quarter	894. 677. 4 5/16
Second D.o	766.	204.	7 13/16	Second D.o	691 354 5 11/16
Shirad D.o 30 Sept.r	440.	37.	5/16	Shirad D.o	477. 269 10 1/2
				Carried forward to 4.th Quarter	26. 149 1"
				Accounted for Total	2090. 150 8 3/4
				Wastage 1 1/2 for Nine Months	30 88 6 7/16
As Ds. Receipts Total	2120.	239.	3 3/16	Amount Conformable to Receipts	2120. 239 3 3/16

Virginia
1.st of December 1783

(Signed) A.W. Tearsey Capt.r
Grain Keeper

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2 Minutes thereon

The Committee having fully —
Considered the Reasons adduced by Capt.n Flearsey,
— are pleased, — in consideration of the small
Wastage which appears by the above Statement, —
to admit of the extraordinary Charge made
for Servants in the Grain Department, as
likewise of the Allowance to the Deputy
Grainkeeper in consequence of the same having
been authorised by the late Sir Eyre Coote; —
when Commanding in Chief the Army upon actual
Service. — For the remainder of the Grainkeepers
Accounts, it is agreed to let them stand in
the manner now audited by Mr. Jackson, &
with the observations contained in his Report
of the 13th Instant —

Major General Sir John Burgoyne
in a Letter dated the Sept.r during the
time he commanded the Army, having
acquainted the Committee that he had
discovered several abuses & malpractices in
the Grain Department in Camp, & a Petition
having been since presented to Lieut.t Gen.l
Lang by Serroccaumy, a Coricoply, whom
Sir John had confined in consequence of his
suspecions, — the Committee had at a former
meeting

Capt.n Flearsey again attends —

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meeting taken this matter under consideration, & had examined several Witnesses on the subject, — but as it relates to the Department of which Captain Hearsey has the management, & as several of the Witnesses in their examinations, implicated a kind of Charge against him. — the Committee had desired Captn. Hearsey to attend this Morning, as much with a view of investigating this Matter, as of inspecting into the Grain Accounts; Captain Hearsey is therefore again called before the Committee, — the Petition of Terroccanny is delivered to him for his perusal, & the depositions of the several persons who had been examined, are now read over to him. —

Captain Hearsey expresses to the Committee his earnest desire that this Business may be fully & minutely investigated, and with the utmost deference he requests the Committee will be pleased to appoint Mr. Jackson (the Superintendant of the Grain Accounts) and any other persons to examine into this affair — Captn. Hearsey then withdraws. —

Capt. Hearsey wishes that the foregoing business might be investigated. —

Capt. Hearsey withdraws —

Agreed that the Petition from Terroccanny

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Secretary and all the other papers relating to
the above Business be (copied) fair, and sent to Mr.
Jackson, who is desired carefully to investigate the subject
& to report to the Committee the result of his Enquiries,
— Mr. Jackson then withdrawn. —

Mr. Jackson desired to investigate the foregoing business. —

The President lays before the Committee
a Bill for the Cloathing of the Countryborn Volunteers
amounting to Pags. 641.. 18.— as lodged in the Office — Agreed
that the above Bill be discharged by Bills on Bengal
at the present Buzar Exchange with Interest of 8 p Cent
from the time the Money became due —

The President delivers in a Bill for the Cloathing the Country born Volunteers —

Agreed that it be discharged by Bills on Bengal —

Read the following Letter from Mr.
Menzies —

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney
& Select Committee &c &c &c —

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to present the enclosed
Bill for One thousand Pagodas, for Payment. The
accompanying Letter from Doctor Gordon, the Drawer,
will inform the Honble Board, it is to reimburse
him for Money advanced for the Service, and, He,
therefore, hopes It will be immediately honord; but,
if it should not be agreeable to pay the Amount
in Cash at present, I am willing to add 250 Pags.
to the above Sum and receive a Bill on Europe
for

From Mr. Menzies — enclosing a Bill from Dr. Gordon and requesting payment of it —

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for £500, which, I hope, the Honorable Board will consider as a reasonable proposal from me, on the part of my Friend, whose Life & Family are in great Distress —

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest Respect &c

(Signed) John Menzies

I beg Leave to remind the Honorable Board of Mr. Battgers Demand for the Charlotte & Cargo, as She is very much distressed for the want of his Property —

Agreed that the amount of Dr. Gordons Draft on this Government be discharged by Bills on Bengal at 400 Rupees p/o Pagodas, and carried to the account of what may be due to Dr. Gordon for his Hospital Expences with the Southern Army —

Agreed that the abovementioned Draft be discharged by Bills on Bengal —

Read the following Letter from the Deputy Paymaster to the Bengal Detachment dated the 4th & 6th Instant —

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

I beg leave to lay before you an Extract

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From the Dep.ty Bengal Paymaster enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Board of inspection in Bengal relative to charges incurred for Guns &c.a —

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Extract of a letter received from the Honble Board of Inspection in Bengal, relative to charges incurred for Guns, & Artificers employed in Trichinopoly & Caringooly —

Enclosed is an account of the expence of each Garrison monthly, which is conformable to the Bengal Regulations, but as these charges were for the use of the Garrisons in the Carnatic, I am desired to transfer these charges to the accounts of the Paymaster to the Troops upon this Establishment

I have therefore to request that you will give necessary instructions for this being compleated with, and carried into execution as soon as possible —

I have the honor to be &c.a

(signed) John Anderson
Milit.a Deputy Pay.r
to Col.o Pearse Detachm.t

Madras
4th Dec.r 1783

Extract of a letter from the Honble Board of Inspection dated 6th May 1783 to Mr. Jno. Murray Com.y Gen.l —

The Board approves of your Audit of the charges for Guns and Artificers for the use of the Garrisons in the Carnatic; and desire that you will direct Mr. Tierney to transfer these charges to the accounts of the Pay Mr. of the Troops upon the Estates of Fort St. George (signed) Wm. Athinson
2.d Com.y Gen.l

A true Extract — J.K.

approved

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The Honble Company —— Dr

To Allowances for 11 Guns in the Garrison of Trichinopoly —— } Sa Rs 165 —

Pay & Batta to Artificers & Coolies —— 263

Sa Rs 428 —

(Signed) J Sheriff Holland
Lieut. Commanding

The Honble Company —— Dr

To Allowances for 7 Guns in the Garrison of Caringoly —— } Sa Rs 105

(Signed) James Walker
Lieut. Comm.g

To
The Right Honble the President &
Select Committee —

My Lords & Gentlemen

I take the liberty of enclosing a Bill for the Carriage of Major Genl. James Stuarts Camp Equipage from January to the 16th of August 1783 — and humbly request that you will be pleased to order payment of it. That I may be enabled to pay the arrears due for Hired Bullocks which were employed in

From the Deputy Bengal Paymaster — enclosing a Bill for the carriage of General Stuart Camp equipage —

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in carrying the Tents of the Bengal Detachment
in the room of the two Elephants which General
Stuart had for the Carriage of his Tents
during the above mentioned period. —

I am with great respect

Fort St. George
6th December 1783.

(signed) John Anderson,
Mil.y Dep.y Paymaster,

The Honble Company —— Dr

To the Carriage of Major General James Stuarts
Camp Equipage from January to the 16th
of August 1783. — — Star Pag.s 480 —

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(signed) John Anderson
Mil.y Deputy Paymaster
to the Bengal Troops.

I certify that General Stuart had two
Elephants from our Detachment for which
he sent his order to our D: M: G: tho he
had not any right to them & that an expence
was incurred by us in consequence which will
not be allowed. ——

(signed) T D Pearse
Col

The Honble Company —— Dr

To My allowance for Writers for the Months of October November
& December 1783 @ 20 Pag.s p Month —— 16 60 — —
To 2 Books for Rice accounts —— 7 " —
To Paper, Pens, Ink &c Do. Do. Do. —— 12 " —
Star Pag.s 79 " "

(signed) John Anderson
Dep.y Mil.y Paym.r

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Agreed that the Expence for the ~~~
Carriage of General Stuarts Baggage & the
allowance for Writers &c employed by Mr. Anderson
be discharged by Bills on Bengal at 400 Rupees
P° 100 Pagodas, as likewise the Charge for Artificers
& the Repairs of Guns in the Carnatic Garrisons,
which agreeably to the accommendation of the
Board of Inspection at Fort William, the
Paymaster of the Bengal Detachment must be
directed to transfer to the accounts of our Paymaster
in Camp;— the latter article to be discharged
by the same means, & at the same Exchange
with the former.——

Agreed that the Draught be discharged by Bills on Bengal.—

The President lays before the ~~~
Committee the following Letter which his
Lordship received a few Days ago from Mr.
Hoisgard.——

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

My Lord—

From Mr. Hoisgard — will use his endeavours to give Advice of the departure of any person from Pondicherry for Madras — a Merchant named St. Valary, intends proceeding here.——

I have been favored with your
Letter of the 6th Instant, and have communicated
to the Marquis de Bussy, the Contents orelating
to Monneron Chauvigny — He was much ~~~
pleased

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pleased with the Attention. —

Your Lordship may depend upon my using my endeavors, to give you Advice of the Departure of any Person from this Place, to Madras, & his Business, & I shall with Pleasure furnish such as may apply to me, with the Letters you mention. But it does not appear probable to me, that I shall, in a Settlement so full of Inhabitants, be able entirely to answer your Wishes in this Point; or that those who have Business, will communicate it to me — A Merchant of this Place, named St. Valary, intends proceeding to Madras in a few Days; but I have not been able to learn his Business. I have proposed to him, in consequence of your Directions, to furnish him with a Letter to the Town Major, to ensure him Attention. —

The List of Dutch Soldiers you have done me the Honor to send, corresponds exactly with the Names of the Persons that were stopt. They have all proceeded on their Journey —

I have received the Right Honble the Select Committees Letter of the 30th Ultimo thro their Secretary, and have acquainted Monr. Monneron with the Substance thereof

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Pondicherry
10th Decr 1783 —

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Geo: St Hoysard

Read the following Letter from
Captn Prescott. —

To Captain William Prescott
of Engineers

Sir

As the Public Service may frequently render it necessary that you should be sent out of this Garrison, to examine the Company's buildings in the different Cantonments of the District, or for other purposes, the Chief and Council have been pleased to extend your late appointment from the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to the whole District; and as this will occasion an additional expence to you, the Board have agreed to allow you full Batta, but as the present state of the Treasury will not admit of any encrease in the expences of the Settlement at this time, they desire you will not draw your Batta from the Paymaster until the state of the Treasury will admit of it. —

From Capr
William Prescott
enclosing an
appointment of the
Council of Masulipa-
tam to him of full
Batta, and requesting
the Committee
information of it —

Masulipatam
2d January 1783 —

I am &c
(Signed) A.W Scott
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A true Copy
(signed) W Prescott

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

My Lord

Some time has now elapsid since I have had the honor of writing to you, inclination has often prompted me to offer my respectful best Wishes to your Lordship, but I have judgid it most proper not to trespass upon your time which must be materially engagid, and I have now to apologize to your Lordship for doing so, and for the liberty I am about to take in soliciting a favor at your hands which is of much moment to me and is attended with circumstances proper to be previously made known to you, that your Lordship may judge what grounds I have to hope your concurrence to my request. —

The accompanying Letter will explain to you an appointment made in my favor by the Chief & Council, of the Batta allowed me in consequence of it, amounting to about forty five Pagodas a month in Lieu of all other charges, this permanent benefit made me perfectly content in my situation, it enabled me to lay by a small Annual sum for the joint benefit of Mrs Prescott and my family, having in view her Return to Europe with my two

youngest

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Youngest Daughters provided her health should render it absolutely necessary in the course of a Year or two, and I am sorry be inform your Lordship that she is now in a very poor state indeed — Shortly after Majr Maul is recall from hence, I applyd to the board here for a small Arrear of Batta to make good my expences & attendant on a duty ordered by them, to my surprize Mr Daniell informed me that notwithstanding both he and Mr Hodges had exerted themselves strenuously in my behalf) it had been urgd by the other members of the Council, that I was not entitled to Batta in consequence of their Letter after Majr Maul is appointment, al though no resolution of the board had been passd to the contrary; I have been patient nor should I now have touchd upon the business but that Mr Daniell and Mr Hodges have repeatedly pleaded the injustice done me in effectually; Permit me to say my Lord that I fear the business is opposition, excited perhaps by positions between the Presidency and the board have not quite so palatable, at least I have every right to make this Inference, for to this hour neither public or private cause have

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I given to any member of government here. —

The favor I have to request of your Lordship is to establish me thro the Select Committee upon Capt.n Batta here, either by approving the appointment made by the enclosed Letter, or in such wise as may seem most proper to you. I shall be abundantly thankful to your Lordship for a favor almost necessary to enable me to support my family — It may not be improper to premise the following Pleas in behalf of the measure provided your Lordship is induced to serve me — The Garrison is two Miles in extent, the Area of course large and filled with black houses, the whole Police rests upon me at a time judged proper to open the Streets, without a benefit of any sort; publick business for the most part transacted at the Garden houses from near three to four miles distant, a consequent expence must attend my situation; from time to time I am ordered into the different Circars upon Duty, daily batta by no means equal to the Expence attending, and lastly I believe I am the only Capt.n of Eng.r appointed to stations without Batta, and you may rely I have not any benefit in View — Permit me

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once more to Repeat my Solicitations to your
Lordship to Effect this Business for me. I trust
you will pardon this Liberty and that you
will admit its but natural to be uneasy at
being debarred a benefit once effected to my
Appointment without having a reason assigned me—
I have the honor to be with
Respect &c &c —

Signed W Prescott

fixed

Maulipatam
24, 1783.

Capt.n Prescott to
receive the whole
of his Batta without
any deduction on
account of Major
Maules appointment

As Major Maule was so short
a time at Maulipatam, & as Capt.n Prescott
was particularly appointed to act as Engineer
in that District, the Committee consent to his
receiving the whole of his Batta, without any
deduction on acct. of Major Maule's appointment.—

Read Letter from the Chief and
Council at Maulipatam (as entered in the Miscell=
-any Book A.D.) enclosing an application
from Ensign Turner for the allowance of Fort
Adjutant during the time he acted in that
Office at Maulipatam; — Agreed that
Ensign Turner's request be complied with. —

To evince the impossibility of the
movement of the Bengal Detachment to the
Northw.d — the President lays before the Committee

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The following Paper which his Lordship has received from the Captain of the Guides, pointing out the Impracticability of the Roads to the Northward which prevented Col.l Pearce's march thither, as intended by the Com.y before the Arrangement made by the Commissioners relative to Combam & Chettapet. —

Computed Distances of Places on the Western, or high Road from Madras to Nellore

Dec.r 12.th 1783 —

Capt.n Pringle Route of the high Road from Madras to Nellore —

Names of Places	Cos.s	Remarks —
Gomerapoondy as ff Mr. Barnard's Survey	12	
Rajanoorgood Chatrum	14½	Salt Pans at this Choultry
Awarampaukum Choultry	17½	
Aukamapettah — —	21	
Carthawa Choultry —	22	A River the breadth of the Cortelaur here, & ½ Cos.s farther a Nallah —
Niacum Choultry	26	The large River Sorimma=
Niacum petta —	30½	=mooghee, which falls into
Bushy Road — —	32½	the Sea at Cottapattam
Cadawara Fort and large Village	35	
Catamoocal — —	39	
Serapilly — —	43	Large Fortified Place.
Bamboo Chitty Choultry	45½	
Nellore Serapilly —	48	
Equal to nearly —	120	Miles

Madras to Pyramaug

The Road by Pullicat, Durgapatam &c.c as measured by Col. Pearce is 122 Miles, nearly,

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The Guides who were sent out to examine the Western Road, say that it was so covered with Water, and the Rivers so full as to be totally impracticable for a Detachment with Guns, on the latter end of last Month & on the 3d. 4th. & 5th. of this; but that if the Weather held up for 8 or 10 Days the Road would be good & the Rivers dry— It is without doubt the best Route to Nellore from Madras, except in the rainy Season——

To Lieut.t Gen.l Lang
Com.r in Chief &c. &c. &c.—

Jn.o Pringle
Capt.n of Guides

Read the following Letter from Colonel Pearse—

The Right Hon.ble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President &c. Select Committee

My Lords & Gentlemen

Before Mr. Sweeny died the Hon.ble the Supreme Council sent to me directions to send Mr. Sweeny & the Accounts &c. Vouchers of the Detachment to the latest possible Period to Calcutta——

Mr. Sweeny's death prevented this

From Colonel Pearse—
will Order Mr. Anderson round to Bengal with the Accounts & Vouchers of the Bengal Detachment if the Committee have no Objection——

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his going &as I had only Mr. Anderson I could not spare him tho after that event his Presence became necessary as They wanted some Person acquainted with our accounts to be on the spot to settle with the Paymaster General & reduce that into order which the interference of General Stuart had thrown into such confusion. —

Mr. Anderson has now settled & delivered charge to Mr. Tyler, he has also compleated the Rice accounts as far as was in his Power, & therefore he can now be spared to go to Bengal to settle the former part & Mr. Tyler can carry on the current business. & therefore if you have not any objections to it I shall order Mr. Anderson to go round with the accounts & Vouchers agreeably to the spirit of the orders above recited. —

Madras
17th December 1783 —

I am
with the greatest Respect &c
(signed) T. D. Pearse
Col
Com.d Bengal Troops
Serving on the Carnatic

Agreed that Col. Pearse be informed that
Agreed to — the Committee consent to Mr. Andersons proceeding
to Bengal —

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Guard & to command the Company of Lyall Infantry attached to it. —

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Recommendations for promotions —

Report of Casualties and Recommendations by the Commander in Chief 19th Dec. 1783 —

Recommendations for promotion of the Commander. ——

Deceased

Major Arthur Lysaght
Lieut. Henry Dighton
John Allen
John Mollison
Ensigns John Allison
John Weston
Tho.s Brown
Char.s Capper
S. Ball
Mathew Battersby

Capt.n Robert Gibbings to be Major — vice Lysaght —

Capt.n Lieut. James Oliver to be Captain vice Gibbings. —

Lieut. Lionel Westropp to be Captain Lieut. vice Oliver. —

Ensign Francis Aisbitt to be Lieut. vice Dighton. ——

Ensign Abednego Mathew to be Lieut. vice Allen. ——

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Ensign Danl Carey to be Lieutenant
vice Westrope —

Ensign James Rodgers to be Lieut.
vice Mollison —

Capt.n David Muirhead to command
Madura vice Gibbings and to proceed thither
with the 20th Battalion as soon as the service
permits, and Major Gibbings to remain in
the Command of Madura untill relieved
by Captain Muirhead. —

Captain Tho.s Dunwoody to command the
8.th Carnatic Battalion vice Gibbings promoted —

Capt.n Laughlen M.c Kinnon to
remain in the Command of the 3.d Carnatic
Battalion and Captain John Cox of the
16.th Carnatic Batt.n untill further Orders —

Capt.n Arthur Stewart to remain
in the Command of the 17.th Carnatic Batt.n
untill its Arrival at Cuddalore —

Lieut.t Alex.r Dyce to command
the Independent Companies at Mallore —
vice Read promoted. —

Capt.n James Oliver to remain
in the Command of the 7 Companies of the
7.th

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1st Carnatic Battn to the Southward untill further Orders —

Ensign Hope Stewart (now acting adjutant) to be Adjutant of the 2d. Carnatic Battalion vice Morton —

Lieut. Alexr Grant to be Adjutant of the 9th Carnatic Battn vice Dighton —

Lieut Ranjot Jackson to be Adjutant of the 23d. Carnatic Battn vice Allen. —

In the G: O: of the 4th November Captn Wahab was by mistake directed to continue in the Command of the Independent Companies at Nellore instead of those at Ongole —

I beg leave to recommend to Captain John Cuppage be nominated to succeed to the Command of the first vacant Circar Battn —

Recommended

(Signed) Ross Lang

N.B. The Captain Lieutenants promoted to the Rank of Captain having that rank from the date of their Commissions as Capt. Lieutenants their Commissions as Captains should be dated accordingly — & requires to be rectified in the Care of Captains & their Stewart. Nathaniel

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Dawes & Thomas Leighton - and in future when Captain Lieutenants succeed to be Captains no date of rank need be affixed in Orders as their Commissions will of course be dated from those they held as Captain Lieutenants. —

Agreed that the above Recommendations do immediately take place, and that the same be forthwith published in G.O. —

The Committee do likewise confer with the Commander in Chief in his Recommendations of Captain Cuppage to succeed to the first vacant Circar Batt.n —

Agreed that they take place —

Read Letters as entered in the Miscellany Book N.os from Lieut.t Smith & Ensign Cullen, — the former requesting permission to proceed to Sea & the latter to Bengal for the recovery of their Health. —

Lieut.t Smith & Ensign Cullen permitted to proceed to Sea. —

Agreed that both the above Requests be complied with, but that Ensign Cullen's Leave of absence be limited to six Months. —

The Presidents lays before the Committee a Letter from Surgeon Hufnagle

President

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Hussain Cawn / as entered in C: C: A) :
representing that —

Agreed that the above Letter
be referred to the Committee of Stores
Committee for their consideration —

The President lays before the
Committee the following papers which he has
received from Colonel Horne, containing a
Correspondence between that Officer & the Vte
Vicomte de Souillac during his detention at
the Isle of France, which the Colonel wishes
may be entered upon the Records, in case
any reference should hereafter be made to it —

To the Right Honble Viscompte de Souillac
Govr Genl of the Isles of France & Bombon &c &c

Monsieur

from Colo Horne
to the Viscompte de=
Souillac —

I find myself under a necessity
of addressing you on a subject not only of the
most interesting nature to myself; but of the
utmost publick importance. —

It is universally admitted by
civilized nations that all Capitulations, Stipulations

of

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or articles of agreement: entered into by Military Officers commanding Fleets or Armys; are binding on and ought to be inviolably observd by the Power to whom they belong; no subsequent consideration of Policy or Interest can interfere with the Publick Faith so plighted by a competant authority; The national Honour is committed by the solemn acts and engagements of a Commander invested with the Power of the State for the Regulation of all matters incident to his Command; For although any misconduct of such Commander may ultimately deserve censure from the state which has employd him; Those with whom he treated cannot foresee such censure; or if they did; they could not yet imagine that an Officer so intrusted with the Chief command; should be disavowd by his Country in those very points for the execution of which he had been invested with the chief authority; The effect of such disavowal would be to preclude all faith and precision from treatys; and to agravate the miserys of War by adding Fraud to Violence. ——

Having premis'd the above position, to which I cannot doubt your assent;

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I desire to state to you my situation, and to claim from you sir as Gov.r of the Isles of France and Bourbon for his most Christian Majesty: The fulfilling of the stipulation solemnly entered into with me by the Chevalier de Suffrein on the 30th of July 1782; Ther Commander in Chief of the French Fleets in India;——

On the 23.d of last July, I was captured off Cudalore on board a Snow carrying me on Publick service to the South=ern part of the Coast of Coromandel — by the Frigates La Fine and Bellona. and was carryd by them to Cudalore Road; I demanded to be admitted on Parole to remain in India till exchanged, but was refused by M Suffrein who gave me to understand I was to be sent to the Isle of France on board the Maurapas; at the same time demanding my Parole; That though the vessel he was to send me on to the Isle of France should be taken by the English I should get consider myself his Prisoner untile exchanged; Reports at that time prevailing in the French Fleet that some English Privateers were actually

Cruizing on

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cruizing off the Isle of Oleron and had
made some Captures; —

To this Extraordinary & I believe
the unprecedented demand I absolutely refused
compliance when I was given to understand
I must expect to be delivered as the other
English Prisoners had been into the custody
of Hyder Ally; On this intimation I call'd
on M Suffrein to remember that I was
an English Officer; taken on service by two
of his most Christian Majesty's ships of
War; that I was consequently his Prisoner;
and his alone; & under the protection of
the Flag of France which I claimed;
that being in his power he could by force
send me where he pleased, but let the
consequence be what it would; I would not
give the Parole he demanded; I then was
directed to return on board the Frigate
La Fine and wait his further Orders:
several Captains of the Fleet and two
English Officers with me were witnesses
to this altercation; and among the rest was
Captain Calvert Commander of the Flamman
he having known me some years before;

expressed

expressd much concern that I could not
arrange matters more satisfactorily with M.
Suffrein; at the same time making me a
tender (very Politely & Humanely) of his good
Offices; after some conversation with that
Officer; I at last consented to a conditional
agreement; and the condition I insisted on
was this. That I should be sent to Europe
on the first vessel that should be dispatched
thither after my arrival at the Isle of
Frana; On that stipulation. and on that
alone; I declard I would consent to give
the Parole demanded of me; Captain
Salvert undertook to make this proposition
to M. Suffrein; and did make it; M
Suffrein agreed to it; and solemnly gave
me his Parole of Honour - that I should
be sent to Europe on the first Vessel that
should sail after my arrival at the Isle
of France; In consequence of that Parole
gave him mine - that I should still consider
myself his Prisoner though the ship I was
to be sent on should be taken by any English
Privateer before his arrival at the Isle of
France; These points being thus solemnly

stipulated

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stipulated on both sides. I was ordered on board the Mauraposa which vessel brought me to the Isle of France; —

On my arrival I had the honor of being informed by you Sir, as Govr of the Isles of France and Bourbon - that M Suffrein had written that I was to be sent to Europe on the first vessel that should sail, and I had the additi= =onal satisfaction of the assurance of your Parole also that you confirmed M Suffreins engagement and that I might rest assured I should be sent to Europe on the first Vessel; but that in the mean time I was to go to Bourbon; after some days I had the Honour of a second interview with you - when I requested to remain at the Isle of France till a Vessel should sail for Europe; which I understood was very soon expected; this request was refused; but you were so obliging as to repeat the assurances you had before given me. that I should be sent on the very first Vessel that should sail; and that I might depend on her being

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Sir

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ordered to touch at Bombon and take me on board, — Under these afsurances solemnly stipulated to me first by the Commander in Chief of the French Fleet in India, and repeatedly confirmid afterwards by the Govr. of the Isles of France & Bourbon. I came to this Island; Now in what has been the consequence. and how have the stipulation and afsurances I received been fulfild; I have made several applications to you Sir through Monsr. le Baron de Sonville Govr. of this Island claiming my right; to those applications I have received no Answer I have been detaind here between three and four Months; Several Vessels have sailed for Europe; but I have not been permitted to go on any of those vessels though some of them have touchd here in their way to Europe.—

Whatever may be the intention or the event as to the arangement of Prisoners in India; it concerns not me; I claim as a distinct right. the particular stipulation ratified to me by Mr de Suffrein: and confirmed to me; if an agreement so solemn and compleat could require confirmation; by Mr Le Viscompte de Souillac; and let it be remembered Sir. that this was not merely a promise of favour

from

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from Mr. Suffrein; it was a specific agreement
entered into between that Commander and me;
the punctual fullfiling of which I have demanded,
and I do demand as an undoubted right; a
right which I have purchased by a valuable
Consideration — Viz.t — the Parole which I gave
to him; that I should still consider myself
a prisoner of France though I should have been
retaken in my passage by any English Privateer;
an event which was supposed at that time
extremely probable; but of which I thus consented
to waive the benefit; and as in that event I may
venture to affirm I should not have been released
from my Parole. but must have remained
a prisoner of France according to my part of
the Stipulation; I demand in the present event
the execution of Mr. Suffreins part of the
stipulation; and claim the fulfilling of that
sacred condition; on the faith of which I was
induced to pledge my liberty; and that
according to his and your Parole. I shall be
immediately sente to Europe; — This Sir I
demand in the most solemn manner; in
justice to myself and to my Country in whose
Service I have the Honor to hold the Rank
of Colonel; and I call upon you Sir in your
Publick station to fulfil as far as is at present
preferable

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possible the agreement for which the faith
of your Country is pledged by the Commander
in Chief of the Fleet of France in India and
guaranted by the Governour of the Isles of France
and Bourbon; —

My claim thus sacred and distinct-
cannot be effected by any adventitious circumstance
whatever, although therefore I have no immediate
concern with the reasons assigned for detaining
such Prisoners here as have required to be
sent to Europe; I think it my duty to take this
Official occasion of adverting to that Subject as
I have had certain opportunitys of knowing
the Fact, and can therefore with certainty to
explain those particulars wherein it has been
misunderstood and misrepresented; —

The reason alledged for such detention
in the Marquis de Bussys answer to those
applications Is — the refusal of Lord Macartney
to accept the Cartel proposed to him by Mr le
Commandeur de Suffrein; This allegation I
presume is founded on the Representation of M.
Suffrein in his Letters. That Lord Macartney
would not agree to the Cartel he had proposed
to him by Letter; as to myself I desire to observe
exclusively of my distinct and absolute claim

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on the solemn ground of stipulation; That even if this fact were true. it could not from other circumstances by any possibility affect the transaction between M. Suffrein and me; For the time when it is said to have happend was prior; M. Suffreins covenant with me was on the 30th of July; but he had before that taken his line; and been in possession of such reasons as appeared to him to justifie the measures he had actually put in execution. Viz- the delivery of English Prisoners into the Custody of Hyder Ally, whose treatment to those English prisoners he had himself made M Suffrein could not be unacquainted with; Those reasons were that Lord Macartney was unwilling to arange a Cartel; and that he had not Answerd the Letter he had sent him on that Subject; but had in a contemptuous manner (as he had been informed) put it suddenly in his pocket unthout reading it; This M. Suffrein mentiond to me in our Conversation on the subject; I endeavourd to undeceive him at the time; and to explain to him the causes that might have delayd the English Government in

India;

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India, however desirous they might be to proceed
on that important subject of a general Cartel; —
As to the fact of Lord Macartneys
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disposition (or) that subject; I can take upon me
to affirm that when I left Madras in last June
and was ordered on a very extensive service; his
Lordships sentiments were diametrically the
Contrary of what has been represented; Instead
of unwillingness and refusal to enter into a
Cartel; Lord Macartneys reply to Mr. Duch=
=men demonstracted the Contrary; as stated in a
Letter I received from his Lordship in answer
to one which I wrote to him by M. Suffreins perm=
=ission; stating M. Suffreins charge against
his Lordship as being the cause of his delivering his
Prisoners to Hyder Ally; it refutes also to a
demonstration the other supposed fact; of his
reception and neglect of having Answered M.
Suffreins Letter; The following is an extract
from that Letter of Lord Macartney as it came
open to my hands, thro' the Chevalier de Boistel
to the Isle of France. Viz.t —

I am really weary with answering
Mr. Suffreins charge with regard to me; the
fact is simply this. He says he wrote a

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a letter to me relative to a cartel; I declare on my Honour I never received it; I received one from Monsieur De Chumen and referd him to Sir Eyre Coote who was then in the Field. and was in consequence of a letter from Bengal to this Presidency of the 11th of March last; Profeffd of Powers adequate to the settlement of the Business; as You know the State of things here at that time — I need not explain the Matter further or point out to you where the true state of the question lies; at all events nothing can justifie his delivering over the English Prisoners to Hyder Ally: —

DuChumen

As these misrepresentations seem in their alledged consequence to Effect the situation of other prisoners. I have conceived it my duty to the Publick. thus to state the facts as they really are; —

My own claim I repeat Sir. is founded on positive distinct grounds. as I have had the Honour of stating to you; I conclude therefore with reurgeing it to you in the most solemn manner. that I may according to that unanswerable claim have an immediate passage to Europe. —

reurging

I have the Honor to be &c

Islace of Bourbon
December 31st 1782 —

Signed Matw Horne
Colt in the English service.

Read the following Letter from the Marquis

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Marquis de Bussy to the Right Honble the President. —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c &c

My Lord,

I have this Day received the Letters which your have done me the honor to write me of the 2nd 8th & 18th of last Month, that of the 2nd enclosing a Copy of a letter to Mr Du Chemin. —

I shall not again enter upon the different Subjects which have been discussed in my last Letter to your Lordship & in your Answers; Your Arrangements with Tipoo towards accomplishing a general Pacification, may be terminated according to Your own Wishes. Should any improper expressions have escaped me in the Subjects which we have discussed I assure you my Lord that it was far from my intention it is possible that such a Word misplaced in a translation may be a common expression in its Original acceptation, but we have already said too much on this Subject and sensible as I am of your Sentiments the Generosity and frankness of your proceedings, & being at the same time well convinced as I am that you will render me equal Justice. —

This induces me naturally to Thank your Lordship on my own Account for your

From the Marquis de Bussy to the President — with acknowledgements for granting a passport to the 1200 Bullock Loads of Provisions for Pondicherry — has acquainted Mr Hoyland with all particulars respecting the two alleged Chauvigrys —

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granting a Passport to the 1200 Bullock Loads of Provisions, I know that this object is of very little importance that it can afford but a very trifling Alleviation to the general distress, but I can venture to assure your Lordship that it will operate powerfully upon the greatest part of the inhabitants of this place, besides when I made the Request I extended my views farther, however I am convinced from the particulars you have entered into on this Occasion, that it has not been possible for you to do more. ——

The friendly disposition which your Lordship expresses, is mutual, I will do every thing that depends upon me to maintain that good understanding which has been established between the two Nations, and you will find me equally desirous to evince you of the Return of those private Sentiments your Lordship has expressed in my favor & to convince you with what distinguished Consideration — I have the honor to be

Pondicherry
1st December 1783

(signed) Bussy

P.S. — Mr. Chauvigny of whom mention is made in your Letter to Mr. de Cheminon / a Copy of which you will so kind as to transmit

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transmit me) is not the person in whose welfare
I had the honor to interest myself in my Letter
of the 30th October last. That Mr Chauvigny
is advanced in years was taken Prisoner in the
Lauristone, & on his Return from Madras I deprived
him of his Place — the Gentleman who is at
present in Question is a very young man but that
I may not trouble your Lordship by a long detail,
I have acquainted Mr Hoisard with every
particular respecting the two affrs Chauvigny's
& requested him to write to you on the subject,
it is in favor of the youngest that I interest myself,
it is that Gentleman whom I am assured is at Bombay,
and it is on his account my Lord that I request
You will be so Obliging as to make Enquiries. ——

(signed) B-

The President having fully considered
the purport of Mr. Manneron's Letter to Mr. Hoisard
enclosed in that Gentleman's Address to the Committee
of the ultimo (as entered on the Proceedings of
the 8th November) and having minutely examined
all the Records since the year 1765 — he (the
President) now delivers in the following Minute on
the subject of the Claims made by a Mr. Manneron
on the part of the French Company. & desires it
to lie for the Consideration of the Committee. ——

The President having considered the purport of Mr. Manneron's Letter to Mr. Hoisard, delivers in a minute on that subject. —

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Note of the President upon Mr. Monerons
Paper to Mr. Hoffard — Dec.r 19th 1783 —

On referring to the Transactions which
passed in 1765. when the French Factories
were restored in consequence of the Treaty of
Peace, and to the Correspondence since that
Period upon the Claims of the French Company
and Individuals relative to Commerce it appears —
1.st That the French had a Right to the
Factory and Ground belonging to it in Masulipa
=tam, and also to the Ground of Francipuet, for
which they had Grants previous to 1749. ——
2.d — That the French claimed an Exemption
from all Duties on the Trade carried on by
them at Masulipatam, upon the Ground of
its being a privilidge always enjoyed by them under
the Moorish Government. ——

President's Minute

Mr. Pybus the then Chief of Masulipatam
in his Letter to the Board of the 9th May 1765.
observes upon this Claim that he did not think
himself authorized to comply with it, as upon
reference to the 15th Article of the Treaty of
Paris the Lords, that regard seems only to be
have been had to the Restitution of Factories
without any mention being made of Privileges,
and he thought this omission furnished him with
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a sufficient Plea for rejecting the demand.
He allows however "That the European Nations
" settled at Masulipatam by virtue of Grants
" from the Mogul carried on all Trade Duty
" Free on account of their respective Companies,
" but that Individuals paid a Duty of 3½ p.Cent.
" That the French did not settle there till some
" Years after the English & the Grant they have
" from the Mogul specifies that they shall have
" the same Privileges with the English."—

But says Mr. Boyton "even supposing
" an entire Exemption from Duties to have been
" enjoyed by them under the Government of the
" Moors they can surely have very little Right
" to claim the same now, after having taken the
" Place by Force from the Government which gave
" them the Liberty of settling here &c.ª"—

The President and Council in their
Minute on Mr. Boyton's Letter say. "As to
" regard to their Pretensions to trade Custom free
" at Masulipatam We think as the Company
" are at the Charge of maintaining the Settlement
" they have certainly a Right to demand the
" Customs especially as they (the French) will
" not be so much liable to the Exactions of the
" Country Government"—

Mr

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Mr. Parron the Gentleman authorized on the part of the French to receive their Factories protested against Mr. Dybrus for rejecting the abovementioned Claim, and the President & Council upon receiving this Protest wrote to Mr. Dybrus under date the 4th July 1765.

"That it cannot be the Intention of the "Company to deprive the French Company "of the Privileges they quietly possessed before the "Commencement of the Troubles, and they think "therefore that they (the French Company) should "not be liable to more Customs now than at that "time".—

What is meant by their not being liable to more Customs now than at the Commencement of the Troubles I do not understand. Their Grants seem confessedly to have exempted from all Duties in 1749 & they were by the Treaty of Paris to have what they possessed in 1749.

3. It appears that the French Company before the War had the Factory of Yanaon with its Dependancies (viz.) the Village of Yanaon The Village of Compoupalam and the Ground appertaining thereto as actually possessed by the French Nation at the Commencement of 1749.

Vide act of restitution 15th May 1765

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with an Exemption from all Duties both Imports and exports. But they claimed also that the Boat people and Pilots of the Island of Elicatippa and the Village on the point of Godavery should be subordinate to the Chief of Yanaon, altho' the Rents and Revenues of the said Island should go to the Persons to whom they appertained. —

Messrs. Dalton and Whitehill who were authorized to make the Restitution of the French Factories and Privileges at Yanaon after the Treaty of Paris write upon this Subject as follows. —

Extract of Letter from Messrs. Dalton and Whitehill 17th May 1765. —

"Upon the Strictest Enquiry we have been able to make We cannot find that they (the French) ever enjoyed such a Privilege either in the year 1749. or before that time, the Pilots and Boats being heretofore always subordinate to those to whom the Island and Village belong'd "neither do we find that they ever had any Grant "for it, having only to alledge, its being an ancient "Custom, which we concluded far from being a

sufficient

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"sufficient Reason to induce us to a Compliance
"with the Demand of that Article and which
would in effect be making them entire Masters
of the River. —

"In Regard to Narsipore. say the
"same Gentlemen" by the best Inquiries we
"don't find that the French had any Possession
"there in 1749. which excludes them from having
"any now, however Mr Baron makes such a Claim
"and argues that the Ground was theirs, tho' he at
"the same time acknowledges the French had no
"one residing there. We cannot find neither that
"the French had ever any proper Grant for it,
"which Circumstances considered, it appeared to us
"that the French who did not possess it in 1749.
"had no Right to make such a Demand, or we
"such a Delivery.

4th — With respect to Inland Duties in the
Circar of Rajamundry in which the Factory of
Yanam is situated, it appears, that after much
Investigation on the subject, the President and
Council did by their Letter to Mr. Law Governor of
Pondicherry dated 24th January 1772 make the
following Declaration —

"We do by no means admit any Right
"in your Chief (of Yanam) or any Servants or —
Dependants of your Company, or any other Persons
residing

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"residency under the Jurisdiction of your Factory to
"pass 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
and not for private Merchandize. —

The 13th Article of the Preliminary
Treaty signed the 20th January last stipulates
"a safe free and independant Trade such as was
"carried on by the late French India Company;
"whether it be carried on by them as Individuals
"or as a Company". —

Read Letter from Mr. Wynne
(as entered in the Miscellany Book No.)
requesting to be allowed the Pay & Batta either
of a Surgeon or as an Officer in the Bombay
Establishment, from the time he received permission
to proceed to his Station, but was prevented by
his Accounts not having been passed. —

From Mr. Wynne-
requests to be allowed
the pay & Batta
of a Surgeon, or be
Officer on the Bombay
Establishment —

Agreed that Mr. Wynne
be allowed the Pay of an Officer, but no Batta,
from the time he received permission to proceed
to Bombay - on his producing his Certificate of
as an Officer on that Establishment; —
— the amount to be carried to the debit of the
Bombay

Mr. Wynne to be
allowed the pay of
an Officer but not
Batta. —

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Bombay Presidency. —

The President lays before the Committee Letters from Mahum Ulee Deen Cawn as entered in C. C. Nos

The President likewise lays before the Committee the Draft of a Letter which he proposes addressing to the Nabob (as entered in Country Correspondence No) in answer to His Highness's Letter of the 2d Instant which was read at the last meeting. —

The Presidents draught of a Letter which he proposes addressing to the Nabob. ———

Ordered that the above Letter be immediately copied fair & dispatched to the Nabob. —

Read the following Letter from Mr Ogilvie. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen —

I have the honor to enclose the Right Honble the Committee an Estimate for building new Grain Godowns in this Garrison to hold a hundred thousand Collum of Paddy; the old Godowns being an entire ruin, except one Choultry which

From Mr. Ogilvie if the Committee approve of his Estimate for building new Grain Godowns. will undertake the business. ———

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is almost full there is not a place in the Garrison fit to hold a Collum of Paddy; the walls of the old Godowns which were of Brick and Mud are entirely decayed & the roof fallen in

If the Right Honble the Committee approve of my Estimate, and can supply me with a thousand Pagodas p Month for that purpose I will engage they shall be ready to receive the Government share of the Crop that may be collected after the rains —

I have the honor to be with very great respect &c —

Vellore
30th July 1783 —

(signed) Thos. Ogilvie
Pay.r

Minute thereon. —

Agreed that Mr. Ogilvie be informed that it is not the intention of the Committee to construct any temporary Godowns at Vellore, but that he be desired to transmit an Estimate of the Expence which would attend the erecting Grain Godowns of Bricks & Chunam equal in size to those he proposes of Mud. — Mr. Ogilvie must at the same time be apprized of the impossibility of so large a Monthly advance as that he mentions; but that the Committee will assist him with as much

Cash

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Cash as they may be able. —

Agreed that a set of Bengal Bills be granted at the Bazaar Exchange for Pag.s 5000 in favour of Mr. William Ross — the Amount to be carried to the Debit of the Agent Victualler —

By order of the Right Honble the President & Select Committee. —

Bengal Bills to be granted to Mr. William Ross. —

Agreed that two Company's Bonds of Pag.s 1500 each and one of Pag.s 2000 be granted in favor of Bryan Scotney Esqr the Amount to be carried to the Debit of the Military Store Keeper on account of his Employ largely indebted to him.

By Order of the Right Honble the President & Select Committee. —

The President lays before the Committee Letter from Lieut Lindt with enclosures of a letter from him to Moyen ud Dien Cawn & from the Master (Trivomale to him as entered in Country Correspondence Nos)

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

Enclosed I have the Honor to Transmit a Copy (No. 1) of my letter to Seid Saheb with his Answer (No. 2) I am extremely Sorry to inform your Lordship,

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Lordship, and the Right Honble Select Committee,
that — in addition to the Difficulties occasioned
by his Refusal to Deliver the distant Districts,
an unexpected obstruction has occurrd with respect
to the Posession of Culvatu, the most Considerable
Village In this Neighbourhood Your Amuldar
in Passing through that Place, had left a Manager
and a few Sibendy Sepoys, to superintend the
Collection of some Grain, for the use of the Detach=
=ment under my Command; And immediately on
my Receiving the Passession of this District,
from the Person Commanding here, I Detached
a Havildars Guard to Assist them in that
business: Previous to the Arrival of the Guard,
the Manager And Sibendy Sepoys had been
imprisond by a Party of 30 Horse and 30
Infantry who were sent by Sultan Sing to
take Posession of the Village with orders
to Expel every Person belonging to the Honorable
Company, the Havildars Guard on its Arrival
was of Course Refused Admittance, but Permitted
to remain unmolested untill matters are finally
Adjusted: I have thought it Necessary to Accompany
the Letter to Sultan Sing. Referred to in that
from Seid Saheb, with one from my Self: A

Copy

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Copy of which (N3) I do myself the Honor to inClose, but am far from being Sanguine in my Expectations from him. ——

Cauelvah and its Dependant Distrect had been given (as is pretended) by the Nabob as a Jaghire to Subdar Tilufsin Cawn who as far as his Circumstances permit Assumes the Style and Consequence of an independant Prince; he had secured this independence during the War, by Assisting the Enemy with men and money; And I have no doubt but he is too well acquainted with the Influence of the latter, not to have used it on the present Occasion, in order to gain time for Seising every thing he can, before he is dispossessed of his Command. Cauelvah in its present state is a much more Considerable Place than Chittepet. The Village which is Populous and Seemed Extremely Disaffected is Surrounded by a Wall, incapable of any Defence — but the fort if well defended might Occasion some Trouble of Attacked by Musquetry only — it is Surrounded by a Tolerable Ditch, its form is nearly Square, with Six Round Bastions, on which no guns are at present Mounted the Wall is about 30 Feet high, but not in Condition to resist even a Light Field Peice — I shall not fail to Transmit the earliest Notice of Sultan Sings Determination, and beg that orders may be sent for my

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any Guidance, in case they Persist in refusing to deliver the Place, the appearance of One half of the Detachment under my Command I conceive would procure the Delivery of the place without firing a Gun. and without Cavil or I fear we shall be Ill supplied with Provisions for the Sepoys. ——

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) J Fendall Lieut
Commanding

Chittapet
December 19th 1783 ——

P.S. I have just received Certain information from Caleb that the Jaghiredaur Subdar Hyder Cawn had sent for the Enemys People immediately after we had passed through the Village and that he has frequently urged them to Cut off the Havildars Guard. I am well persuaded that he has been the Sole Cause of every Difficulty I have met with and beg to Know how he is to be Treated when we are Possession of the place —

The Enemys People Continue to Commit depredations in the Country, and last night plundered a small Village about the Distance of 3 Miles from hence, should any of these People fall into our hands, I should Conceive no impropriety in sending them to Said Sahib to be Punished as Lawless Plunderers. ——

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Received Letter from the Chief of Masulipatan
As entered in B. No 1 advising of his having sent
300 Pair of Shoes for the use of the army

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Received the following Letters

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to acquaint
you that Bullock Cawn arrived the 7th Instant
at this Camp with a letter from Meer Cummur ul
dien Cawn demanding the Fort of Cumbum Accom=
=panied with the original letter from the Commissioners
Messrs Saddler and Staunton which upon my com=
=municating to Major Lyngate he requested as his
indisposition continued in so violent a degree as to
render him incapable of paying the least attention
to business That I would consult with Captain Stuart
Stuart and Arrange with him every matter
relative to the evacuating the Fort and district
of Cumbum

incapable

Accordingly in Major Lyngate's name we
deputed Lieutenant Mackay to Meer with the
enclosed instructions and private Memorandum
which we hope will meet with the approbation of
of your Lordship and the Committee

During My interview with Bullock
Cawn he made a reasonable demand for 20 peons
to be admitted into the Fort with our Garrison which

fort

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20 we granted also allowed him the indulgence of
having his Colours to avoid the least imputation of
not complying most Strictly with the orders of the
Commissioners in giving him possession of the Fort which
possibly might afford him a plea for refusing our
requisitions

You will no doubt be Surprized at
our Caution to Dr Mackay in his private Me=
=morandum relative to provisions which I am
Sorry to observe is occasioned by a great deficiency
in Our Grain to what was expected having only
Seven days Rice left in Store for the detachment
from 11th Instant owing to our dependance upon
40 Pooty of Ratcheree included in the Return
made to Major Sydenham the 30th ultimo the
on the Ground of which we have only procured two
Candy the rest being Still Unripe and will not
be fit to cut during our Short Stay here So that
we are under the necessity of concealing this matter
for Should it come to Hyder Knowledge from his
Repeated instances of treaching to this Army since
the Affair at Bednewall We are convinced he
will Say he cannot comply with our requisitions
in the full Assurance that we must March
away at all events and be compelled to have
a quantity of Store if not the 24 Bullocks from the want
of Bullocks being 630 Short of our Compliment

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and we are more particularly Obliged to be
upon our Guard as it is publickly mentioned
in Camp that Colonel Fullarton has advanced
very lately into Tippoos Sultaans Country and taken
the Fort of Palicatcherry which he no doubt
will take advantage of

Under this circumstances we must
return to the Carnatic by the route of Canaguny
which tho a very indifferent road yet find is
practicable 24 Prs from the report of Lieutenant
Wilson commanding the Artillery which I
have the honor to enclose to you who was sent
expressly by Major Lysaght for the purpose of
Examining the pass leading into that Country
where I am informed the greatest difficulties are
to be met with and Accordingly have wrote to
Captain Edmonds to send to Canaguny with all
possible expedition as much Rice as he can collect
and to the Rajah of Canaguny to lay up what-
-ever grain is to be had in his Country against
our Arrival fearing that Captain Edmonds may
not have it in his power to send a Sufficiency
from Angole - I have this day also ordered the
Sick and all the Troops now at Cannaguny to
Angole which will Ease the consumption at that
place

these

for

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20 place and will Enable the Rajah to provide a
larger Store, for us

This a Moment an Hircarrah is
arrived from a Neirs Camp with the enclosed Letter
from Lieutenant Mackay which will give your
Lordship and the Committee an idea of what
we may expect I shall do myself the honor of writing
to you daily 'till this matter is finally determined
and we shall have marched out of this District

Camp at Combum
10 December 1783.

I have the honor to be &c &c
Signed George Brown
Captain 102d Lt Infy

P. S. Mr Wilson is of opinion Hyder Lyaghts
is better tho' he is frequently delerious his pulse is
good and Skin moist and as he is just falling
asleep hope to give you more favorable Accounts
tomorrow —

Since writing the above I have a Melan-
choly News to impart of Hyder Lyaghts
decease his decease having most unexpectedly
taken an unfavorable time

2 o'Clock P.M. (Signed) George Brown.

To Major of Brigade Mackay.
acting adjutant General southern army.

Sir

In consequence of Letters I have been
honored

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20 honored with from the Commissioners Mssrs.

Sadleir and Staunton dated Camp near Arnee

25 November 1783 The President and Select

Committee of Fort St George and Copy of one

from Meer Moodeen Sawn Commander of Tippoo

Sultaums Troops in the Carnatic and to Meer

Cummerudeen Sawn also one from a Meer Ama-

= mer ul Deen Sawn delivered to me by Bullock

Sawn & Major Arthur Wyatt Commanding

the northern Army encamped near Cumbam

do Depute your Major of Brigade Mackay

Adjutant General to the Said Army to proceed

to Meer Cummerud Deen Sawns Camp, for that to

them to Settle the time of our Evacuation of the

Fort and District of Combam also the means

of facilitating the march of the Said Army

into the Carnatic with a Supply of Provisions &c

Agreable to the letter of Meer Moodeen Sawn

to Meer Cummerud deen Sawn, now are therefore

to make the following requisition on my part

First I trust and have not the Smallest doubt

from the present appearance of a Sincere

Reconciliation between the Circar and the English

& particularly expressed in the words of Meer

Moodeen Sawns Letter to Meer Cummerud Deen

Sawn

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Cawn Vizt. "A firm Friendship hath taken
place between the Circar and the English therefore
we ought to shew them all marks of Friendship
but that he will immediately release and
deliver over to you all the Prisoners taken since
the Cessation of Arms also restore the Two Field
Piece 6 Pounders and Tumbrills with the arms
of Second Carnatic Battalion taken at Buddle-
-walle which will be the surest Pledge of his
good Faith and the most convincing Proof
of his earnest desire to be on friendly Terms with
the Company In full confidence of this Article
being complied with and as a Mark of the
Sincerity and Strict Adherence to the orders of
the Commissioners aforesaid I have admitted
twenty of Meer Cummur ul deen Cawns People
in to the Fort of Cumbum and allowed them to
hoist his Colours.

2.dly - As the Horse and Polygars stationed immediately
in the Environs of Cumbum prevent a friendly
intercourse between the Inhabitants and us so
necessary to be encouraged at this time I have to
request that they be immediately recalled -

Thirdly - Agreable to the Letter of Meer Moodeen
Cawn to Meer Cummur ul Deen Cawn expressing,
his

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20 him to facilitate our March and Supply us with
Provisions I do require him to Furnish me with 100
Draught Bullocks & 450 Carriage Bullocks with
their proportion of Drivers also 50 Coolies — which
Shall be paid for at the usual Rates of the Country
and be returned on our Arrival at Ongole —
The Moment the above Articles are complied
with I Shall evacuate the Fort and march out
of the District of Cumbum with all possible
Expedition:- you will be pleased to arrange these
Matters as Soon as possible after your Arrival
and transmit to me A particular Account of
of your proceedings with Cheerabdeen Cawns at
whose Camp you are to remain untill every Thing
is finally Settled or you have Orders from me
to return

(Signed) A Lysaght

Camp at Combum
8th December 1783

(Copy)

Major Commanding
Northern Army

Private Memorandum to Lieutenant Moorhouse

Incase Cheer will not comply with the enlarge-
ment of the prisoners and restoration of the Guns
&c. you are to endeavor to Effect their being
admitted on parole if this be refused to demand
that necessaries of all kinds if Money be conveyed
to them under the Sanction of a Flag you must
insist

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20 insist upon the Iron being taken off the last thing to be effected and that early after Every other matter is finally settled and satisfied in regard of provisions you may inform him in a seemingly careless manner during your Conversation that you are of opinion / tho' we cannot be said to want provisions / that if Grain was sent into Camp it would sell / an advanced price and would be Acceptable to the women & followers; I should be expect Surprize at the number of Bullocks wanting you may give him as a reason the number we have lost by the incursions of the Cavalry & those carried to his Camp by the fellow drivers which we have an unquestionable right to demand. Get as many as you can if he starts difficulties as you are sensible we must move at all events

Camp at Combam
8th December 1783

Signed A Lysaght

To Major Arthur Lysaght

or Officer Commanding the

Sir Northern Army

In consequence of the Instructions given to me by you to proceed to the Camp of Meer Usman or near Cawn to settle with him the time of our Evacuation of the Fort and district of Combam &c

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the means of facilitating our march into the
Carnatic with a Supply of provisions &c I left
Our Camp yesterday evening and Should have
arrived here early this Morning had not
impediments been thrown in my way and even
After my Arrival in this neighbourhood I was
detained for a considerable length of time in a
common Sepoy tent at a Smallest distance from
Camp and a person Sent to interrogate Me
notwithstanding ever Summur ul deen Cawn
was perfectly acquainted with My business
I was at last Sent for - but before I was ad-
= mitted into his presence My Sword was demand-
-ed of me this I positively refused to Comply with
I was at length allowed to go into the Durbar
with it on and I am Sorry and inform you
that from the reception I met with I really
cannot give you any flattering hopes of being
Successful in any part of my instructions After
Some Conversation he desired me to Send my
demands in Persian which I Shall do immed-
-diately after Speaking to Him a man whom
I understand transacts the greatest part of the business
of his particular confident This I expect to be able

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20th to do in the Evening - or I am then to see the
Armear Shall therefore write to you more
particularly to morrow
you may rest Assured that I
Shall exert my utmost endeavours to get every
thing Accommodated to your Satisfaction
I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) James Mackay
Acting adjutant General
Northern Army

Mem Communicated
Allen Owens Camp
December the 9th 1783

To Captain George Brown
Commanding the northern Army

Sir

I Recived your letter requesting my
opinion of the practicability of carrying the
24 Pounders thro' the pass leading to Canaguay
it is my opinion that the 24 Pounders can be
got thro the pass - with the Assistance of pioneers
and their tools with the addetion of four pair
of three and half or four inch Cimple ropes -

Camp at Lombam
10th December 1783

I am &c
(Signed) D Welloson
Lt artillery

B.

NB The we have not a Sufficiency of tools
nor four Inch ropes yet Mr Welloson thinks we can
Effect getting the 24 Drs with two Inch ropes he has
in Store with the Assistance of the Europeans -

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

K.B President &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Finding that non of my requ-
-sitions would be granted by Mer Cummen at
deur Cawn till I gave him the sole possession of
the Fort I withdraw the Garrison yesterday Morning
at day break and delivered over to Bullock Cawn
the Guns and remaining Stores Arms & amunition
and in consequence of my restoration to abandon
the post at Cambam from its weakness and
unhealthy Situation I detached Captain Mc.
Pherson with Two Battalions to take a Strong
position on the East Side of the Gandegama
about 2 Coss & ½ distance and sent off under his
Escort the heavy Ordnance Sick followers & Every
Carriage bullock belonging to the Camp loaded
and for fear of his meeting with any interruption
from the Enemys Outguards who continue to
infest the environs of the Camp I trust the y
precaution to send with him Some of Bullock
Cawns peons to Order them to retire He arrived at
his ground without any accident except a delay of
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a few hours in repairing a part of the road — being so deep as to be obliged to Employ the Engineer to make Fascines to lay over it The 24 Pdr sticking near to the Axletree he experienced much difficulty from the damaged State of the traces and draw ropes being entirely rotted by the late heavy rains so as to Snap when there is any Strain upon them

We are so deficient in our Compliment of Bullocks that I was obliged to wait with the rest of the detachment for the return of the part to bring off the remaining Guns and Stores so that it was near Eight o'clock at night before I could join Captain M.cPherson

I expect Lieutenant Mackay tomorrow but cannot depend upon more Supplying me with Bullocks & provisions tho' he promises fair except in furnishing draft Bullocks wherein he tells an absolute falsehood that he cannot get any for I can Assure your Lordship & the Committee from my own knowledge there are eight numbers in this district Every detachment that has been out having been many the unsuccessful in their pursuit of them He flatters himself I should imagine that he will oblige me to leave behind the 24 Prs and part of the Stores

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20 but I am fully determined to Surmount every difficulty, and as the Sepoys are cheerful under fatigue I shall man them to the Field train and give all the Bullocks to the heavy Guns you may rest Assured that nothing but the most Absolute necessity Shall induce me to destroy or leave a Single Article behind

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed/ George Brown

Capt. 102d Lt Inf.y

+ From the Paymaster of Vellore as entered in Miscellany Book/ evincing a State- ment of Garrison in Store -

grain

From Lieutenant Capper Commanding at Chellumbrum as entered in M. B. K.t/ advising of his taken up a months pay for the use of that Garrison, for Bills on the Presidency

From Mr Mackintosh at Tranquebar as entered in M. B. K.t/ advising of his having forwarded a Packet which he had received from the Presidency to Mr John Sullivan

Dispatched the following Letters

To William Jackson Esq.r

Sir

Major General Sir John Burgoyne during the time he commanded the Army.

Having

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20 having intimated to Government he had strong
grounds to Suspect that abuses & mal practices
were committed in the Grain Department in
Camp the Right Honble the President & Select
Committee answered That every Kind of collusion
Should be detected had themselves began the
Investigation by examining the Several persons
who were said to have purchased Rice from
Captain Mooney's Detach

The Committee however find them=
=selves too much engaged to admit of their
proceeding any further in this Enquiry & have
therefore thought proper to appoint you to
examine into the truth of the Suspicions entet=
=tained by Sir John Burgoyne — I am
further directed to desire that you will as soon
as possible begin this Investigation and report
the result of your Enquiries & for the purpose of
more effectually carrying into execution the wishes
of the Select Committee they are pleased to
authorize you to Send for and to examine any
of the Conveyers of the Grain Department or
other persons from whom you may be able to
obtain information on the Subject committed to
your investigation

Enclosed

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Enclosed I have the honor of Sending
you the Depositions of the Several persons examin=
-ned before the Select Committee together with
the letter addressed to Government by Sir John
Burgoyne & the other papers which relate to the
Business in question as likewise an extract from
the Minutes of the Select Committee on the 19th Inst.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) W. Wasey acting Sec.y

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20th December 1783.

To Lieutenant Sundt
Commanding at
Chittapet

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter to them of the 13th Instant
and to enclose to you the Copy of a Letter which
The Governor has written to Meer Moheed Deen
& Shame upon the Subject of it

As the Government here has Strictly
fulfilled its engagements with respect to Combaum
It is expected that the same good faith shall be
most exactly observed at Chittapet by Meer
Moheed and Deen Cawn with whom the agree=
-ment has been made In case there should be
any

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any failure on his part you are to inform the Committee thereof without Delay and also at the Same time communicate Such other Occurrences or observations as may be of use to them to Know

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December 20th 1783

I am &c.
Signed W J Wasey Acting Secy

To Mr Benfield dated 20th December as entered in A B 8vo/ enclosing Duplicate of a Letter to him of the 13th Instant.

21st Received Letter from the Paymaster at Vellore dated 17th December as entered in A B 8vo/ enclosing a Statement of Grain in Store at that Garrison

22d Dispatched the following Letter

To John Sullivan Esqr

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the following Troops are now in readiness to embark for the Southward and as they are a part of Corps already there it is on every Account the proper Situation for them

78th Regiment	3 officers	25 non Commissioned rank & file	
98th Do	17 officers		
a Lascarin		£259	Ditto
two Native			
101st Do	8 officers	£209	Ditto
	28 officers	£493	Ditto

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I have already taken up two Vessells to carry the greatest part of them to Negapatam - one the Snow Three Friends which will accomodate 6 Officers and 150 Men and the other the Ship Ld Lo hn Captain Hobbs which will contain 12 Officers and from 250 to 300 Men The former Carries also two 9 Pounders and their Carriages and a quantity of Shot of different Kinds &c. for the Garrison of Palamcotah agreeably to the enclosed List and These can be forwarded by a Convenient opportunity from Negapatam or otherwise disposed of as the Service may require The Ship Lohn takes 100 Barrels of Gun Powder for the Garrison of Trichinopoly - The Snow will Sail in about four days and the Ship in Seven or Eight and I shall forward the remainder of the Troops as soon as possible - you have no doubt directed the necessary preparations to be made for their Accommodation and Subsistence

Seven Days provisions will be put on Board each Ship at this place and such as are not expended will be course be landed if taken Charge of by a proper Person at Negapatam

It has occurred to me that a Supply of Shoes to the European Troops of the Southern Army will be very Acceptable and as I have received a great Number from Masulipatam which were provided

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Provided for the Soldiers of the Army at the Request of the Commanders in Chief I have directed 2000 Pairs to be sent in the St Louis and can Sent 1000 by a future opportunity if you think that they will be wanted.

I have received your Letter by Captain Wardie and shall answer it in a Day or two.

Colonel Fullarton must be regulated by the Commissioners who have written to him from Nerindypolly about 120 Miles East of Seringapatam on the 16th Instant they expect to have an interview with Tippoo about the 25th They have Sent me a Copy of their Letter to Fullarton which we entirely approve and do depend upon his Strictest attention to its Letter

Nerindypolly

also request you to recollect what I wrote to you on the Instant. Where you are you cannot possibly Judge for us you shall know our further Determinations in proper time

I have the Honor to be with great Truth & Regard Dear Sir

your most faithful & obed[t] Hum[e]

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(Signed) Macartney

Lieut

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22 List of Ordnance & Military Stores

ready to be Shipped for the Garrison of Pallamcottah

Jn 22 December 1783.

Iron Guns - 9 Pounder long		2	
Garrison Trail Carriages 9 Pounders		2	
Iron Round Shot -	9½ Do	2500	To be sent in the Snow Three Friends
	9 Do	676	
	6¾ Do	500	
	5 Do	500	
	4½ Do	2000	
Grape Shots -	6 Do 4 Barrels	39	
Europe Rope -	4 Inch Cir	1	

For the Southern Troops

Medicine Chest -		1
Soldiers Shoes -		2

For the Garrison of Tuticorin poly -		To be sent in the Ship St John
Gun Powder Barrels -	1000	

N.B.

The Troops will take with their Regimental Cloathing and Baggage but they will have no Camp Equipage - -

Received Letter from the Paymaster of Poondamallee as entered in Sec B. 4 / enclosing Return of Stores in that Garrison for November

23 Received Letter from Colonel Pearse as entered in Sec B. to requesting permission for Lieutenant Cox to proceed to Bengal on Account of ill health.

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24th Received Letter from Captain Sale Commanding at Trichinopoly as entered in Mr Bs / applying for permission for Ensign Simpson to Proceed to the Presidency

25th Dispatched the following Letters

To Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross

Chief Engineer

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to them of the 16th Instant enclosing the Copy of one addressed to you by Lieutenant J Wiekens

The Select Committee cannot come to any determination upon the Report which Lieutenant J Wiekens has transmitted of the State of the works of Permacoil, - tit they shall have been furnished with an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the repairs which may be thought absolutely necessary there for the present and you will Accordingly be pleased to direct Lieutenant J Wiekens to prepare such Estimate with all convenient expedition

As Government from the Advantageous Situation of Permacoil & its vicinity

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25 vicinity to Pondicherry intend as soon as the Revi
finances will permit to restablish the works of
that Fort - The Select Committee desire you will
apprize Lieutenant Wickens of their Intention
and direct him in Consequence to keep that
Circumstance in view in any repairs which may
be now made and which must be considered
as forming a part of the new works which may
at a future period be erected at Permacoil

The Indent and Return of Pioneer
Tools inclosed in Lieutenant Wickens Letter have
been referred to the Committee of Stores -

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25th December 1783

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) W Wasey acting Secy

To Mr Thomas Elliot Ogilvie
Paymaster at
Vellore

Sir

The Right Honble the President
and Select Committee having taken into con-
-sideration your Letter to them of the 30th July
containing a proposal for the building of new
Grain Godowns at Vellore Sufficient to receive one
lac of Cullums of Paddy; I am directed to inform
you

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you that it is not the intention of the Select
Committee to Contract any temporary Buildings at
Vellore but they desire you will transmit to them
with all convenient Expedition an Estimate of the
Expence which would attend the erecting of Grain
Godowns of Bricks and Chunam equal in size to
those you propose of Mud for case your
passage were Approved It would not be in the
power of the Committee to make you such large
monthly advances as what you mention but they
would from time to time afford you such Assistance
as the State of the Treasury would admit

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I have the honor to be &c &c

William George Masey
acting Secretary

To Sir William Jackson Superintendant
of the Army Grain Accounts as entered in No Bk /
enclosing to him an Extract from the Minutes of the
Select Committee

To the Chief and Council of
Masulipatam as entered in No Bk &c granting
Pay as Fort Adjutant to Ensign Turner during the
time he Acted at Masulipatam

To the Committee of Stores as entered
in No Bk &c / enclosing remarks on their Proceedings
of

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of the 3d of November as likewise an Indent
for Pioneer Tools wanted for the Provision of
Permanent

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue
as entered in Mr Bert's enclosing an extract from
the Minutes of the Select Committee

To the Paymaster to the Army as entered
in Mr Bert's enclosing to him Copies of two Letters
received from the Deputy Paymaster of the Bengal
Detachment with an Extract from the Minutes
of the Select Committee thereon on the Subject of
which desiring to acquaint Mr Anderson with
the directions he has received -

To Colonel Pearse as entered in Mr B
Mr's granting permission to Mr Anderson to
proceed to Calcutta for to assist in the adjustment
of the Accounts of the Bengal Detachment to
as likewise to Lieutenant Cox for the recovery
of his health.

To Captain Wm Prescott as entered
in Mr Bert's confirming to him the appoint-
ment he had received from the Council of
Masulipatam and granting to him the allowance
of Full Batta during Major Maule's Stay at
that place

To Captain Lieutenant Smith & Ensign
Cotter as entered in Mr Bert's granting them
permission to proceed for the recovery of their health

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Maule's

Mr

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25 the former to Sea and the latter to Bengal

To Mr Johnson appointed in Mr B. & C. allowing the pay of an Officer from the time he received permission from this Government to proceed to Bombay upon his producing a Certificate of his being an Officer on that Establishment

To Captain Robert Sale Commanding at Tripatore entered in Mr B. & C. granting permission to Ensign Simpson to proceed to the Presidency -

26 Received the following Letters

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

President & C. Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

Peace being now firmly Established & between the English and French I take the liberty of reminding you in order that the French nation may be Charged that I have never yet been paid the Sailing Charges of my Ships to the & in April May and June 1778 with the french Prisoner taking at Pondicherry, with great difficulty I got the Subsistance Money paid for Accommodations there with Cabbins and a Table and was referred by Sir Thomas Rumbold the then Governor to His Highness the Nabob who referred me back to the Company alledging that by my agreement with him Lord

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26th Signed in March 1776 I might do as I pleased
with the Ship and make the best terms for
myself that his having given his consent to the
Ships going did by no means hinder my making
terms for his freight &c. According to the Agreement
then subsisting between us, I have now left off the
Sea and am returning to England, therefore think
it necessary to enclose you once more my Demands
in Order if they are not discharged in India I may
make a proper Demand on the Honble Company
at Home I have charged the Sailing Expences at
one Half of what I received whilst Employed by the
Honorable Company in 1781 which is as little as any
Vessel could Sail for Since the War broke out, an
Answer to Mr Ramsay will be forwarded to me in
England. I have the honor to be &c. &c.

Signed/ C Fenwick

Calcutta the
4th December 1783

The Honble Company to the Sailing Charges of
the Success Galley whilst employed as a Cartel to the Isle of
France in march April May and June 1778
From March 23d to July 5th 1778 being from
the day the first received orders to get ready
until the day of his return to Madras at Five
Thousand Arcot Rupees 5000 Months - - - - a£ 1660.

Interest at 9 P Cent P Annum from the
return of the Ship to this day is four years
and five Months - - - - 576.8.6

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E E P. C Fenwick — Fom

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From Captain Dawes Commanding at

Permaul as entered in the Book with Intelligence

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27 Received the following Letter

My Lord & Gentlemen

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the

20th Instant enclosing a Copy of your Letter to the

Hon'ble Court Drawn last night

The Guard at Cuddalore which I have done

myself the Honor to mention in my Letters to the Right

Honorable Board of 19th. 22d and 24th Instant has been

Surrounded by Sultaun Sings whole force and forcibly

Conducted to the distance of two Miles from Cuddalore

as this Step has defeated the purpose for which I

wished it to remain in that neighbourhood I have

Accordingly recalled it and Hope that I shall

unsuccessful my endeavours to protect the Inhabitants

will not be censured The Collections of Rice have

Exceeded our Expectations every Supply from the

Districts in possession of the enemy has been stopped

when there was the smallest Suspicion of its being

Intended for our use but the Annadoar has found means

to elude their Vigilance and seems to speak with more

Confidence with respect to our future Supplies

My Intelligence from the Enemys Camp state

Says that they mean to retire beyond the Pass in a

few days Their uncommon exertions in plundering &

extortion gives additional weight to this information

and the letter from the Right Honble Board will

certainly hasten their Departure

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Edmd Lt Col & Engr

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December 27th. 1783

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At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

K B President -

Alexander Davidson

Lieutenant General Ross Lang -

Anthony Sadlier and Morgan

Williams Esquires absent on Service

Minutes of last Committee read

and approved

The President lays before the Committee

the following Letters which have passed between

his Lordship and Major General Sir Eyre Burgoyne

on the Subject of the embarkation of the Detachment

of Kings Troops ordered to the Southward and

respecting the appointment of a Judge Advocate

My Lord and Gentlemen

In my Letter of the 17th Instant

to the Right Honble the President I had the

honor to inform his Lordship that in Conformity

to the orders of Government I should Signify to his

Majesty's 98th Regiment and the Detachments of

the 73d and 101st Regiments that they were to

hold themselves in readiness for embarkation which

I accordingly did though as Commander in Chief

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of the Kings Troops the order Should have been
Signified to the Troops through me yet wishing all
the orders of Government Should be obeyed and the
Service not impeded I waited that point of
I have now the honour to inform you the Regiments
will embark when ever you please to Signify your
pleasure to them or me but the order of yesterday
from Colonel Lang is not Sufficient Authority
for me to give the necessary directions

I am &c &c

(Signed) J Burgoyne Adj
and Commander in Chief of his
Majesty's forces in India for the
time being

December
22d 1783

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

My Lord

The object of my wrand is to
inform your Lordship that having been obliged
to put Lord William Murray under an arrest
for behaving unlike an Officer ova Gntleman I
propose trying him by a General Court Martial
There are also two Soldiers of the 73d Regiment
who

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who have Appealed from a Regimental to a Generall
Court Martial as the power of naming the Judge
Advocate is claimed by the Select Committee I beg
to know when your Lordship proposes.

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

Sir John Burgoyne Bart &c &c

Sir

I received the honor of your Letter this
Morning which I was prevented from answering
till this Moment by indispensible avocations I beg
leave to inform you that by the Regulations of
the Company at home and communicated to
this Presidency the 3d February 1783 it appears
that the office of Judge advocate General is always
annexed to that of the Military Secretary

I have the honor to be &c &c
Macartney

Fort St George
27th
December 24 1783

My Lord & Gentlemen

In a Letter yesterday I had the
honor to inform the Right Honble the President
that as I intended to order a General Court
Martial to sit I wished to know when the

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I Committee chose I should officiate as Judge-
Advocate as I understood they claimed a right of
nominating the person - his Lordship in a letter of
this days date names the military Secretary, but
as he is absent I shall appoint one unless you
favor me with the name of another - I by no means
Acknowledge the right of the naming the Judge
Advocate but being only a Temporary Commander
in Chief do not wish to involve my self in more
litigated points than I have been forced into
already

I am &c &c

Signed) J Burgoyne M.G.
& Commander in Chief of His Majts
Forces in India for the time being

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27th 1783

My Lord

It is necessary that a Second
Court Martial should be convened for the
Tryall of the Right Honble Lord William
Murray Major to His Majesty's 73d Regiment
of Foot & some other Prisoners I have to request
your Lordships permission / as Governor of Fort
St George / for the said General Court Martial

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Court Martial to Sit in the Fort

I have the honor to be &c &c.

December 26th
1783.

(Signed) I. Burgoyne

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

Sir John Burgoyne Bart &c &c

Sir

I have received the honor of your letter
in which you desire my permission that a General
Court Martial which you say you intend to convene
may Sit in the Fort

However disposed I may be to shew
you every mark of personal attention it is out of
my power to comply with your request which is of
a Public nature for whatever Military authority
you may now think fit to assume you must
excuse the Government if their Sanction is not so
previously

I have the honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) Macartney

The Committee agree with the
President that the General Orders issued by
Government for the embarkation of the Kings
Troops

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Troops have rendered any reply to Sir John Burgoynes Letter of the 22d Instant unnecessary They must Approve of the Answers which the President has returned to Sir John relative to the appointment of a Judge Advocate & are of opinion that this Government would be highly censurable in granting its Sanction to any Act of Military Authority which Sir John in his particular predicament & in the present Situation of Affairs might think proper to Assume:— Agreed Accordingly that the following Letter be immediately Dispatched to Sir John Burgoyne.

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart. K.B. &c &c

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to Acknowledge the Honor of your Letter dated the 25th Instant and received Yesterday.

The President has laid before them your Letter to him upon the Subject of a Judge advocate with his Answer in which they observe that He only acquaints you of the Regulation of the Company

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at Home dated the 3d February 1780 relative to that
Office but he does not tell you that the names the
Military Secretary nor does the Select Committee
Choose to name him to Act as Judge Advocate on
any Court Martial which you may now take
upon you to Assemble.

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

(Signed) William George Wasey
acting Secretary

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The President lays before the Committee
the following Letter and Extracts from Letters
which he has received from the Resident at Tanjore
together with an Extract from a Letter which His
Lordship wrote to Mr Sullivan on the 9th Instant

Extract of a Letter from Mr Sullivan to Lord Macartney dated 18th December 1783.

Your Lordships Command of the 9th with
the Dispatches for Bombay for Tellicherry and
Colonel Fullarton arrived yesterday evening Those
for the other Coast were immediately forwarded
& I have just sent off Colonel Fullartons Baggage

The Accompanying Copies of letters
from

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from Colonel Fullarton & Captain wheler will
Shew your Lords Sips that it may be necessary to use
Caution in conveying a packet which explain so
fully the Sentiments and Circumstances of Government
I have therefore addressed it to the Care of Mr Swartz
at Dindigul and have desired the officer Commanding
ding there to forward it in Such manner as Mr
Swartz may point out -

My intelligence from Camp Says
positively that the Advanced guard of our picquet
Consisting of a naigue and Six Sepoys was cut off
by the Enemy and that eleven Sepoys were killed
or wounded by the fire that brought down Capt.
Temple occasioned by the great Lights of the Cow
which Covered our people.

A letter of the 6th December from
Cochin mentions the Arrival of a Gentleman there
who had passed Mangalore on his way from
Bombay he Affirms that he heard the firing of
musquetry when he was near that place He
Sailed from Bombay the 28th november four days
After the Ships and Troops were dispatched from

Tellicherry

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at Tuchinopoly

It may be of consequence that the Officers at Chilumbrum and Permacoil should be directed to pay attention to what they may hear from me and if the war should commence I submit to your Lordships wether the light Army you propose to equip at Madras should not take the route of Vellour Amboor Wanimambaddy &c. in a Southern direction so as to observe the Enemy of all his resources in the neighbourhood of the Carnatic and draw a part of his force from the Westward

Daraparam 15th Dec. 83

Sir

By Colonel Fullarton's desire I transmit you a Copy of a Letter which I have this Instant received from him, from which you will be able to act. I intend leaving this place with the two Battalions tomorrow morning to join the Army.

(Signed) Jno Wheeler

NB. by a letter from Pattinon of the same date I learn that Captain Temple was killed by

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by his own Battalion in Mustake

(Copy)

Combatoor 13th Decmber 1783.

Sir

This day a Body of Horse came close to our Picquets it is not the party under Roshein Dawn but the advanced guard of a Large force coming down the Pass with Guns and Infantry

I wish you to join the Army here without delay with your two Battalions but so much precaution will be necessary least Your Regt. be Attacked by a Superior force -

If that Should happen You will of course take post where you best can and maintain your Ground tilt I can march to your relief — write me an Answer to this letter Instantly forward a Copy of it to Captn. Maitland and another to Lieutenant Smith Dindigull Tell Captain Maitland that as soon as the Guns Stores &c. are ready to move from Dindigul under his Charge I will take care to reinforce him notwithstanding This Calling in of Your Corps.

(Signed) Wm. Fullarton.

I am desired by the Colonel to Acquaint to you that there is a Large Body of

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of the Enemy come through the pass He therefore desires You will be on Your Guard: A party of them came very near to the Line this forenoon and I am Sorry to acquaint you that Captain Temple as he was on duty by some accident or other was killed by his own People

The Colonel received your Letter last night and I Suppose will write You very Soon when he knows further of this Force

I am Sir
Your Faithfully
Signed/ Wm. Paterson

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Extract of a letter from Lord Macartney to John Sulivan Esquire Resident at Tanjore

My dear Sir

I am to thank you for your two Letters of the 3d and 4 Instant

The intelligence you communicate in the letter is well founded and I congratulate you on the credit which Colonel Fullarton must derive from his Spirit and Success He is in possession of our Instructions and I trust will attend to them and not Suffer himself to be dazzled by flattering Prospects or deceived by erroneous Intelligence The Pacification may yet in a great Measure depend upon his prudence. Our

Situation

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Situation and Opinions are contained in the enclosed
Minute of yesterday please to forward it by a Safe
Conveyance to Colonel Fullarton The Packets for
Bombay and Tellicherry you will be so good as to
Send to be transmitted to their address with all
expedition

In the present State of things it is out of
my power to comply with your request for more
Troops We strained every nerve in order to Send You
The reinforcements which were required for the
Southward in August last - It was not effected
you know without difficulty, or a Motive for Sending
So long a Body of Troops was that there might be
a Sufficient Strength left to protect the Tanjore
Country exclusive of those with Colonel Fullartons
Army in the Field. In a letter I wrote to Colonel
Fullarton about the Time of your Departure
from hence I desired him to Consider the Security
of Tanjore and the adjacent Country as a principal
Object The Constant Rain has so broke up the
Roads that they are not yet passable otherwise
Colonel Pearse would have been Detached long
Since he has been ready this Month past. -
When he is gone and what you call a big bit

nerve.

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light but effective little Army is pushed from the Cantonments which I mean to be the Case as soon as possible what do you think Tipu could spare for other purposes

Not a Man I think without stripping our Garrison already much below its Compliment which I cannot consent to do whilst the Nabob has actually 2000 effectives in the Neighbourhood of Madras the greatest part of them well paid and well appointed the monthly expence of which is nearly 10,000 Pags notwithstanding the pretended Poverty of the Durbar I have read with attention the latter part of your Letter. I am not dazzled with a brilliant Stroke or two A Single Misfortune to Colonel Fullarton would be Fatal on the whole I differ from you much at present on the subject of Peace If we could Keep Mangalore I would with Pleasure almost part with a Limb for it but I know you can have no safe Peace with Tippoo without restoring it to him and I know that Peace is of absolute necessity to us as we are totally unable to carry on the War we shall make a Peace with Tippoo on the best Terms that

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that can possibly be obtained but for each party to remain as before the War with undiminished pretensions respectively will not be a dishonorable Peace -

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

(Signed) Macartney

Fort St George
the
December 9 1783.

My Lord

Captain Moodie now proceeds to make your Lordship acquainted with every circumstance relative to the present State of the Southern Army. The prospects that are open to it and its ability, under Such a Leader as Colonel Fullarton to arrive at them How far your Lordship may be at liberty to direct those means to Such an end I cannot presume to say: but I am So much encouraged by the Accompanying letter from Mr Swion to your Lordship that I cannot withhold my Congratulations more especially as I can add to the Assurance So pointedly expressed in Mr Swions letter" Your Lordship may reckon on Colonel Fullartons being effectually Supported by the resources of this province that the full Subsidy of four Lacks of Pagodas from Tanjore will be realized: that I have every reason to think the Revenue of Tuticorin of Shevagunga and of Ramnadapuram will be punctually discharged: & that considerable Payments will be made from the

Countries

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Countries on the north of the Coleroon which the Enemy are now retiring from

Upon such a view of the Southern Resources your Lordships unexcelled for the Support of Their Army so far as Support can apply to Money will clear and which Captain Moodie has had the honor of laying before your Lordships the great Resources in point of provision which the Countries reduced by Colonel Fullarton afford. The Magazines of the Enemy at Satimungalum Ordinelly & Mysore the latter within Twelve Miles of Seringapatam and of explaining the desertion & depredations of Tippoo Army and Country I am persuaded your Lordship will wish to take advantage of every breach of faith on the part of the Enemy for improving the most favorable opportunity that has ever offered itself for giving Security & permanency to our Eastern Dominion

In every Event your Lordship will permit me to observe, that the late operations of the Southern Army and particularly the Reduction of Palicacherry, have given the most unequivocal evidence that if the War had been sooner carried into that quarter, as was recommended by your Lordships we should long since have relieved our Enemy

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to Submission and probably have terminated
what has proved a Ruinous and till lately a
disgraceful contest by the most brilliant Success
and by the only Advantageous extension of dominion
we could acquire I mean the Low Countries from
Carour to Coimbatour Palicatcherry and Calicut which
would effectually render the Balagaut Mountains
our Seperation from Mysore in the South: give us a
Revenue of Seven hundred thousand Pounds a year
with great additional Security to our present possessions
and this without requiring any increase of our
Military establishment for we need but have
changed our Frontier Garrisons from Tanjore Trichinopoly
and Madura to Coverypauam Palicatcherry and
Calicut We should have opened the communication
between the Two Coasts have rendered the Military
force of Bombay an effectual aid to all our operations
and have secured to ourselves what portion we
pleased of the Pepper Cardemum and Sandle
wood Trade as well as in exhaustable resources of
the finest Teak timber for our navy.

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Captain Moodie will acquaint
your Lordship that the Ancient Rajas of the

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Country

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Country here expressed the most unreserved Satisfaction
at our Success and have encouraged Col: Fullarton
by considerable offers of Assistance to proceed
I have not a doubt but this further progress
would be marked by such Aids as would materially
contribute to his Success and that the more immed-
-iate dependants of the deposed Family of Mysore
would be led to exertion by the Spirit and Con-
-ciliating manners which so eminently distinguish
Colonel Fullarton -

The Reverend a Mr Swartz has this
Morning proceeded to Combetoor by the way of
Dindigul & Darapooram & will join the Commiss-
-ioners at Seringapatam by the Shortest Route
which lies thro the Godgeriddy pass -

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjore
13th Dec. 1783

(Signed) John Sullivan

The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

My Lord

I now do myself the pleasure to
enclose you the remaining for February
March and hope that these for April & May
have duly reached you -

your

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Your Lordships have doubtless seen the extract of News from London of the 22d July via Busrah. Stating that no Changes had taken place in the Governments of India and that the further discussion of India affairs had been post=poned to the next Session

Sir Hudleston will communicate to your Lordship extracts of the latest news that has reached me from the Southern Army I have only to add Should the war continue your Lordship may reckon on Colonel Fullartons being effectually by the resources of this Province

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed Eyles Irwin

Tennevelly
4th December 1783

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward to your Lordships &an Account of all the Receipts from his Excellency the Raja in money Grain Stores from the time I took Charge of this Residency until the 30th of last from which period I hope to transmit the Honble Board an Account of more regular as well as more ample payments as his Excellency has given me that however his own

September

assured

Revenue

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revenue may prove deficient nothing but the return of the Enemy into his Country shall prevent him from fulfilling his engagements with the Company

The unadjusted charge of Twenty Seven Thousand Pagodas arises from the Actual Sieve of Batta to the Army and to parties of Sepoys employed in the Country Receipts for part have already been produced by the Raja's Ministers but as many vouchers are yet necessary I have thought it better to keep the account open

It was very much my wish to have furnished the Honble Board with an Authenticated Account of the payments made by his Excellency from the month of July 1780 to which time the Raja's Ministers has informed me the Accounts had been adjusted but some Charges have been appeared to me too little Supported and the Vouchers for many have not been produced a Considerable progress has however been made in this work and I am encouraged to believe it will soon be completed.

I have the honor to acquaint the Honble Board that the Raja has engaged to Anticipate the Rists of next month and to pay me by the 27th Instant the Sum of P 30000 Thirty Thousand Pagodas This Sum together with P 20000 Twenty Thousand Pagodas which I expect to complete by the Succeeding Rists from Trichinopoly and other districts will enable me to send Colonel Fullarton a Lack of Pagodas I have reduced the Arrears due to the Troops in this Country from eleven to nine months since my Return from the Residency

I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your faithfull & most obedt Servt

(Signed) John Sullivan

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An Account of the Payments made by his Excellency The Rajah of Tanjore to The Honorable Company

from the 23d day of January 1782 to the 30th Day of September 1783

1782 January	23d	Paid Mr John Sulivan as Pr his Receipt		5000	"
	29th	Paid Do as Pr Do		4000	"
February	5th	Paid Do as Pr Do		3000	"
	9th	Paid Do as Pr Do		2927	10.40
	12th	Paid Do as Pr Do		2000	"
	15th	Paid Do as Pr Do		5000	"
	19th	Paid Do as Pr Do		5000	"
	25th	Paid Do as Pr Do		2000	"
March	3d	Paid Do as Pr Do		4000	"
	20th	Paid Do as Pr Do		2000	"
April	8th	Paid Do as Pr Do		2000	"
	20th	Paid Do as Pr Do		500	"
		Paid in 83 Horses delivered to Mr John Sulivan in Tanjore for the Service of the Company as Pr his Receipt their prime cost Gunham custom and Brokerage		9420	31.40
	1st	Brokerage			
	26th	Paid Mr John Sulivan as Pr his Receipt		500	"
May	10th	Paid Do as Pr Do		6500	"
	12th	Paid Do as Pr Do		1000	"
June	16th	Paid Do as Pr Do		1000	"
	20th	Paid in 36 Horses Delivered to Mr John Sulivan in Tanjore for the Service of the Company as Pr his Receipt their prime cost Gunham custom and Brokerage		2434	33 8
July	18th	Paid Mr J Sulivan as Pr his Receipt		1000	"
	25th	Paid Do as Pr Do		2000	"

Carried over Pagodas

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Brought over Pagodas - - -

July	29	Paid Mr Sullivan as Gr his Receipt	1000	" "
August	10	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
	15	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
	22	Paid on Sumba Paddy delivered from Butcharah's Horse Allums. 2774 and 2 Marcals from 18 Instant to this day at 16 fans Gr Allum is Chuckrums 4438 & 6 5/8 fans at 22 7/8 fan in a Star Pagoda being the exchange at that Time - - - - -		1940.15.60.
	28	Paid ditto Sullivan as Gr his Receipt	1000	" "
September	5	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
	11	Paid D°	as Gr D°	1000	" "
	25	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
	30	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
October	11	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
	23	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
	30	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
November	13	Paid D°	as Gr D°	1000	" "
	14	Paid D°	as Gr D°	1000	" "
	16	Paid D°	as Gr D°	1000	" "
	25	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
Decemb^r	2	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
	10	Paid D°	as Gr D°	1000	" "
	16	Paid W^m Hepburn as Gr D°		2000	" "
	20	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "
1783 January	1	Paid D°	as Gr D°	2000	" "

Carried Over Pags

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Brought Over Pagodas.

1783

January - 5th Paid in Corr Paddy

Delivered from 15th October 82

to This Day at the Granary —

Coll.s 25756 ⅞ 7 mar at 16 fan.s ⅌ Chuckrum

Collum is 41210 and 5/4 fans

medium Exchange in this time

at 23 ⅞ 4 ⅌ Star Pagodas — — 17308 23.48.

8th Paid Mr. H Hippesley as ⅌ his Receipt 2000 . "

18th Paid D.o — as ⅌ D.o — — 7000 " "

24th Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o — — 4000 " "

26 Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o 2000 " "

February - 11th Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o — 3000 " "

21st Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o — 3000 " "

March - 1st Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o — 3000 " "

8th Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o 4000 " "

14th Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o — 4000 " "

18th Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o 1000 " "

24th Paid D.o — — as ⅌ D.o — 5000 " "

April 3d Paid D.o — — — as ⅌ D.o — 5000 " "

Paid in Sumbra ⅌ Cesaunum

Paddy Delivered at the —

Granary from 11th February to this day

13th april Coll.s 9806 ⅞ 6 ½ mar

@ 16 fan.s ⅌ Coll.s is Chuckrums —

156908 ⅞ 1 ½ fan.s medium Exchange

⅌ in this time at 24 ⅞ 4 ¾ Cash ⅌ Do. 6487 9 " "

10 Paid Mr. H Hippesley as ⅌ his Receipt 5000 " "

18th D.o — — D.o — as ⅌ D.o — — 5000 " "

Carried over Pagodas.

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			Brought over Pagodas	
May	1st	Paid Mr J. Hepperley on Pr his Receipt		4000 - -
	11	Paid Do	on Pr Do	4000 - -
	27	Paid Do	on Pr Do	5000 - -
	30th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	3000 - -
June	5th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	2000 - -
	6	Paid Do	on Pr Do	4000 - -
	28	Paid Do	on Pr Do	4000 - -
	30th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	2000 - -
July	14th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	2000 - -
	10	Paid Do	on Pr Do	1000 - -
	24th & 1st	Paid Do	on Pr Do	4000 - -
August	4th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	2000 - -
	12th & 13th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	1000 - -
	15th & 16th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	1000 - -
	18th & 20th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	3000 - -
	30th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	2000 - -
September	1st	Paid Do	on Pr Do	2000 - -
	17th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	2000 - -
	23d	Paid Do	on Pr Do	1000 - -
	28th & 30th	Paid Do	on Pr Do	3000 - -

Errors Excepted — Star Pag.s - 283910.20.6.

* NB. This Sum was omitted by mistake in the accounts of the Residency for September 1782 ... }

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(Signed) John Sullivan
Resident

Paid at different times until the 29 August 1783 in grain & money issued to Sepoys in the Country for which Vouchers will be produced — } 27211.42.8.

ordered

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Ordered that the Statement enclosed in the foregoing Letter from Mr. Sullivan of the 19th Instant be sent to the Accountant to enable him to adjust the Rajah of Tanjore's Accounts with the Honble Company

Read likewise the following Letter and Enclosures from Colonel Fullarton which was delivered to the Right Honble the President by Captain Moodie one of the Colonels Aids de Camp who arrived a few days ago from the Southern Army.

Lord Macartney K.B.

My Lord

I had the honor on the 25th Novemb.r of informing your Lordship and the Board that this Place is in our Possession: that Brigadier General Macleod had received positive orders from Bombay to Force his way into Mangalore and that I intended to move immediately to Secure Settimangalum and the Pass of Guzendolly But I have since that Date received a Letter from Majr Sadleir and Staunton at Annee of the 20th November

In consequence of their intimations to me I conceive it to be my Duty immediately to cease all hostile operations and I shall therefore remain here

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and keep Quiet possession of the Countries I
already acquired until I shall hear further
from your Lordship & the Board or from these
Gentlemen

Their Letter to me intimated that I should
immediately relinquish all the Countries conquered
from Tippoo Saib since the 26th July last but as
they inform me that they wrote upon the belief
That the infraction of the Stipulation had not
been Authorized by Tippoo Saib and as they
were ignorant of the late Acquisitions made
by this Army I should not think myself
Justified in Abandoning possessions of such im=
=portance at a moment taken I have Positive
information from Brigadier General Macleod
of the outrageous violation of the Stipulations on
the part of Tippoo Saib in I will the im=
=portance of the Countries lately reduced remain
unknown to your Lordship and the Board and
to Mssrs Sadlier and Staunton I have therefore
wrote a full Account of Every Circumstance of these
Circumstance to these Gentlemen I shall in the
meanwhile remain in Peace & prepare for War
by

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by Sending to Tricht.y and the Southern Garrisons
for large Supplies of Stores & Idespatch Captain
Moody My Aid de Camp Expys to Madras to
inform your Lordship of Every Circumstance Respecting
this Army and this Country. As Soon as I have the
honor of your Lordships orders I shall be ready
within 12 hours notice either to advance or to retire as
you Shall think proper to Direct — Brigadier
General Macleod wrote me on the 17th November
that he has just about to Sail with the Troops from
Tellicherry to Mangalore The result of his Expedition
will I presume operate very materially on the future
Operations of Peace or War but at all Events I shall
not venture to act in any essential manner till
I shall be directed Either by your Lordship and the
Board or by Messrs Sadleir and Staunton on your
name I have the honor to be &c &c —

Coimbatour
1st December 1783

(Signed) W Fullarton

State of the Revenues of the Countrys South of Coleroon
Chuckrums or Barladar Pagodas

Palagaut District — 110.000
Cochin Tribute — 35,000

besides

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was

offensive
be so.
in

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Chuttrums or Batadee Pagoda

besides the Imaums or Nazir

Collectah formerly - 25 Laccks of Rupees.
Collecting now - 15 Do.

Westrad
Chercolee

Core or Lorea - - - 1 Lack of Rupees.

Combatore - - - 220.000. Chuckrums.

Shevelore - - - 180.000 Do

Tellumungalum - - -

Erode - - - 110.000.

Danaphorarm - - - 50000

other little adjacent Countries 40.000.

Aravercourchy

Camore.

Dindigul

Namcule Samety & Parone 105.000 Pagodas.

On the 26th September Colonel Fullarton joined the Army with the Southern Troops at Dindigul

On the 1st September the Army Marched from Do.

1st	To Shutteram Cottah		
2d	To Ayerias Cottah		
3d	To Combavy.	60 miles on the 5	17th September
4th	To Colvendale		
5	To Daraporam.		
16th	To Allingum - 10 -		

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17th	To Nanoar	8	miles
18th	To Pylny	10	Halted
22d	To Cumbalum	10	
23d	To Chinambattah	10	
24th	To Sommatore	12	
25th	To Palachy	10	
26th	Near Anemally	10.	
27th	To Anemally	3	
28th	To Pondapollam	5	
29th	To Colangovdy	3.	

3d November The advance of the Army reached Palagautchevy The Line did not come up till the 9th nor the heavy Guns till the 10th on that day the Army took up their Ground on the NE angle of the Fort distant 2000 yards N.E.

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Paligautchevy Surrendered on the night of the 13th and the Army marched on the 22d From Paligautchevy

22d	To Lackery cottah	10.
23d	To Pudoor	10.
24th	To Coimbatore	10.

The Place Surrendered on the night of the 24th November 1783.

In consequence of the foregoing Extracts from Letters from the Resident at Tanjore and the Letter

"any Country Alliance whatsoever - If we find
"these Bounds we shall be led on from one
"Acquisition to another till we shall find no
"Security but in the Subjection of the whole which
"by dividing our Force would lose us the whole
"and end in our Extirpation from Indostan - You
"will observe by the whole tenor of these Dispatches
"that our views are not to enter into offensive wars
"in India or to make any Acquisition beyond our
"present Possessions We do not wish to enter into
"any Engagements which may be productive
"of enormous Expences and which are Seldom
"calculated to promote the Company's Territorial Interests
"on the Contrary we wish to See the present Indian
"Powers remain as a Check upon one another with-
"out our interfering - Therefore we recommend
"to you as soon as possible to bring about a peace
"upon terms of the most perfect moderation on
"the Part of the Company and when made to
"adhere to it upon all occasions except when the
"Company's Possessions are attacked and not
"provoked by fresh Disturbances of the Country
"Powers to enter into new wars"

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The Departure from the wise and equitable maxims so Strongly laid down and inculcated in the foregoing orders, wherever it ought-nated has in its consequences which are now Severely felt proved most destructive to our national and Commercial Interests We now See ourselves after an almost ingrant Struggle of nine years from our first Commencement of Hostilities against the Marattas reduced to a most Serious & alarming Condition - our Power is weakened - our Resources exhausted the Debts of the Company equally enormous and insupportable and their Credit & Commerce Sunk to the Lowest Ebb. The Army is at this time 9 months in Arrear the Garrison upwards of eleven months The Payments of the Kings Troops The Field Charges & Military Disbursements of various Kinds all these amount to a most tremendous Sum To Support these Expences and the Charges of the Civil Establishment our Chief reliance is upon the Assigned Revenues of the Carnatic / which are in Truth now become our Sheet Anchor / upon what we can draw from the Circars and upon the Supplies from Bengal

but

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but Bengal has sent us no Treasure from thence
Since the death of Sir Eyre Coote in April last
Their remittance to us by bills has long since ceased
The last advice we received from them being dated
so far back as 19th May and we are deprived by
the apprehensions of Famine in that Country of
the necessary Aid of Pensions for the Support
of the Settlement and Army - The Revenue of
the Carnac will be entirely absorbed by the Grain
to be drawn from thence and we can have no Re=
=cruitment without a Peace - With respect to
the actual State of Bengal in point of Credit &
Resources of money - I shall here recite the words
of a Letter of good authority from thence and
which from other concurring accounts I believe
is no way exaggerated

Extract of a Letter from Bengal to Madras
dated 27th November 1783.

"For above a month part no payments have
been made at our Treasury and See no Chance of
getting any more for months to come - A part
of our Army is ripe for Mutiny being Six months
in Arrears and every Rupee that Government can

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"hold of must go to them Inc Short the Government
"acceptances and Orders upon their Treasury cannot now
"be discounted on any Terms and they are at last
"unable to pay even the Interests of their Bonds regularly.
"There is not a man in this place who could raise 10,000
"Rupees in a week for the few black people who have
"Money are certainly alarmed and lock it up."

In the Situation and Circumstance here
detailed, and which must be generally known as
they are severely felt by many, and discussed by
every one, I cannot by any means bring myself to
adopt the ideas of Mr Sullivans letter of the 13th
December neither can I upon the precarious Supplies
therein held out and for such a purpose as the acquis-
-sition of Territory recommend a continuance of the
War, in preference to a Peace on the Terms of mutual
restitution. - Mr Sullivan must allow, and indeed
he himself expresses the apprehension that if Hostilities
continue the Southern Districts from whence our
Supplies are to come will inevitably be exposed to
all the Ravages of Horse nothing indeed is so probable
and even certain as that in such an Event not-
-withstanding the Assistance he desires and which we
could

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could but ill Spare all our hopes of a Revenue
from those Districts, or from any other Districts
in the Carnatic would be at an end and thereby
a renewed War and increasing Difficulties we
should be left altogether without Resource to defend
the future Exertions of an Army which (the ablest
Commander) is largely in Arrear critically situated
and ill supplied in many Articles Colonel Fullarton
by his vigorous and Successfull Efforts which do the
highest Honor to his military Talents has in a great
degree restored our consequence in the Eyes of the
native Powers but a Flight Check to that Army
or any part of it might prove as fatal to peace at
present as a Signal defeat at a further time we
must not forget tho that Colonel Fullarton has
never it been opposed to any considerable Body of
Tippoos Force in the field and the operations of this
Chief particularly where he directs them in person are
formidable enough to abate much of those Sanguine
hopes which have been excited by our late Successes
With respect to the Idea entertained by Mr
Sullivan of the Expediency of Peace Europe

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Sufficiently proves the fallacy of such Expectations
we were invited to enter the Carnatic Country
by the Polygars who engaged to assist us with
Several Thousand men – we accepted the Invitation
but the Moment that Meer Saib Son entered
the District in August last, our Polygar allies
deserted us to a man

The Letter from the Governor
General and Council of Bengal of the 14th Novr
relative to the impending Negociations is even
expressly against the Renewal of the war, for any
purposes of Acquisition of Mangalore and the
other remaining Conquests on the Malabar Side
can be obtained from Tippoo by negociation they
seem to wish it were effected, but even these Politicians
"They are willing to Surrender rather than
"hazard the actual Peace and the Lives of so many
"of our Countrymen who have lingered during Five
"years Imprisonment in his hands"

But the Renewal of the war besides
"hazarding all we have been contending for with
the Lives of the numerous Prisoners in Tippoos
hands would probably introduce new parties in
the Quarrel and carry us into Lems of Trouble

sides

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wider perhaps and more important in their consequences than any we have yet been engaged in - The Marattas disheard with Tippoo for not acceding to the 9th article of the Treaty of Salbey by which he was to evacuate the Carnatic in 6 months might conformably to the eventual Treaty concluded by Mr Anderson with Madaji Scindeia the 28 October last join us in the war This would probably induce the Nizam also to take a part in our favor, as he is on close amity with them and would have no objection to share in the Spoil of Tippoos Dominions Tippoo be set on all Sides must soon fall a victim to so powerful a Confederacy if the Parties to it did not quarrel among themselves or if our Resources were sufficient to bear us out - but what Reason should we have for Triumph in the event even of the compleat Success to such a Plan would not the Spoil of Tippoos Countries and the Junction and Intermixture of Territory resulting from such a Partition that foreboad in the eventual Treaty with Madaji Scindia excite infinite Disputes among the Confederates

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and is there the Smallest chance either that the new Polygons which might fall to our Lot by the Partition or our present Polygons in the Carnatic and Circars would remain undisturbed for a Single year in the midst of Such restless and powerful States. Yet this is the fairest Side of the Picture Reason and Probability are in the Side of a most unfortunate Issue to a Project of this Kind either in conjunction with the Marattas only or with that State and the Nizam

On the whole, we Seem to be at this Juncture in a Situation in which our neighbours require and I hope our Situation and late Success will enable us to conclude a Peace moderate and conciliating terms become the more honorable from that Success and from the dread which the Country Powers have conceived of our ambition and encroaching Spirit we are more likely too to ensure a Safe and permanent peace by this moderation in our views than by risking farther Hostility to obtain fresh Objects of Territory which never fail to produce the Seeds of future Contention Sir as the Company have often acknowledged they have territory enough why Should we desire to add to it Instead of

working

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wishing to possess mangalore at a heavy expence
of Troops and at the daily hazard of another war
I would / Speak upon late reflection / much
rather see the Company in Possession of a respectable
Factory there and of Such Privileges as might
give Them a Superiority over their Competetors in
Trade

The most honorable and safe peace the
Company ever made was that which Lord Clive
concluded with Ly a Dowla in 1765 a few
after the Company's Arms had acquired such
a Superiority as might have put them in
possession of his Country, they left him by a
Treaty in the free and full Enjoyment of it
and thus by their Moderation made him
willing that System was adhered to an useful
ally and his Force a Strong Barrier Against
the northern and maratta Powers So by a finite
Policy the Company having Sufficiently asserted
the Credit of their Arms in the present Contest and
considerably reduced the Strength of their Enemy
Should endeavour by an equal Base to dispose
him to their Interests to detach him effectually
from

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from all Connection with the French and to convert
his Force and ability into a Barrier for the Security
of the Company's Possessions in the Carnatic against
the dangerous and encroaching Power of the Mahrattas -

The Committee having most maturely
considered the Contents of the Letters which have been
received from Mr Sullivan and Colonel Fullarton
perfectly acquiesce in the Sentiments expressed by
the President in the above Minute, which they
most readily and wholly adopt and are of
Opinion that no prospect of Success however
brilliant in appearance ought for a moment to
induce them to deviate from that pacific line of
Conduct which in obedience to the Orders of the
Court of Directors they have endeavoured to pursue
but on the contrary from the true Picture which
the President has drawn of the present State of
the Company's Affairs - The Committee conceive
it incumbent on them to redouble their efforts
for the speedy conclusion of an equitable peace
and the maintenance of a good understanding
with all the Powers of Hindostan

The President reads to the Committee

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Committee the following Letter written by his Lordship to Mr Sulivan in consequence of the foregoing minute—

To John Sulivan Esqr

Resident at Tanjore

Dear Sir

In my letter to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the 1st Instant. and in the minute entered on the Select Committee Procedings the 8th following I gave my Sentiments fully on the Subject of Peace both before and Since the Infraction of the Truce between the Company and Tippoo Saheb but your Letter from Tanjore dated the 3d & 13th Instant / written Apparently under the first Impression made by Colonel Fullartons late Success shewing opened prospects from the continuance of the war which might be apt to dazzle and mislead the minds of those in he are not fully apprized of the Company's True Policy and of the actual State and Resources of this Government Which it

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it necessary in Support of the opinions I have already
given respecting peace to enlarge upon those points
more particularly than I have yet done

I always considered it as a most
wise and Salutary Policy in the Company after
the acquisition of the Dewanee of Bengal to keep
the Thrust of our Territory by the most positive
and precise Orders confining the views of their
different Presidencies within the Limits of the
Possessions they then held I cannot forbear on this
occasion to recite the following express Orders given
to this Presidency in the midst of their first war with
Hyder Ali when the Power Resources and Credit
of the Company were in full vigour

Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors
dated the 13th May 1763

"The Dewanny of Bengal Bahar and Orissa
"with the Possessions we hold in the Provinces are
"the utmost Limits of our views on that Side of
"India on the Coast the Protection of the Carnatic
"and the Possessions of the Circars free from all Engage-
"ments to Support the Soubas of the Deccan or
"even without the Circars preserving only Influence

over

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"enough over any Country Power who may
"hold them to keep the Forces from settling on
"them and on the Bombay Side the Dependancies
"thereof the Possessions of Salsette Bassein and
"the Castle of Surat The Protection of them is
"easily within the reach of our Power and may
"mutually support each other, without any to
"Country alliance whatsoever If we keep these
"Bounds we shall be led on from one Acquisition
"to another till we shall find no Security, but
"in the Subjection of the whole we shall by di-
-viding our Force, would lose as the whole, and
"end in our Extirpation from Indostan — You
"will observe by the whole tenor of these Dispatches
"that our views are not to enter into offensive
"wars in India or to make any Acquisition
"beyond our present Possessions — we do not wish
"to enter into any Engagements which may be
"productive of enormous Expences and which are
"seldom calculated to promote the Company's
"Grentest Interests on the contrary we wish to

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"to the present Indian Powers remain as a Check
"upon one another without our interfering – therefore
"We recommend to you as soon as possible to bring
"About a peace upon terms of the most perfect
"Moderation on the Part of the Company and when
"made to adhere to it upon all occasions except when
"the Company's Possessions are attacked and not be
"provoked by fresh Disturbances of the Country
"Powers to enter into new Wars"

The Departure from the wise and equitable Maxims so Strongly laid down and inculcated in the foregoing Orders wherever it originated has in its consequences which are now so Severely felt proved most destructive to our national and commercial Interests We now see ourselves after an almost ingrant Struggle of Nine years from our first Commencement of Hostilities against the Marattas reduced to a most Serious and Alarming Condition our Power is weakened our Resources exhausted the Debts of the Company equally enormous and unsupportable and their Credit and Commerce

Lastly

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Sunk to the lowest Ebb The Army is at this time 9 months in Arrear the Garrison 18 pounds of eleven Months The Payment of the Kings Troops The Field Charges and Military Disburse-ments of various Kinds all these amount to a most tremendous Sum To Support these Expenses and the Charges of the Civil Establish-ment our Chief reliance is upon the Assigned Revenues of the Carnatic which are on Trust now become our Last Anchor upon what we can Draw from the Circars and upon the Supplies from Bengal but Bengal has Sent us no Treasure from these Seven the death of Sir Eyre Coote in April last - Their remittance to us by Bills has long Since ceased The last which we received from them being dated so far back as 19th May and we are Oppressed by the Appre-hensions of Famine in that Country of the necessary Aid of Provisions for the Support of the Settlement and Army The revenue of the Circars will be entirely absorbed by the grain to be drawn from thence and we can hardly

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Investment without a peace with respect to the Actual State of Bengal in point of Credit and Resources of money I shall here recite to you the words of a Letter of good Authority from thence and which from other confirming Accounts I believe is no way exaggerated

Extract of a Letter from Bengal to Madras dated 27th November 1783

"For above a month past no payments "have been made at our Treasury and I see no "Chance of getting any more for months to come "A part of our Army is ripe for Mutiny being "Six months in Arrears and every Rupee that "Government can lay hold of, must go to them "In Short the Government Acceptances and Orders "upon their Treasury cannot now be disencumbered "on any Terms and they are at last unable to "pay even the Interest of their Bonds regularly "There is not a man in this place who could raise "10.000 Rupees in a week for the few black people "who have money are certainly alarmed and "locked up"

In the Situation and Circumstances here detailed and which must be generally known as

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as they are Severely felt by many and discussed
by every one I cannot by any means bring myself
to adopt the ideas of your letter of the 13 Decr.
neither can I upon the precarious Supplies therein
held out and for Such a purpose as the acquisition
of Territory, recommend a continuance of the war
in preference to peace on the Terms of mutual
restitution - you must allow and indeed you
yourself express the apprehension that if
Hostilities continue the Southern Districts
from whence our Supplies are to come will in=
=evitably be exposed to all the Ravages of
War nothing indeed is so probable and un=
certain as that in Such an Event notwithstanding
the Assistance you desire and we wish we could
but ill Spare all our Supplies of a Revenue
from those Districts or from any other Dis=
=tricts in the Carnatic would be at an end
and Thus with a renewed War and increasing
Difficulties we Should be left altogether without
Resource to depend on the future Exertions of
an Army which / tho' ably Commanded /
is largely in Arrear critically Situated and ill

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equipped in many articles Colonel Fullarton by his vigorous and Successful Efforts which do the highest honor to his Military Talents has in a great degree restored our Consequence in the Eyes of the native Powers but a Slight check to that Army, or any part of it might prove as fatal to peace at present as a Signal defeat at another time we must not forget too that Colonel Fullarton has never yet been opposed to any considerable body of Europeans Forces in the field and the operations of this Chief particularly where he directs them in person are formidable enough to abate much of those Sanguine hopes which have been excited by our late Successes

With respect to the Polea poor entertain of the Assistance of Polygars Experience sufficiently proves the fallacy of such Expectations — We were invited to enter the Cumbum Country by the Polygars who engaged to assist us with Several thousand men we accepted the Invitation but the moment

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moment that Mr. Saib son entered the District in August last our Polygar Allies deserted us to a man.

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But the Renewal of the war besides hazarding all we have been contending for with the Lives of the numerous Prisoners in Tippoo's hands would probably introduce new parties in the Quarrel and carry us into scenes of Trouble & risque for larger and more important in their consequences than any we have yet been engaged in — The Marattas displeased with Tippoo for not acceding to the 9th Article of the Treaty of Gooty by which he was to restore the [illegible]

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might Conformably to the eventual Treaty concluded
by Mr Anderson with Madajee Scindia the 23d
October last join us in the war This would probly
induce the Nizam also to to take a part in our favor
as he is in close Amity with them and would have
no objection to Share in the Spoil of Tippoo's Domi-
=nions - Tippoo be Set on all Sides must Soon fall
a victim to So powerful a Confederacy, if the Parties
to it did not quarrel Among themselves or if our
Resources were Sufficient to bear us out but what
Reason Should we have for Triumph in the event
even of the compleatest Success to Such a Plan —
would not the Spoil of Tippoo's Countries and the
Junction and Intermixture of Territory resulting
from Such a Partition as that proposed in the
eventual Treaty with Madajee Scindia excite
infinite Disputes among the Confederates and
is there the Smallest Chance either that the new
Possessions which might fall to our Lot by the
Partition or our Present possessions in the Carnatic
and Berar would remain undisturbed for a single
Year in the midst of Such restless & powerful
States. Yet this is the fairest side of the Picture.
Reason and Probability are in the Scale of a
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Kind either in conjunction with the Marattas
only or with that State and the Nizam
On the whole I do not seem to be at
this Juncture in a Situation in which our
Negotiations require and I hope our Situation and
late Success will enable us to conclude a Peace
moderate and conciliating Terms become the more
honorable from that Success and from the dread
which the Country Powers have conceived of our
ambitious encroaching Spirit we are more likely
too to ensure a Safe and permanent Peace by this
moderation in our views than by urging farther
Hostility to obtain forced Cessions of Territory
which never fail to produce the Seeds of future
contest If as the Company have often acknowledged
God they have territory enough in Hy Should I
desire to add to it - Instead of wishing to keep
Mangalore at a heavy Expence of Troops and
at the daily Hazard of another war I would
I say it upon late reflection much rather
see the Company in Possession of a respectable
Factory there, and of Such Privileges as might give
them

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The most honorable and safe peace

the Company ever made was that with Lord

Clive concluded with Suja Dowla in 1765. when her

after the Company's Arms had acquired such a

Superiority, as might have put them in possession

of his Country, they left him by Treaty in the

free and full Enjoyment of it and thus by their

moderation made him a Useful Ally and his Force a

Strong Barrier against the northern and

Maratta Powers. So by a Similar Policy the

Company having Sufficiently asserted the Credit

of their Arms in the present Contest and Consi=

=derably reduced the Strength of their Enemy

should endeavor by an equal Peace to dispose

him to their Interests to detach him effectually

from all connection with the French and to

convert his force and ability into a Barrier for

the Security of the Company's Possessions in the

Carnatic against the dangerous and encroaching

Power of the Marattas

I have now fully given you

my Sentiments upon your letter of the 13th

Inst.

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Instant which together with some Extracts from your other Letters to me I have laid before the Committee whose ideas upon the Subject perfectly correspond with mine -

I have the honor to be with great Truth and regard Dear Sir

Your most obedient &
most faithfull Humble Servant

(Signed) Macartney

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December 27th 1783

P. S. Inclosed I send you the Copy of a Letter from Tippoo to our Commissioners who on the 25th Instant were at Cankanhully on the Cauvery 8 Miles W S W from Nurlavady

You will please to communicate my having your Letter from us to Colonel Fullarton Col. Macleod & Tellichery

The President reads to the Committe a private Letter addressed to his Lordship by Mr. Staunton enclosing copy of a Letter which the Commissioners had that moment received from the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun which will no doubt come regularly from the Deputation by the next Dispatch received from them purporting that the Commanding Officer of our Southern army

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had infringed the Cessation of Hostilities by taking Palacachery &c. that he himself had strictly observed it as a proof of which he had raised the Seige of Mangalore requesting the Commissioners to proceed to Seringapatam as quick as possible and expressing his wishes for a peace between the Company & him

Read Letter from the Commissioners as entered in the Seperate Book of their Correspondence N° 1 of the 20th Instant with the Several Enclosures mentioned therein

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General Macleod.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Bombay Army under my Command with the Ships of War under Captain Mitchel and Several Indiamen and Company's Cruisers Appeared off Mangalore November 25 I had strict orders not to attempt Hostile measures

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If I could any other way accomplish the purpose
of throwing provisions into the Fort
of the Articles of Gratiott of Arms
a Bugar the Garrison was reduced
extremity The Nabob long returned
but at last Seing us ready to land
receive a months Supply and made
promise Thro' Mons. Pivron the
receive the Same quantity on the Same
month He also agreed to let me
in the Same manner He informed
peace was nearly (by Mrs. Saddleir
by w.ch his Forteyes taken on this
restored to him I have accordingly
place: in here I shall wait for inform
The war is to be renewed or not. I must
that it is of great importance to the
to inform us here of the State of the neg
w.ch the peace is likely to happen or not
easily from Fort St George to this
Fullarton has taken Palamcotterry
inclined to come Down to Panary by
old route and from thence in conjunction

refused

concluded

with Colonel Humberstons
I shall meet to
penetrate

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penetrate to Seringapatam — I can only regret that from want of money neither he or I will have decent carriage for our Army.

I have the honor to be &c.

Signed Hormon Macleod

Brigadier General &c.

a Copy

Signed / Thom.s Leighton Sec.y

Tellicherry 1st Dec.r 1783

The Letters which the Committee have written to General Macleod and to the Chief and Factors of Tellicherry under date the 15th Instant / of which for fear of accidents this Government has transmitted a Duplicate. / will fully have acquainted the General with the present State of Affairs on this Coast & of the progress of the negociation with Tippoo Sultaun and will have prescribed to him the line of Conduct which he is requested to observe

Read the following Letter from Lieut.t Lund.t commanding at Chittagut with enclosures.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Sultaun Sings Answer 8th / in Persian

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which I do myself the Honor to enclose herein my for
the present without a Prospect of Getting Polygars of
Caulvah The guard which has been Reinforced
and placed under the Command of a Jemidar.
Still remains in a Village about a Quarter of a
mile from the Pettah gate as its presence alone
Preserve the Inhabitants / Some of whom are People
of Considerable Property / from being Plundered. I
hope your Lordship and the Right Honorable Leaden
Committee will not disapprove of my Continuing it
as long as may be done without involving us in
Actual Hostilities

Our Supplies of Rice begin to be
Scanty and Precarious The Amildar has this
Day declared that he cannot Positively engage
for more than 8 Days more: before the Expira-
tion of that Period it is hardly Possible that
I can Receive Instructions for my Guidance if
Reduced to Extremities I shall therefore by the
Effect of another letter To Seid Saheb a Co-
of which / N2 / I have the Honor to enclose it will
be unnecessary to Recapitulate the facts on
which it is grounded They will be sufficiently
Explained by the Contents of the letter — at

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Distance where it is impossible to procure orders
from the Right Honorable Board subject to so many
unexpected Difficulties my Correspondence with
him has been Unavoidable I have to the best of
my Judgement Exerted my utmost Endeavours
to attain the object I have been sent to accom-
-plish and Humbly hope the Steps I have
pursued will not be disapproved

I have the Honor to be &c.

/Signed/ J Lundt
Lieut Comm.

Chittaput
December
22d 1783.

a letter having already been written to
Mer Mohum and Deer Caun on the Subject
of Lieutenant Lundt it will be proper to defer
taking any further Steps in this Business till
his Answer shall be received but it may perhaps
that Lieutenant Lundt should be directed by
the most circumspect conduct on his part to
avoid affording to Mer Mohum and Deer
Caun the Smallest pretext for Complaint of an
infraction of the Cessation to hold himself parti-
-cularly on his guard.

Read the following Letter from Capt
Brown the Senior Officer of the northern army To

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

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I waited till the last moment
consistent with the Safety of the Army in regard
to Subsistence at the position I had taken at
the East Side of the Pandegama to give an
Opportunity to mer Cummer ul deen Cawn to
fulfill his promises but to no purpose a disappoint
=ment I was fully prepared to meet and had
guarded Against: therefore in the morning of
the 15 Detached a Battalion in front with
the heavy Ordnance Stores &c as before and
waited with the rest of the army till the after=
=noon for the return of the Bullocks to take up
the Remainder of our Baggage The whole was at
their Ground before Sunset without the least
interruption or even Appearance of the Enemy
I instantly ordered working Parties into the Pass

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I was in such Apprehension of from its considerable
length and the indifferent State of our drag ropes towes
&c. The 16th at 10 o Clock Sent of all the Sick followers
& Stores and before the Twelve the Regt. was reported
practicable We were obliged to make a new road
in two or three places of considerable length when the
old one was So extremely narrow and So great a
depth as not to admit the axle tree of the 24Prs
and tumbrils and being cut thro the rock made
it impossible to widen it Sufficiently in the time
I was restricted to from the want of provisions there
being only one days grain remaining for the publick
followers Tho it was late to undertake it and rather
doubtful whether it could be Accomplished before
Sunset I was resolved to make an Effort and with
the promise of working
Spirits amongst the Troops &c. Thank our brave
Lads the whole train in motion and have the pleasure
to inform your Lordship and the Garrette that I
Succeeded most marvellously in getting the whole
thro half an hour before Sunset without the least
Accident except breaking the traces and drag ropes
once or twice I am much indebted to Engr. Hebly
and Lt Williams for their great exertions upon this
occasion

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Occasion The former had the direction of the working
parties and the latter the artillery and beg leave to recom-
mend them to the notice of your Lordship and the
Committee for their Zeal and Activity, I had a
Seasonable relief of 70 Bullocks from Conagurry
which after the marshalling who it does not admit
for the Carriage Bullocks must return
constantly for their Second load which prevents
me marching above 6 or 7 miles at a time
Therefore must give them halting days to sustain
them under such excessive fatigue

Captain Stuart was obliged to proceed
to Angole from his endisposition Ens Lennon
Accompanied him to Conagurry and is now em-
ployed in examining the roads & fortunate in
procuring me with a few Sacks which have brought
two days grain for the followers

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
with Respect
Your most obedient Humble Servant
Signed Geo: Brown
Captain 100th Regt
Head

Camp 16th Decr
East Side of the Pagoda
Conagurry

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Read Letter from Captain Pinkerton Say-
= master of His Majestys 98th Regiment / as entered in
the Miscellany Book &c / representing that as the
Officers and Men of that Regiments had come to India
in Transports they were at a very great expence on
there embarkation in providing themselves with nece-
= saries for the Voyage / which is the only instance of
His Majestys Troops coming out to India being at
any expence / — and for which hoping The Committee
will allow the Officers and men a proper indemnifi-
= cation

Agreed that Captain Pinkerton be informed
that the Application contained in his Letter ought
regularly to have come thro Colonel Fullarton and
that there are Several Circumstance with which it is
necessary that the Committee should be made fully
Acquainted before they can come to any determination
respecting his Letter but that he may rest assured
that whatever may be justly due to the 98th Regt.
will be most Scrupulously paid

Mr Dillon who was Appointed French
Translator Some Months ago having since quitted
the Presidency and proceeded as an Assistant to
Tyaga

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Vizagapatam: The President proposes that Mr Thomas Chase be appointed French Translator in lieu mon which is Accordingly agreed to

The Commander in Chief Acquaints the Committee that Lieutt Underwood has requested him to obtain their permission to proceed to Bombay for the Recovery of his Health which is granted Accordingly -

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council of Masulipatam with Enclosures

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

of Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen

In our letter of the 17th Instant & addressed to the Revenue Department we mentioned that Lowmany Vencatraw had returned to a Village within 10 Cs of Bompetlah and we have the honor herewith to enclose a Copy of Lieutenant Reads letter No 1. by which your Lords &c will perceive he has no doubt that a Sufficient number of Troops be ordered Apprehend

Lowmany

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Sovranany Vencatrow if he had permission to do so
— as the orders sent by the nizam to his Phouzdary
Acceram Cawn have been ineffectual. and as it would
certainly be advantageous to the Revenue if this
Rebel could be Legid. we Should not have hesitated
to grant Puntenant — Could the permission he has
applied for if we conceived that it would meet with
your approbation; but while we are ignorant how
far Such a Step might effect the general System of
Politics to be observed with the Soubah it would be
improper in us to risk any Thing which might produce
a greater evil than that which we Suffer at present
without your expres orders we beg leave however to
observe that while we are observing so much delicacy
with the Nizam. his Zemindars Peons near Nowgeel
have entered our Districts without Scruple. and
Acceram Cawn protects Sovranany Vencatarow not-
withstanding the Soubahs orders to the contrary
and that we are unable to obtain any redress for —
These evils w[h]ich we apply for it in a regular manner
This may not only hurt our Revenue for the present
but puts us to a great Expence of Sepoys Batta Keeps
the Inhabitants in continual alarm and affords
the Renter the plea of ascribing the non payment
of his Rent to the Oppression he Sustains — It may likewise
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be the means of inducing the Inhabitants of the Pegampatam District to retire with their families into the Country where they can live in greater Security—

We wrote to Your Lordships &c. under date the 26th September respecting a difficulty we were under with regard to the issuing of General orders addressed to Captain Chrystyne or Officer Commanding the Troops in the District of Pulicat Sulipatam we like the General orders of the 22d December 1778 expressing that no officer is to be considered as Commandant of the Troops in the District without a Special appointment for that purpose — Several Letters passed between us and Major Chrystyne on this object — We recommend that the D. O. should be sent to the Town Major of this Garrison to whom we would send directions for circulating them throughout the other Garrisons until we could be honored with a reply to the Letter we had written to Your Lordships &c. on this Subject — Major Chrystyne however paid no attention to our remonstrances but having Acknowledged the receipt of our Letter without

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without writing any thing more he Circulated the orders altho' we thought that Major Cheshyre might have paid more attention to our recommendation as a Public Body, and have left a matter where there was a difference of opinion to the decision of your Lordship &c. yet as we had received no reply to the letter we had written you on the Subject we rather chose to let what had happened pass over unnoticed than trouble your Lordship &c. with any further reference

The General orders were a short time afterwards directed "to Captain Cheshyre or Senior officer in the District of Masulipatam" and he has continued to publish them as such without any interference on our part but having lately Sent Bills to the Paymaster for 8 Pagodas pr Month for a writer and Stationary in Consequence of the General orders being circulated by him we thought it incumbent on us after what had passed to refuse payment of those Bills and directed our Secretary to write him a letter accordingly to which the enclosed Copy of a Letter No 2. is his Answer — We

reference

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We Shall conclude this Account by informing your Lordships &c.a that had the General Orders been circulated by the Town Major as we proposed the Expence of Pagodas 8 ₰ Month would have been Saved, and the orders would have reached the out Garrison with equal expedition and when the Senior Officer in the Districts resides at any other Garrison than this. they would be circulated much Sooner and more beneficially for the Service

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

(Signed) J. Call Daniell

James Hodges

John Peter Boileau

Tho.s Barnard

Alex.r Pringle

Masulipatam
20th December 1783

James Daniell Esqr.

Chief &c.a Council at

Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's Letter dated the 19th Instant The Renter was misinformed you as there has not been

has

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been a Village destroyed in this Circar for some months past and I can assure you for certainty & that neither Mungalagurry or Hamalltatoor are burnt as he reports

A party of Peons who call themselves Venkatarows Servants drove off some Cattle from the borders of this Country, but on the Inhabitants giving those Peons a few Rupees they immediately returned them

The Renters People are anxious to make every thing that happens appear in the worst light & the two Companies had not marched from hence one day before they spread Several Reports which though false are of great detriment as they keep the Inhabitants in constant Apprehension

In my letter of the 10th I acquainted you that there was one House destroyed Since when I find there has been but part of it burnt - a party of the Renters People went after those Peons and came up with them at a Village called Yanamadala. and after wounding a few of them they run off leaving Some Firelocks &c on the Ground Those Peons belong to the Rajah

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Rajah of Cosacuttah.

This Country will never be properly Settled
tilt Sovanary Vencatarow is taken, as Persons that
do not immediately belong to him assume his
name in order to Plunder; which is the present
case; he lives at a Village not more than Sixteen
Cs from this and had 5a Sufficient number of
Sepoys with your Approbation have no doubt
but by making a forced march Could settle
to apprehend him

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Beauputtah
December the
14th 1783

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Munro

a true Copy

(Signed) Lt.n Scott
Sec.y

To James Daniell Esqr
Chief & Council
at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I have received a Letter from
your Secretary written as He informs me by your
Orders

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Orders and Acquainting me that as I had thought it
proper to adopt a Mode of Circulating General
Orders which you conceive irregular and different
to one you had pointed out to me, my Bills for
Stationary could not be paid

In my Letter to you of the 10th of
October last I gave you my reasons why I could
not accede to the Mode you presented which was
to Send the General orders to the Town Major and
that by your direction he I should Circulate them
thro' the different Garrisons of the District I
Shall only now add that Supposing this Method
had appeared equally proper to myself as you
thought it and I had adopted it I beg leave
to observe I could not in that Case have had the
Smallest pretence to an Allowance for a writer and
Stationary for it would have been too obvious
the more Sending the General orders to the Town
Major could not be attended with any Expence
Consequently I could not in Conscience have made
a Charge on that Account

Before I conclude this Letter I beg leave
to make a reference to the last Paragraph of your
Letter of the 14th of October last wherein you are pleased to

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to Say that such Assertions and such replies serve only to impede the Company's business in both Lines and Decisions can only come from our Superiors or this remonstrance unwilling to impede the Company's Business of more Consequence than the matter immediately in question between your Board and myself I desisted from pursuing further Correspondance and only Acknowledged the receipt of that Letter all I mean to observe from this inference is that I am equally desirous with yourselves Gentlemen that a Period were put to a Correspondance that cannot be Agreeable to either party and therefore request that you will be pleased to transmit to the Right Honble the President and the Select Committee all the Letters that have passed between the Chief and Council and myself on the Subject of Circulating (General) orders that the whole may be submitted to their decision

I have the Honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Robert Chrystyne

Masulipatam
10th December 1783.

a true Copy

A. Scott Secy

Read Letter from the Surgeon Major in Camp mentioned in Mr Cullum's Book &c &c

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enclosing a Letter from the Surgeon of the Native Cavalry — representing that he is at a great expence for medecines for the Sick and wishing to know whether the Committee will allow him to charge for them in the usual manner or whether he is to adhere to the new regulations

Agreed that Dr. Davis be directed to conform to the orders he has already received and make his Report to the Committee who will afterwards furnish him with such further Instructions as they may think proper

The Committee now proceed to take into consideration Major Shorts Letter of the 7th ultimo as entered in their proceedings of the 20th of November requesting that the Resolution of invaliding him may be reversed, — or otherwise that he may be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in that Corps and appointed to the Command of Chingleput

Agreed that Major Short be informed that the Resolution of Government contained in the G.O. of the 4th November (which relates to him) was not taken but upon the most serious consideration nor do the Committee see any good reason why it should be recinded —

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Inspected Revenue with two Enclosures as lodged on the Records in.

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c &c &c

President and Governor &c Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We Beg leave having in our Letter of the 4th

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10th of August last requesting permission to proceed to the Presidency we beg leave to recommend it may be complied with. That an Assistant be appointed under Mr Sullivan in the Trichinopoly District

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We have the honor to be &c. &c.
(Signed) Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
George Moubray.

Agreed that Mr Robert Andrews who from his residence for upwards of three years to the South. must have acquired a Knowledge of those Countrys be Appointed an Assistant under Mr Sullivan in the Trichinopoly District

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At a Select Committee

Saturday 27th Dec.r 1783.

on Assigned Revenue affairs Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

K B President -

Alexander Davidson

Anthony Sadlier & Morgan Williams Esqrs

absent on Service

Minutes of the last Committee read

and Approved.

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being called before the Committee the following

Cowle Chit having been first Signed

by the President is delivered to him

with a Khelaut and the usual Presents

of Betle &c. and it is agreed that

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to be immediately put into possession of

Army Detroit

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At a Select Committee Present

28th December 1783

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

Alexander Davidson

Lieutenant General Ross Lang

Anthony Sadlier and

Morgan Williams Esqrs. absent on Service

Sunday

Minutes of last Committee read

and approved

Read the following Letter from

Major General Sir John Burgoyne

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Sir John Burgoyne acknowledging the receipt of the Committees letter in answer to his relative to the Judge advocate & conceiving that the Committee meant to perplex the powers which as Commanding the Kings Troops he is Invested with - - -

I have the honor of your Letter of this day date, by which as well as the Right Honble the Presidents letter in answer to mine of the 24th Instant relative to the Judge Advocate I am only called from your Letter Collectively and his Lordships individually that both means to perplex and render abortive the Powers with which as Commanding in Chief His Majestys Troops in India I am invested with by act

of

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If Parliament but I for Mr myself I shall be able
to shew you that neither the one or the other will
Prevent the exertion of my Legal Power
I have the Honor to be &c.
(Signd) John Burgoyne
Commander in Chief his
Majestys Forces in India

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The Committee do not perceive that any
reply is necessary to the above Letter
Read likewise the following Letter
from Colonel Straubenzee with an inclosure

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Straubenzee
inclosing a General order
issued by Sir John Burgoyne
for him and 3 officers
of the 52d Regiment
to attend a Court
Martial & requesting
leave to do this

Having received an order from me
Major General Sir John Burgoyne for myself
and three Captains to attend a General Court
martial on Monday next at Madras I take the
liberty to request your leave for Captains Collier
Cliffe and Clowden to attend the same as well
as yours.

I am most obedient servant
(Signd) Sterner Straubenzee
Lt Col

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Head Quarters Choultry Plain 26th December 1783 —

G.O. By Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bt
Commander in Chief of His Majestys forces in India
for the time being

A General Court Martial to assemble
on Monday Morning at 8 Oclock at the admirals
House Fort St George, for the Tryals of such
Prisoners as shall be brought before them ——

Coll. Stranbenzee 52d Regement President.
Coll Floyed 23 Regement Lt Drgs }
Major Lamont 100 Regement } Field Officers

The 23 Regiment of Lt Drags one Capt.
36th do ..... two do } not being a
52d do ..... three do } field officer
73d do ..... three do by Seniority
78 do ..... one do

Captain Armstrong 102d Regement to act as
Deputy adjutant General of the Kings Troops —

Signed John Burgoyne.

N.B. It not being found practicable to get the
Admirals House in the Fort an order will
be given out on Sunday appointing the Place
the Court Martial will be held

Agreed that the following Answer
be immediately returned to Colonel Straubenzee —

To Colonel Turner Straubenzee
at Poonamalley

Sir, I am directed by the Right
Honble the President and Select Committee to
acknowledge

To Colonel Straubenzee
informing him that the
Comm. Stewart being of opinion
&c

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the Publick Service requires the attendance of all officers at their Stations they cannot consistently with his request for Leave of absence for himself and the other officers Regiment

ions.

acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of yesterday and to inform you that being of Opinion that the Public Service now requires the attendance of all Officers at the Respective Station to which they have been appointed by this Government they are under the Necessity at present of refusing the Leave of absence which you desire for your Self and the other officers of the Garrison of Bonamalley

I have the Honor to be &c.

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(Signed) ...

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Sandt. commanding at Chelingput enclosing Copies of His Letters to & from Mohen Wd Dien Cawn as entered in Country Correspondence

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

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have this day received a Letter from Seid Saheb. Requesting that I will withdraw the Guard from Calevah a Copy of which No 1 with my answer No 2 I do myself the Honor to enclose

from Lieut Sandt has received a Letter from Seide Saheb requesting of him to withdraw the Guard from Calevah with intelligence from Seid Saheb Camp

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My intelligence from Seid Saheb Camp says that it is Expected the Whole of the Enemys Troops will be retire from the Carnatic in the Space of Eight or Ten days and that Private instructions have been given to Collect all the money that Can be

Collected

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Extracted from the Inhabitants by Fortune or so
imprisonment, if by Procrastinating with respect
to the removal of My Guard, I can save even one
Village from this Savage Oppression I Hope I shall
not be Considered as having acted improperly —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) I. Lundt
Lieut Com.

Chittapet
23 December 1783

Agreed that the following Letter be
immediately dispatch to Lieutenant Lundt. despatc
and that a Letter be written to Meer Mahomed
Deen Cawn) as entered in Country Correspondence
Representing that he has so frequently
broke the Cessation of Hostilities notwithstanding the
frequent representations to him on that head, that
Government will no longer be trifled with and
if he does not Think Proper to desist in future —
Lieutenant Lundt will be ordered to withdraw
from Chettapet and no further Converse held with
him Complaining also of the ill Treatment of the
Prisoners at Bangalore — trifle

Minute thereon

To Lieutenant Lundt

Commanding at Chettapet —

Sir I am directed by the Right
Honble the President and Select Committee to
acknowledge

To Lieut Lundt as
the distance from the

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Presidency renders it impossible for him to receive instructions from the Committee speedily must must be left to his own Prudence in the regulation of his Conduct

acknowledge the Receipt of your two Letters of the 22 and 28 Instant — As your distance from the Presidency and the delay of Communication render it impossible for you to receive speedy instructions from them for the regulation of your Conduct in unforeseen Circumstances A great deal must be left to your own providence and address — The first object for you to attend to is the Safety and Supplies of your Detachment the Amildar is to give you every assistance in his power but as his means seem to be very scanty owing to the unfair abridgment of his District if you cannot by proper & early application to Meer Mahomed Dean Khan secure to yourself sufficient Supplys beyond equivocation or disappointment you will if nearly reduced to extremities send the enclosed Letter to him and if not very speedily redressed of the Inconveniences which you have to complain of retire with your Detachment to Chonglepet or such other Place as in your Judgement will be the most eligible you are at the same time to avoid most carefully any appearance of Hostility always expressing your wish to be upon the most amicable terms with Mahomed Dean Khan and

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and his people in consequence of your Instructions from hence and of the Solemn Agreement made by him with Mr. Sadlier and Staunton, for the immediate Cessation of Chettapet in exchange for Combaum — which last peace has been delivered by us with the utmost punctuality and good faith long since to Meer Rummeruddeen Khaun, is to be told that whatever misunderstanding may have happened with Colonel Fullarton It cannot extend to part of the Country where you and Meer mohamed Dien are the Commissioners are probably now with Tippoo Saib and will soon settle all this Matters, Pray let me know wither the communication with Madras and other Places be open to you — There is a regular Tapaul from hence to Chinganama and that Place the Letters are forwarded to the Commissioners so that if you have occasion to Communicate any news or occurrence to them you may avail yourself of that conveyance by Sending your Letters to any Stage of the Tapauls on this side of Chenganna, you will write the address in English and the Country Language also —

I have the honour to be &c

(Signed)

ordered

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the 29 December 1783

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Ordered that Lieutenant Sweet be
furnished with a Copy of the above mentioned Letter
to Mr Jackson and Dubash

Read the following Letter from

Mr Jackson

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Mr Jackson desiring to know whether Captain Kearsey may be present during the Examination of his Dubash

Yesterday morning as I had just begun to examine Telesinga upon the Affair of embezzling the Company's Rice, Captain Kearsey came to my House and informed me with my leave, he would be present during the Examination of his Dubash, on which I observed to him that I thought it improper but I would submit the Matter to the Select Committee and if they had no Objections I could have none, The Intention of this address is to know from your Lordship &c. whether Captain Kearsey may attend when I am examining his Dubash, or any other persons that I may think necessary to examine in this affair

I have the honor to be &c.

Cantonment
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(Signed) W. Jackson

The Committee are of opinion that there is

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Manutakeroon is an impropriety in Captain Hearsey's being present at the examination of the Conceptics of the Grain Department, but as soon as the Enquiry shall be concluded he will be furnished with Copies of the several Depositions which have been taken —

Read Letters from Mhadoo Row Pundit Purdhaun and Jenardon Row Phurnavy — as entered in Country Correspondence N°01 expressing great Satisfaction at the Friendship which they learn subsists between Government and the Rajah of Tanjore and entreating that it may continue in every Thing;

Read following Letters from Captain Gowland late Commander of the Ship Prince William

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

My Lord and Gentlemen —

I have been favored with Mr. Secretary Sadleirs Letter of the 23d Ultimo which mentions that the Resolution of your Lordships &c had been misunderstood by me as it was not your Intention to refer the Subject of the Loss of the Prince William to the Honble the Court of Directors but only to request they would Settle with the Owners for —

Member

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for the Value of the Ship and that Such a Measure
appeared indispensably necessary as the Prince of
William was probably insured and in Such Case
the Company had only to make good the difference
between the Insurance and real Value —

I beg leave my Lord & Gentlemen
to observe in the first Place that the Bill of Sale
of the Ship is with me which being the Authority
to adjust the Sale of the Ship that Sale must be
compleated by me and on the same principle the
adjustment for the Value must be arranged by me
and I am answerable to my Owners who have delegated
the Trust to me for the Use I shall make of their
Confidence &c — as to the Insurance I have Letters
from my Owners which mention the Date of the several
Insurances made on the Prince William and by those
Letters which I am ready to produce your Lordship &c
and all the Insurances and expired but my Lord
and Gentlemen you will please to understand that
all Insurances run against Wind & Weather and
Enemies — and an order from the representative of the
Honble Company to run the Ship on Shore although
on Principles of Policy to themselves or even to the Nation
at large relieves the Insurers immediately for no
Policy provides for Such an Event — so that it is
of no Consequence whether the Policy of Insurance
was run out or not I have therefore only to request your
Lordship &c will inform me if Payment of the Value
of the Prince William will be made by the Honble
the

to me. To that indemnity

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the Select Committee or if I must have recourse on
Mr John Sullivan under his Indemnity I shall only
resort for payment of the Value of my private Invest-
ment with 50 per Cent advance thereon, which Sum
is but the half of the then Market Price of the
like merchandize —
As to the Article of Freight I hope
your Lordship &c. will be pleased to order Payment
thereof because that Charge became due on the Treasure
&c being taken on Board and nothing but the Exigency
urgency of your Service at the time could have
warranted me to my Owners in Sailing before the
Freight had been actually paid —
I have the honor to be &c.

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(Signd) W. Gowland —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I had the honor of addressing a Letter to
your Lordship &c. the 3 Instant stating my Situation
as Commander of the Ship Prince William — and the
absolute necessity I am under to settle finally on the
spot all matters relating to that Ship, Could I have
given into the Proposal of Settling with the Honble
the Court of Directors about the Loss of that Ship
I would most Chearfully have done it — But it is
really Impossible and as every delay is an additional
Loss as well as a real detriment to any own private
Concerns I beseech your Lordship &c. to consider
my

Station

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my Letter of the 3d Instant and favour me with an answer which will much Oblige

Yours most Obedient Servant

(Signd) W.m Gowland

Madras
19 December 1783

The President is requested to come to some determination with Captain Gowland of the Ship Prince William, and to report to the Committee what he may be able to settle in this respect ——

Read Letter from Capt.n Lieut.t Smith as entered in Miscellany Book N.o) inclosing a Bond from the Chief and Factors and requesting that it may be discharged

Agreed that the above Demands of Capt.n Lieut.t Smith amounting to Bombay Rupees 1.89 and to Pagodas 682.26. be discharged by Bills on Bengal at the Exchange of 365 Rupees ℔ 100 Star Pagodas with Interest at the rate of 10 ℔ Cent ℔ Annum to be inserted in the Bond the Amount to be Carried on the Debt of the Bombay Presidency ——

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to
Captain Pinkerton

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To Captain Pinkerton
of His Majesty's 98th Regiment

Sir

To Captain Pinkerton
the applications he
has made ought
regularly to come
through Col Fullarton
but whatever is just
due to the Regiment
will certainly be paid
to it

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23 Instant enclosing Copies of two Letters of the 4th and 9th Ultimo and to inform you that the applications contained in them ought Regularly to Come thro Colo Fullarton — There are Several Circumstances which it is necessary that the Committee should be fully informed of before they can determine upon those Points but you may rest assured that whatever is found to be Justly due to the Regiment will be certainly paid — It is not possible for the Select Committee in this hurry of Business to say more ... on this Subject

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I am Sir
Your &c

Fort St George
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(Signed)

To Mr William Jackson

Sent Letter to Mr William Jackson as entered in Miscellany Book A°

The Committee are of Opinion that Captain Harvey ought not to be present at the examination of his Conceptions but will

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will be furnished with their Dispositions &c—

To Lieut Underwood—

Sebt Letter to Lieut. Underwood as entered in Miscellany Book No.) has Permission to proceed to Bombay for the recovery of his Health &c—

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from Doctor Gordon

Received the Letter from Doctor Gordon as entered in Miscellany Book No.) complaining of the non compliance with either his or Mr Gillespies Indents for medecines for the use of the Southern Army—

from Captain Donald Campbell

Received Letter from Captain Donald Campbell (as entered in Miscellany Book No.) has opened a Letter from the Committee directed to Captain Wm Bruce in consequence of his appointment to the Command of Tanjore by Colonel Fullarton—

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At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. & P.C.

Alexander Davidson

Lieutenant General Ross Lang

Anthony Sadleir and

Morgan William Esquires absent on Service

Minutes of Last Committee

read and approved

Read the following Letter &c.

Enclosures from Colonel Nixon Commanding the

Cantonment at St Thome

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose to your

two Letters from Sir John Burgoyne to Colonel

Sterling of the 4th to gether with Copy of my Letter

to him, if he has the power to order from the 6

Cantonments when I command, Several officers

at a time, without my knowledge the Same power

entitles him to order away a Regiment, or indeed

the whole of His Majestys Troops in the Same

Manner

From Col Nixon requesting advice relative to Sir John Burgoyne having Commanded Col Stirling from St Thome to be tried by a Court Martial - and enclosing papers respecting the Letter having been first under in arrest by Sir John Burgoyne -

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manner and beg to be favored Speedily with your Sentiments on this Matter and have the honor to be

Your most Obedient Servt

(Signd) Eccles Nixon

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To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling
36th Regiment

Sir

As you may perhaps Conceive Yourself out of Arrest by order of the Select Committee I do now order you once more under an arrest for Disobedience of my orders and Breaking your Arrest

I am Sir Yours &c

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(Signd) John Burgoyne
Commander in Chief of his Majesty Forces in India

To Lieutenant Colonel Sterling
36th Regiment

Sir

A general Court Martial being ordered by me to assemble on Friday next I mean to bring you before it and try you for Disobedience of my Orders and breaking your arrest you will be pleased to inform me if you will be ready by that time for your Defence and send

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a List of Such Witnesses as you please to Call on to my Secretary Lieutenant Troy on or before the 2d Instant a—

I am Sir, yours &c

(Signd) John Burgoyne
Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces in India for the time being

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To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart

Sir

Your orders of This day for putting 2 Lieutenant Colonel Sterling in Arrest having come to my knowledge, and as it is Irregularly Conveyed to This Cantonment, the Safety of which I am answerable for, I cannot without the orders of the Select Committee admit of Lieutenant Colonel Sterling being in Arrest he having been Solately Released by the Select Committee from a former arrest by you—

you must excuse me from Suffering any order being Issued or Executed in This Place but such as are addressed to myself as Commanding Officer and Sanctioned by the Authority of that Government under which I have the honor to serve which I hope you will consider as a Duty I owe to myself without an Idea of Interfering with his Majestys Commission

I have the honor to be &c

Signd Dedes Nixon Colonel in the Honble Companys Service

S. B. Thame

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at Trans Copy

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Minute Thereon,

The Committee having taken the above Report into Consideration, it is Agreed that the following Answer be returned to Colonel Nixon

To Colonel Nixon

Commanding at Saint Thomé

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to acquaint you that they have received the Copy of Sir John Burgoyne's two Letters of the 18th Instant to Lieutenant Colonel Sterling one of which is to inform him that a General Court Martial was to be held on Friday next and to desire to know whether he Lieutenant Colonel Sterling) should be ready for his defence Sir — the Other to tell him that as he might conceive himself out of Arrest the former by order of the Select Committee he (Sir John) once more orders him under Arrest for disobedience of orders and breaking his Arrest — The Committee has also received the Copy of your Letter to Sir John Burgoyne of the 23d Instant in which you inform him of his orders for Putting Lieutenant Colonel Sterling under Arrest, having Come to your knowledge, the [illegible] irregularly conveyed —

As the Matter has been long since settled by Colonel Sterling having ten

To Col Nixon — the Committee disapproved of the proceedings of Sir Burgoyne in having put Col Sterling under an arrest & desiring him to acquaint Col Sterling that at what time soever arrest he may be considered to be under he is released from it by the superior authority of the Committee

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I am released from his arrest by the Superior power of this Government the Select Committee are as much at a loss to account for this Proceeding of Sir John Burgoyne as for Several others but as great Inconvenience would arise to the Publick Service from giving way to it, I am desired to acquaint you that whatever Arrest Lieutenant Colonel Sterling may be considered to be under, he is released from it by the Superior Authority of the President and Select Committee and you are desired to Signify to him the Same

I have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George
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(Signd)

Read likewise the following Letter from Major General Sir John Burgoyne

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Sir John Burgoyne intends to bring Lieut Col. Sterling before a Court Martial and requesting to know if the Committee will prevent him &c

I think it proper to inform you that a General Court Martial will set on Friday next by my orders Agreeably to the Powers vested in me as Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces for the time being by the 3d Clause of the act of Parliament for punishing mutiny and desertion of Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the united Company of Merchants trading to

of the mutiny

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to the East Indies and for the punishment of Offences Committed in the East Indies before which Court Martial I mean to bring Lieutenant Colonel Sterling of his Majesty's 73 Regiment of Foot, for disobedience of my orders and for threatening his arrest — I therefore beg to know if your Lordship as Governor or the Select Committee as Government mean to protect Lieutenant Colonel Sterling from being thus brought before a General Court Martial because if you do, I shall not use force on the occasion as I do not mean to bring matters to a conclusion which might be prejudice to the prejudice of this Settlement

I am Sir
Yours &c
(Signed) John Burgoyne
Commander in Chief
His Majesty's Forces in India

The following Letter in answer to the foregoing one from Sir John Burgoyne is now written and ordered to be immediately sent to him —

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart

Sir I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of yesterdays date & to inform you in answer that they do not think it incumbent upon them to communicate their

To Sir John Burgoyne
the Committee do not think it incumbent upon them to communicate their intentions to him

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Their Intentions for Ther thanks to assure you that whatever Measures This Government may adopt will be such as in its best Judgement shall be Deemed proper and necessary &c

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed)

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Read the following Letters from
Colonel Fullarton

To The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c
President and Governor &c Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Col Fullarton enclosing Copies of Letters which fully explain all circumstances relating to the Army is preparing to return to the Southern Countries with the Army

I have the honor to be enclose to you Lordships and the Hon'ble Board copy of a Letter to me from Messrs Sadleir and Staunton dated 30 November together with my Answer. and also copy of a letter of mine in English of which a Translation in Persian is dispatched to Rofsein Cawn in answer to a letter from him, these Papers will Explain to your Lordships and the Board Every material Circumstance Respecting This Army at present I am Using Every Effort to enable the Army to return to the Southern Countries as Soon as Possible and to fulfill Every other instructions Communicated to me by your Lordships and the Board by Commissioners to Tippoo Sultaun on your Name

I have the honor to be &c
Signed W. Fullarton — To

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15 December

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To Colonel Fullarton or Officer commanding

the Southern Army

Sirs Whereas we have received informations from

the Representatives of the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun

Bahander that Palagatcherry has been taken Lately

by the Army under Your Command, Therefore have

no doubt that you will on the receipt of our

former Letter have already retired within the

Limits Possessed by the Company on the 26th July

and Consequently that you will not have

Continued the Possession of Palacatcherry yet we

readely accede to the desire Expressed by o-

Tippoo's Representatives that we should repeat

the Injunctions to you, and Expressly that

you will evacuate Palagatcherry which we

Therefore in case it should not be done hereby

require that You will be pleased to do on o-

Receipt of this Letter and that you will restore

Therewith as much as will be practicable all

the Stores and other Articles you have found

there, we are Assured that Boyston Bowwill

Strictly obey on his Part the orders he has so

received to withdraw on his Side we Hope the

Limits

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limits professed by him on the 26th July and
he will not only behave in a peaceable,
but in a friendly manner towards the Troops
subject and professions of the Company

Subj

30th November 1783

your Obedient Servant
(Signed) A. Sadlier
G. Staunton

A true Copy
W. Fullarton

Messrs. Sadlier and Staunton

Gentlemen

I have received your Letter of
the 30th November from Calle stating Expressly
enjoining me an Receipt of it to Evacuate
Pulicatcherry and the other Countries Conquered
by this Army and to retire within the limits
professed by the Company on the 26th July
last agreeably to my instructions from
Government I shall Carry your Injunction
to execution with as much expedition as is
consistent with the precaution necessary to
be taken in Supplying the Troops with
Provisions requisite for their March
Precautions are discernible at present as there
is a large body of Tippoo's Troops in Our
neighbourhood a party of which attacked
our Packets on the 13th and have driven off
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the Inhabitants who were Supplying the Army I have however Continued to receive from an appearance of hostility I am Gentlemen

your most humble Servt

(Signed) W Fullarton

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Colonel Fullarton to

Rojeen Cawn

I have received your Letter
apologising for the attack made on our Pickets
by a party of Stonecutters belonging to the Bahadur,
as you are sorry for it I forgive you — But
you must tell those People to be Cautious in
future; Till their arrival your People behaved
well but those Horsemen have acted as Enemies
and have driven away all the Inhabitants
who were supplying us with Grain and whom
we treated as our Children It is therefore
difficult for us to find Provision here — and
until we can procure sufficient Supply
how Can we march to the Southernly
Countries — Therefore I desire that you will
immediately order all the Inhabitants to return
to their own houses and Supply us with Grain
and that you will order 10000 Bullocks

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of Paddy to be furnished for the use of this Army in
any convenient place and 1000 Cattle and some Ships for
all which we will give you receipts to be charged to the
Corar account — I have acted as a friend to the
Inhabitants of this Country. They are not afraid
of my People, but of yours —
you tell me that the Sword is now
the English and the Bahadur, If so we must
stretch out the Hand of Friendship to Each other
What can I say more —

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Coimbatour
the 15 December 1783

True Copy

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

Governor and President &c Select Committee &c

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen,

From Colonel Sullivan
inclosing Copies of the Letters
to the Commissioners and to
Poloor Crown explaining
his intention of returning
to the Trichinopoly Country

I have the honor to enclose Copy of
a Letter that I have this day forwarded to Messrs
Sadleir and Staunton, together with a Copy of
a Letter of more to Poloor Crown explaining my
intentions to return as Expeditiously as possible
to the Trichinopoly Country and the measures
I have adopted for that purpose. I had the honor
to address your Lordship and the honourable
Board on the 15th inclosing Copies of my Letters
of that date to Messrs Sadleir and Staunton
and to Poloor Crown — Nothing has been not

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shall be wanting as my part to Carry the orders
I have received into Execution no Small delay —
I have the honor to be — Yours &c.

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5th December 1783

Signd W. Fullarton

To Messrs Sadleir and Staunton

Gentlemen,

I have received a Letter from
Ruskin Dorn in answer to mine of the 15 of which
I that day transmitted you a Copy my answer
to his Letter is now enclosed and will inform
you that in a very few days I shall have the
Limits proposed by the Company on the 26 July
last — I have made every effort to Outflank
the Enemy with 12 or 14 days Grain here but the
Inhabitants were driven off on the 15th by the
Enemys horse which has disappointed me and
I am hopefull that no material inconvenience
will arise from the delay as I shall now reduce
my movements to accordancy by the Supplies
prepared for me in Palagatchery — There is
a very large Crop of Grain in the Vicinity of
Coimbatour but that which is ripe has been al-
ready cut and I did not think myself at

liberty
at

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at Liberty to move at all to the Northward

for Supplies I am Gentlemen

your most Obedient Servt

(Signed) W Fullarton

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Colonel Fullarton to Rosier Cowan

I have received your Letter and do
understand its Contents — I really on your
assurance respecting the Supplies of Provisions
on our March towards the Trechonapoly Countries
but as you donot mention any particular
Place where a quantity of Grain sufficient
for the Army can be procured I shall move
one March towards Palacatcherry tomorrow
the Troops will be sent to receive 12 days Grain
in that Place as soon as the Army was
furnished with that Supplies which I presume
will not require more than 5 or 6 days I intend
move by Daraporam towards Dendegull with
my whole Force I understand that there is
a small Escort convoy from Dendigull to Coimb
with Arrack and other articles, do not let your
People molest it — Be so good as to forward
the enclosed to Messrs Sadleir and Staunton
at Seringapatam What can I say more
at this Day Signed Wm. Fullarton Aide

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The Committee of Bombay to be advised of the progress of the negociation with Tippoo

A ship being on the point of Sailing for Bombay this agreed that a Letter be prepared to advise that Presidency of the present state of Affairs on this Coast and of the Progress of the negociation with Tippoo Sultaun — Agreed likewise that at the Gentlemen at Bombay be furnished with Copies of the foregoing Letters from Colonel Fullarton, and of the Dispatch received from the Honble the Governor General and Council under date the 14th Ultimo

To The Honble William Hornby Esqr.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee

of Bombay

Gentlemen,

Sometime since We informed you of our having appointed Mr Fullarton an additional Member to our Commission for conferring and with Tippoo Sultan on the Terms of a pacification in consequence of the Powers and Instructions which we were then in possession of for Mr Fullarton accordingly set out from hence on the 9th Instant and the very next day we received a Dispatch from Bengal dated the 14th November Authorizing & us at last to make hence given us Powers & Instructions for that purpose and enclosing to us

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... several very interesting papers, we forwarded them immediately to Mr Hudleston who received them safely and immediately Communicated them to his brother Commissioners Messrs Sadleir and Maunton, whom joined on the 13th Instant at Udengarry 7 Miles to the W. Westward of Serengapatam

They immediately wrote to you to Pallicherry & Colonel Macleod and Colonel Fullarton upon the Subject Copies of all which Letters we now inclose to you — together with the Bengal Dispatch of the 14th November with all the papers which accompanied it — we send you also a Copy of Tippoo's Letter to our Commissioners of the 10th Instant & — From these Several Communications and you will judge of the State of things as far as we are able to inform you but you probably will have received much fuller and later Intelligence from other Quarters particularly from Our Commissioners — whose Communication with all parties is to be free and uncertained — Therefore if any Interruption in that respect should happen, It may afford ground for Suspecion of Tippoo's Sincerity & —

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Altho' on the 27th of November she was in full Cutwork
to Chungama within a few Coss of the Pass and had
Signified his Intentions of proceeding nevertheless
stopped short and to Celebrate the Mahometan
feast and has Continued within the Carnatic ever
since — There have not indeed been any actual
hostilities between his Troops and ours but
several irregularities have been Committed by
his people some of whom he has punished upon
our representation but there is reason to
his connivance in the Case of others —
We have received however Intelligence within
these two days that he means to evacuate the
Carnatic in a Week which seems probable
from other Circumstances & all events we
suppose to send a Considerable part of our
Army now in Cantonments to the westward
in order to be in readiness to act according to
Occasion, that we should take and We are disposed
to believe from the View of things, that Peace
will soon take place you will perceive the
sentiments of this Government from the
Enclosed Copy of a Letter to Mr Sullivan upon
our present Situation, answer to mine soon

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Forwarding of the 13th December which we also transmit to you — We have the honor to be &c.

Fort St. George

(Signed)

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P.S. We have been obliged to draw a small Bill upon you for Star Pagodas 212.20 @ 360 Bombay Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas in favor of Captain Honeyborne which we request you to honor — we have Enclosed agreeable number of Pollicherry bonds granted to different Persons in 1780 & 1781.

Ordered that Copies of the Letters and Enclosures from Colonel Fullarton of the 14th & 15th & 19th Instant — be likewise transmitted to the Commissioners

Copies of the Letters from Col Fullarton to be sent to the Commissioners

The Pamlico Commanders Ship Busbridge being arrived from Bengal with a large Quantity of Rice in Board — it is agreed that an order be immediately sent to Captain Todd (the Commander of the Busbridge) directing him to land the whole of the Cargo with all possible Expedition, as the distress of this Settlement is such, as not to admit of a single grain being with held from the public necessarys

The Captain of the Busbridge Indeaman to Land all his Rice for the Company

The President is requested to desire Some respectable Merchants to c.

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some Merchants to be desired to report an equitable valuation in Captain Tod's Rice

Examine the quantity of Captain Tod's Rice, and to report to the Committee what they conceive to be a fair and equitable Valuation — Agreed that the mode and terms of the Payment for the above Rice be determined upon in the Civil Department —

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Mr Ogelvie the Paymaster at Balasore having been desired by the Secretarys letter of the 23 Instant to transmit an Estimate of the Expence attending the building of Grain Godowns at Vellour of Bricks and Chunam instead of Brick and Mud — has accordingly sent the following Proposal which is now Read —

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Estimate

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Estimate of building new Grain Godowns in the Garrison of Vellour to hold a hundred Thousand Collum of Paddy, Breadth 24 feet, to be built of Brick and Chunam and Covered with Tiles the Wall to be two feet thick and fifteen feet high, Length from North to South 324 feet and from East to West 408 feet

Wall Bricks	1911.000	at 1/2 Pagodas pr 1000	1433	10. 40.
Chunam	16562	Collum at 1/5 Collum pr Pagoda	1104	10. 40
Jagary	3281	Seers at 1/3 Seers pr	do 637	" "
Cross Beams 1 feet square	91	at 5 Rupees pr Beam	140	" "
Large Timbers	364	at 2/3 Rupees pr Timber	280	" "
Small Timbers	782	at 1/4 Rupee pr	do 70	" "
Country Bolts	3640	at 1/4 Rupee pr Bolt	280	" "
Small Bamboo's	1820	Bundles at 1/6 Rupee pr Bundle	280	" "
Bamboo Matts	1638	at 6 Matts pr Rupee	84	" "
Country Ropes	36400	Skains at 200 Skains pr Rupee	56	" "
Sand for filling in Side of the Godowns		One yard pr Dasp	896	" "
Cooly for bringing Sand to a Mix and beating Chunam			328	7 70
Cooly for Digging Foundation			56	" "
Tiles	910,000	at 1 Rupee pr 1000	280	" "
Bricklayers Work			1022	" "
Carpenter Work			168	" "
Timber and Carpenters Work for Making Frames & Doors			98	18. 30.
Potts and Bass Ropes Brooms &c			17	21. "
			7730	26. 20
deduct for the Materials of the old Godowns			245	" "
Pagodas			7485	26. 20

Vellour
26th December 1783

Signed Thomas E. Ogilvie
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Minute on the above Proposal - - -

The Committee having Considered the above proposal and being fully Convinced of the absolute necessity of forming without delay a Grain Magazine at Vellour in order effectually to secure that Place against any future disposed Invasion to which for want of proper Magazine has of late since the War, they are pleased to accept of Mr Ogilvie's proposal, with which he must be immediately made acquainted, and desired to be particularly Careful that all the Timbers which may be used in this Business be well seasoned, and Every other Material of the best kind as shall appear upon Survey — The Committee will furnish Mr Ogilvie with as large and frequent supplies of Cash as the State of the Treasury will admit and he must be directed to begin upon the Godowns without loss of Time, and to execute them with all possible Expedition —

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c. &c.

President &c. &c. &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George —

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the Committee of Stores enclosing their Proceedings

Herewith We have the honor to lay before your Lordship &c. our Proceedings

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of the 26th Instant — We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Ross Lang
Patrick Ross
John Kennedy
B. Scottney

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At a Committee of Stores, President —

Lieutenant General Ross Lang
Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross
Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy
Bryan Scottney Esqr.

Minutes of Committee of Stores —

Read Letter from Captain Patterson Commanding at Trichinopoly representing the want of Gun-Powder in that Garrison — agreed to recommend to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that a supply be sent there as soon as possible, and likewise that that and all the other out Garrisons be furnished with their full Complement of Powder as soon as the Season

Orders of Select Committee thereon

Approved and the Powder to be sent by the earliest opportunity —

Approved likewise the recommendation that the respective Storekeepers of the different Garrisons be directed to annex to their Indents — a Column of the remains of Stores in Garrison.

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season will permit - agreed
Likewise Recommend to the
Right Honble the President
and Select Committee that
they will be pleased to order
Lists of deficiencies in the
out Garrisons to be sent
in immediately, as
returns have been received
from Palamcotah since June 1782

D° Madura . . July 1780
D° Vellore . . Dec.r 1782
D° Mandisatam July 1781
D° Chingleput . Dec.r 1782
D° Trichinopoly August 1783

and that the Storekeepers
be directed always to annex
to their Indents sent to the
Presidency a Column of
the remains of Stores in
Garrison agreeably to the
Commanys regulations -

2d In answer to the
Select Committee's Letter
of the 6th December respecting
the Prize - Guns Captured
in the Ship Duveyheid the
Commanding Officer of
Artillery and the
Commissary of Stores.

The Committee of Stores to be
desired to acquaint the Select
Committee in what the Prize
Guns Captured on board the
Duveyheid are now wanted

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inform the Committee that
those Guns are of English
Caleber, and in Good Condition
and that there are Shot in
the Store to fit them —
They therefore Agree to
recommend that those
Guns be purchased for the
Company's use, and that
the Honble the Court
of Directors be informed
of it in the Next dispatch
as it will save them the
Trouble and Expence of
sending out any of that
Caleber —

D 3d Read an Indent
from Pennamalee as of
Likewise one from Nellore
and Agree that they Complied
with Agreeable to the Approved —
Commissary's remarks —
4th The Commissary
of Stores lays before the
Committee the following
Report which they do
agree to Lay before the
Right Honble the
President —

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President and Select &c
Committee — &c Viz t

Report of Bengal &c
Rough Wood found for the
use of the Army to Buckleat
the Commander in Chief

General Indent —

Checks for Carriage	—	51.
Naves .. Do.	. .	21.
Stokes .. Do	.	232
Fellows Do	. .	118.
Axletrees Do.	. .	93
Poles .. Do	. .	41.
Transoms Do.	—	68.
Braces .. Do	—	4.
Small Timbers for Timbrit Frames	}	764

Fort St. George 15 December 1780 — (Signed) J. Binford Engr. Genl.

No 5 The Committee proceed to examine four 3 Pr Field Carriages received from the Contractors yard which they find furnished according to the Master, and agree that they be received into the Company's Stores

Ross Lang
Patrick Ross
John Thomas
Bryan Scahoney

Agreed. &c

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Captain Remeyborne and Campbell of the 101st Regt and 36 Regt permitted to proceed to England

The President acquaints the Committee that Captain — Remeyborne of His Majestys 102 Regt and Captain Patrick Campbell of the 36th Regiment — have delivered to him Certificates of their ill Health, and requested the Permission of the Committee to proceed to Europe for their recovery — which is Granted &c. accordingly

The President delivers in an agreement made the owners of the Snow Three Friends

The President lays before the Committee the Terms of Agreement with the Owners of the Snow Three Friends for the Freight of that Vessel to Transport from hence Troops and Stores to Nagapatam

Agreed that the abovementioned Freights amounting to twelve hundred (1200) Arcot Rupees be discharged by Bills on Bengal in favour of Mr James Adams at the Exchange of 375 Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas

The abovementioned Freight to be discharged by Bills on Bengal

The following Draft of a Letter to the Governor General and Council in answer to one from them under date the 14th Ultimo being &c. was read and approved ordered that the Secretary be directed to dispatch it immediately

To The Honble Warren Hastings

Governor General and Council &c Fort William

Gentlemen

We have received the Letter of the 14th Ultimo with which You have been pleased to honor us, and we are happy to find that you have at last determined

To the Governor General & Council the Committee lastly that the controversies between their Governments are not true at an end & consenting to their

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changeable conduct with respect to the assignment from the Nabob this is now the chief reason on this Coast — adopting either, or Satisfaction to the Instructions of the Gov. Gen.l & Council on the subject of Power & other Ideas of the necessity of it — hope soon to send agreeable of the negociation on it — inclosing extracts of the Nabobs Letters expressing a concurrence in the argumentation of them and confusion at the Conduct of the Admiral — think it our duty to prevent all further buying of Troops & hope to remain the countenance and

determined to avoid any further Controversy and to refer home, the points in discussion to the proper Tribunal —

It was with the utmost Concern that we saw the least difference of Sentiment arise between your Government and ours, and it was with infinite reluctance that we entered into any Contest with you — but how was it possible for us to avoid it — We made no attack but stood on our defence, content to repel we wished not to invade —

Our position was delicate our Powers were limited and your Instructions embarrassing. × Desired by you one day to resign the Provisional Authority of our Government to the Military an another to resume it, ×× on a third Commanded to resign it again — blamed by you (in ××× April) for permitting our delicacy to the Nabobs feelings to prevent us from administering his Revenues with a Strong hand, advised by you to assume and Exercise the entire and undivided Management of those Revenues and every Power connected with them, in a word the whole Sovereignty without Suffering from others any interposition whatever —

Reassured

× Letter from Bengal March 11 1782

×× Do from Do 29th 1782

××× or 4th from Do March 1783

×××× Do from Do April 1783

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Letter from Bengal
the 5th August 1782

* Reassured in August by your approbation of the
Nabobs assignment — under Our Care and your
reprobation of such a Suggestion as that you
could entertain an intention of deserving it to be
surrendered — informed by you, in October, that
xx these were Serious Complaints of us to you from
the Nabob, but not then informed by you of what
nature, yet since found to be for our doing infinitely
less than you wished us to do, and which you told
this Government long before, that you would
Command Us to do, if you had the power to do
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Command notwithstanding all this in the January
following without Trial, without Notice, Condemned
by your mandate to abandon that Assignment
which you had so much applauded us for
accomplishing and so pointedly advised us to
Maintain. Enjoined by you through every shape
of Our Government, whether in Committee or
in Council, to surrender the actual Possession
of a Solid Revenue for the Shadow of a
Reversionary engagement seriously accepted of
by you from the Nabob whose repeated ill faith
you had acknowledged and whose boundless
ambition you had Experienced and all This,
not only in the teeth of the Company's Instructions
to us which were to make the receipt of that
revenue

xx D.o from D.o Octr 19 1782

xxx D.o from D.o July 26 1781

xxxx D.o from D.o Janry 13 1783

Consultations of Fort St George
Nov.r 6 1770 Minutes
of Mr. Hastings & Stratton

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Reasons effectual ourselves and to Call upon you
for your assistance to strengthen us, but at a time
when our necessities were most urgent and when
as you did not we Supposed you could not "
relieve them, — loaded by you with charges of
ignorance neglect and Caprice, of exciting to
rebellion against the Soubah those whom
we never excited, of undignified intercourse
with one Enemy and disgraceful negociation
with another, all the while that you assumed to be
so, has been sanctioned by superior Instructions
Under all this Circumstances and debarred
of the frequent means which you, Sensible, If
Communicating directly with the over Humble
Employers, we were under the necessity of sending
into discussion with You to guard you against
deception, to point out to you the Sources of
your misinformation, to restore us to your
good Opinion and to recommend to you your cooperation,
It was Our Duty to do so from our Stations,
and we had a right to do so from a Confidence
in the rectitude of Our Measures and a "
Consciousness of the integrity of our Intentions.

We —

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We flatter ourselves that we have done
this, with Proper Firmness and Consistency and
with the dignity and dispassion that became us
without intending acrimonious expression or
oblique insinuations — Some of your strongest
arguments against you were cited from your own
authority, some of our most powerful Arms
were furnished to us by yourselves — Here then
we wish to close the scene and God forgive those
if such there are who would be mad enough or
wicked enough to tear it open ——

close

Relieved now from so unpleasant
a retrospect We turn with satisfaction to that
part of your Letter, in which you Communi-
cate your Sentiments and Instructions upon
the Subject of Peace, which we had so often
desired of you ——

Our Ideas of the necessity of it from
a total Inhability of Carrying on the War
have been sufficiently laid before you in the
Extract from our Presidents Letters to England
of the 1st Instant and the Minute of our
Consultations of the 8th And we beg leave to add
that had we Complied with your desire of
Surrending up the Assignment, which is now
actually our Shall anchor on the Coast —

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The Companys affairs have would have been in a more critical State than we have yet seen or than were in the heat of the War — They are still embarrassed to a very Great degree and Cannot be relieved even were Peace already Concluded for by what we have been so long Soliciting a speedy and Considerable pecuniary assistance from you, — We therefore once more repeate our most earnest request to You on this Point assuring you in the most solemn manner, that nothing but the Strongest Sense of our Publick necessity and the Deepest Distress of the Companys affairs could oblige us to so troublie you with such frequent Importunity

You were acquainted by our Secretarys Letter with the Success of the Companys Arms, under the Command of Colonel Fullarton, on Accession of which we received a Letter from Mr Sullivan our Resident at Tanjore, of which we enclose you a Copy, together with an Extract from a Letter to him written in Consequence of a Minute adopted by us in the Select Committee

Enclosed we have the honor to send you the Copy of a letter from General Macleod of the 15th Instant also of one from Tippoo of the 10th to our Commissioners the last accounts from whom were dated

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Dated at Malavilly which by the Chart that we have examined seems but a very Small distance o" from Seringapatam — we are impatient to hear of their having seen and conferred with Tippoo, & you shall be duly acquainted with every thing that passes and we flatter Ourselves, that we may have it in our power soon to send you agreable news —

Before we conclude this Letter we think it our Duty to inform you that on the 26th day of December 1782, His Highness the Nabobs Troops were in the Environs of Madras & stood according to the Enclosed Paper N°1 and that on the 3d of November they stood according to the Paper N°2. and the Statement of their monthly Pay amounts to the sums marked in N°3 — From hence it appears that His Highness or rather his Second son and Minister Ameer Ul Omrah has notwithstanding the pretended poverty of the Durbar more than Doubled his Guards and other Troops in this o" neighbourhood — within less than twelve months past —

It is matter of very serious concern to the Committee to find that the Suspicions of the Precedent which he Communicated several times to them, last Particularly in the beginning of January last, with the regard to the Evil o" Intentions of the Nabobs Second Son Ameer ul Omrah were but too well founded — When it

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it is Considered that so long ago as the 24th Decr 1765
The Company were not without apprehensions
that the Nabob himself might one day adopt
a Conduct incompatible with their true
System, might forget his own Weakness
and not seeing danger immediately before
his Eyes wish to have his Instructions removed,
It behaves This Government to be particularly
attentive at This Moment — Well aware
of The possibility of such an Event, The o"
Company very wisely directed their Servants
here to watch most Vigilantly over every motion
of the Nabob, Carefully to preserve the Strength
of the Country in their own hands, and at all
Events to persist on that plan with unremitting
Firmness — Considering the advanced age of the
Nabob, and other Circumstances it is probable
that he would have continued at least to o"
acquiesce in the System of the Company for the
rest of his life, if he had not been misguided
by the Councils and Influence of his Second
Son Ameer Ul Omrah whose Ambition and
whose views upon the Succession of his father
to the Destruction of his Elder brother have
been the real Source of many of the miseries
and distructions of this Settlement for Several

years

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years past —

There is no man in the least acquainted with the Politics of the Durbar but knows that the Moment the assignments were relinquished to them, That system would be adopted by the Durbar which by the letter of the 24th December 1765 the Company was determined to oppose and prevent The revenues instead of being applied to their Purposes towards the reimbursements of the Immense expences of the War — the discharge of a heavy Private Debt and the reestablishment of the Prosperity of the Country would be Employed in levying Troops — in mischeivous Intrigues, and in preparations for Shaking off entirely all dependence upon the Company —

These Circumstance are well worthy your attention, They engage a Considerable share of Ours, and as we are persuaded that you Cannot but think it to be our duty to take such Steps as may appear to us, requisite for the safety and welfare of the Company, by employing all proper Methods to discourage the further levying Troops in this Neighbourhood, which are to be (independently of the Company's Authority) under the Command of Ameer Ul Omrah the Nabob's Second Son whose disaffection and malignity

circumstances

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malignity to our Government are so well known
so we flatter Ourselves that we shall receive
from your Government the most effectual Co.
Countenance and Support

We have the honor to be &c.

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(Signed)

The President lays before the Committee a Letter
from Majr Sydenham to Major Campbell of His Majestys
98 Regiment

To Major Campbell

Commanding His Majestys 98th Regiment

Sir I have mentioned to Lord Macartney you wish to have
his Instructions before your Departure & he has in answer
desired me to acquaint you that he has nothing particular
to mention — you will of Course inform Col. Fullarton
without loss of time of your Arrival at Vizagapatam, and
his Lordship begs you will do the same to Mr Sulivan —
Resident at Tanjore — It is probable you will find him at
Negapatam — Please forward your Letter to Col Fullarton
and until you receive his orders you will act in the
manner most for the good of the Service and in Concert with
Mr Sulivan, who will be able to give you every Information
and Assistance you can want — Lord Macartney wishes you
a very good voyage in which he is joined by

Yours &c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham

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Diary

Received the following Letters from

Mr Ogilvie Paymaster of Vellore as entered in Miscellany

Book N°00) advising of his having forwarded the

Indent which had been required by the Right Honble the

President —

From the Paymaster of Chingleput

as entered in Miscellany Book (N°3 N) the

former enclosing a Monthly return of Stores for November

and the latter requesting permission to come to the

Presidency — Dispatch the following Letters to

Mr Chase appointing him French Translator &

to the Paymaster of Chingleput, granting him leave

to Proceed to the Presidency — both Entered in

Miscellany Book (N° 3 N°)

Received Letter from Lieutenant

Colonel Strambenzee as entered in Miscellany Book

N°00) requesting permission for Captain Howse

of the 52d Regiment to return to Europe and &c

enclosing the Surgeons Certificate of his ill &c

Health — —

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At a Select Committee Present —

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. President

Alexander Davidson

Lieutenant General Ross Lang

Anthony Sadleir & Allan Cameron

William Equires absent on Service

Members of Said Committee

Read and approved —

Read a Letter from Colonel Turner Strachey commanding at Bonamallee of the 27th Instant together with the Answer to it of the 29th both Entered on the Proceedings of the 28th December —

Read also the following Letter from Colonel Turner Strachey Commanding at Bonamallee,

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

My Lord and Sir

I beg leave to lay before you for your perusal a Letter which I received late last night from Major General Sir Eyre Coote — a Copy of a Letter which I received late last night from Major General Sir Eyre Coote — and as he is pleased to be so Obliging to inform me if there is any alteration in your Orders, if not I shall inform Sir Eyre Coote of my determination to obey them as speedily I have the honour to be &c

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Strachey

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Sirs

I have received ayour Letter and must be
free to acknowledge I think ayour application to
the Select Committee very improper so long as you
acknowledge me his Majestys Commander in
Chief — I shall repeat my orders for ayou and the
Captains of ayour regiment to sit as Members of
a General Court Martial on Friday next in c.
consequence of the Powers I am vested with, by act
of Parliament as Commander in Chief of his
Majestys forces India for the time being and
if you or they do not attend I shall be under
the disagreeable necessity of Taking those steps which
my duty obliges me to taking however your own
good sense and Experience of the Service will not
suffer ayou to be misled by the erroneous opinions
of those who are not half the Judge you are
yourself —

I am Sirs
ayours &c.

(Signed) John Burgoyne M. G. &
Commander in Chief of his
Majestys Forces in India
for the time being

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The Committee having taken into their
Serious consideration the Conduct of Sir John
Burgoyne on this occasion, and also upon Others
look upon it as their bounden Duty to the State, and

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to the Company, to know not by every Authority
vested in them, as the Supreme Power of this
Presidency, the Mischiefs and fatal Consequences
that would follow, if Sir John Burgoyne were
not immediately disqualified from a repetition
of it, — they have resolved, and it is resolved to be
necessary for the Public Service that Sir
John Burgoyne be put under arrest & that
delay, and that the following General order be
issued —

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G. O.

The Right Honble the President and
Select Committee having thought it absolutely necessary
for the Good of the Service to order Major General Sir
John Burgoyne Baronet into arrest, Major General
Allan Campbell the Senior Officer on this Establishment
Service who is now Employed on this Coast consequently
takes the Command of the Kings forces

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

The Secretary having been directed
to prepare a proper Draft of a Letter to Sir John
Burgoyne, informing him of the Sentiments and
resolution of the Committee, this now read, as
follows —

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To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

Sir, I am direct by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to inform you that whatever conjectures & Suppositions may be formed they can have no influence whatsoever on their Conduct which will ever be guided by moderation Consistency and the Public good —

The whole Tenor of your proceedings since their General Order of the 17th of September had appeared to them so extraordinary, that they did not think it prudent after that time to give their Sanction to any Military Authority which you might think fit to assume, — As long as it did no real mischief and the Public Service was not materially impeded, they declined taking notice of it, but now, Sir, it becomes absolutely unavoidable — it is their duty to provide for the Safety of the Common Weal, and to prevent it from suffering any detriment

They therefore cannot permit that you should assume and exercise a Power of Calling away at your Pleasure, without the Consent of Government such Officers as have been specially entrusted by it with Commands —

If

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If the Shadow of Such an Authority in you or any other Officer were allowed, the Company would be deprived of the Benefit of His Majestys Troops, which were sent out hither for their Service, at an immense Expence, and might suffer the most serious enquiry where Assistance was expected

Under These impressions, Sir, the peremptory repetition of your orders to Colonel Braithwaite, to whom this Government had confided the Charge of the Fort and Garrison of Pennamalle — to attend upon other duty as Signified in Your Letter to him of the 29th Instant — all the you were acquainted with the Committee's Instruction to him, — is considered by them to be such a Violation of Public duty, — such a Subversion of all Discipline, good order, and subordinacy — as if not immediately obviated, would create infinite Anarchy in the Service, and prove of fatal consequence to the British Empire in India — It is unnecessary for the Committee to call to your mind the other parts of your Conduct particularly on the 9th of Sept last — when you left the Army in the night without leave — On very maturely considering every

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every circumstance before them they find themselves obliged to order you into Arrest, and have directed me to give you this particular information of it — From the whole of their depart-
ment to you, Sir you Cannot but observe that it is not without great reluctance they now perform this part of their Duty — When On the 20th of September after your quitting the Army without leave as abovementioned you wrote to the Governor that you were ready to Surrender yourself — the answer was conceived in the Spirit of the utmost moderation, and assured you, that there was not any intention of Calling upon you to give an account of your Conduct here, or to lay any restraint upon your person, unless some future act committed by you, should force them to adopt a measure, which would be so painful to them —

I am directed by the Committee to assure you, Sir, that by the measure which you have now forced them to adopt, it is not meant that you should suffer any present Inconvenience or Personal hardships

By order of the Right Honble the President & Select Committee

(Signed) Wm G. Wadey
Acting Secretary

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Ordered that the above Letter be
Copied four and sent to Sir Johan Burgoyne.

Ordered likewise that an Extract
from the Minutes of this Committee be published
in the General orders of this day.

Read Letter (as entered in the
Miscellany Book N°°) from Colonel T.
Pearse Commanding the Cantonment at
Trevatore enclosing a Copy of the General orders
issued by Sir Johan Burgoyne, for the T.
assembling of a General Court Martial.

Read Letter from the Honble
Mr Cockrane (as entered in the Miscellany
Book N°°) enclosing a paper of Intelligence
purporting that in consequence of the intention of
the Marattas of Marching against Serangapatam
Tippoo had ordered Cazeem Saib to proceed to Gutty
but on matters being accomodated he was ordered
to return which he refused to do, — that he
marched with 12000 horse and joined a Nabob
who commanded at Shanoor and who had likewise
disagreed with Tippoo Saib that in Consequence
of these Circumstances there are now high
disputes between Tippoo & Cazeem Saib and
that Two other Commanders in the Service
of Tippoo had likewise left him in disgust —

Ordered that a Copy of the above
Intelligence be immediately forwarded to the T.
Commissioners. —

Read —

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Read the following Letter from

Mr Benfield Paymaster at Permacoil &c

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. Select Committee of

Fort St. George

My Lord and Gentlemen

On the 16th Instant, conformable to your Special injunctions, I was moved from Pondicherry and returned to Permacoil, very much indisposed indeed on the 17th I presented to your Lordship &c. the melancholy and distressful situation I was in there, afterwards about eight O'clock in the evening, Capt Dawes at Permacoil sent to my Tent your Commands of the 18th just then received, and in consequence, on the 18th I was brought back to Pondicherry, where I have been extreamly ill ever since, and the Gentlemen of the Faculty have have again put me under a course of Medicine I lament, indeed, My Lord and Gentlemen, that I am deprived of the benefit of the Physical knowledge of Mr Anderson and the Gentlemen of Madras, that have attended me for near Twenty years, and of Course are acquainted with my Constitution under Such circumstances, I had nothing left me, but to take the best

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last advice I could pick up, without the Limits of your
resolutions, I have no predilection, I assure you,
for foreign Physical assistance, nor could I have
submitted to it, but in the last case of necessity —
I have the Honor of your Letter
through your Secretary, of the 20th Instant I will
hope for your Indulgence while I intreat and
implore Commission of your Lordship &c., who
alone have power to grant it, for to endeavour
to restore a very reduced and impaired Constitution,
almost in the last stage of illness certified to
you by all the Physical Gentlemen that have
seen me, and if I were before you, certainly
my situation must excite your Sensibility
and Compassion I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Paul Benfield

Pondicherry
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The committee having already on
their Letter of the 13th Instant given Mr Benfield
Leave to remain at Pondicherry as he desired — its
unnecessary to take any further notice of the
above Letter, than to observe that the whole
Correspondence seems calculated merely for the
reads, in Order to impose upon the ignorant
by professions of Zeal &c &c for the Service,
and to impress Strangers and Persons at
a distance with an idea that he has been
kindly —

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hardly treated than which nothing can be more false as must appear to any person in the least conversant in our records or acquainted with this settlement

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Keating

To the Right Honble the President and Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

Indisposition having prevented me proceeding to Bengall agreeable to the Liberty obtained from your Honors in September Last — but now being pretty well Recovered and hearing that I have the Honor of being promoted to a Lieutenant Colonel make me anxious of returning to the Presidency

Flattering myself with hopes of being Employed but as the Roads by land are not Safe, and impossible to proceed by sea at this time of the years, — I have only to assure you My Lord and Gentlemen that I am always Ready and anxious to be employed, I hope in which I have the Honor to Remain with the utmost Respect

My Lord and Gentlemen
your most Obedient and
very humble Servant
(Signed) W Keating

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As Lieutenant Colonel Keating by the Capitulation for Amboor is a Prisoner upon Parole, and under the engagements not to serve during the remainder of War — with Hyder ally — The Committee do not Conceive they can with Propriety as yet avail themselves of his Service —

Read the following Letter from Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney Knt. &c.

President and Governor & Select Committee

My Lord and Gentlemen

As I am fully convinced both from your Lordships own declaration to me, as well as the subsequent acts of the Select Committee particularly that of refusing leave to Colonel Stranbenzee and Captains of the 52 Regiment to attend the General Court Martial I have ordered to assemble) that neither your Lordships nor the Select Committee would Such any Court Martial should be convened by any Authority Vested with Ample powers for so doing both by act of Parliament and his Majestys Warrants, directed to Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, or Officer Commanding His Troops for the time being in India, yet should the Select Committee think proper to favor their orders to me not to convene the Said General Court Martial, I am ready to obey

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but if not, I cannot consistent with the Duty I owe to the Station I am now in, my allegiance to the King and Obedience to the Laws of My Country, refuse calling together a General Court Martial for the purpose of trying The Right Honble Lord William Murray whom the Eldest Captain of the 73 Regiment insists on prosecuting for behaving unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman during his Command of that Regiment and likewise for doing Injustice to two Soldiers of His Majesty 98th Regiment who have appeald from a Regimental to a General Court Martial, I likewise at the same time think it my Duty to inform you that if the Select Committee directly or indirectly prevents the assembling of a General Court Martial which I am thus publickly called upon to convene, that I shall be under the disagreeable necessity of making a Legal Protest before a Notary Public of the illegality of such Proceedings, of making it known that all Military discipline is at an End and that His Majestys Troops being deprived of Legal redress no possibility Exists of maintaining good order, so that I shall neither my self be responsible, nor can Expect the Officers under me to be so, for any Crimes or misdemeanors the Soldiers of His Majestys Troops may Commit your Lordship and the Select Committee will therefore be answerable for all the Confusion that may Ensue from a Lawless Soldiery

I am Sir Yours &c

(Signd) John Burgoyne M.G. &c

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Ordered to lie on the Table —

Mr. John Thomson having applied for Bills on Bengal for the reimbursement of the repairs of the Portlande Packet as entered on the Minutes of the 20th November Consequently to Pagodas 2622. 24. 20 ordered that Bills be granted him at the Company's Exchange — the Amount to be carried to the Head of Portlande Packet —

Ordered that an advance of twenty Thousand Star Pagodas be immediately made on Bills on Bengal at 375 Arkd Rupees to the Bullocks Masalchies in Camp on Account in favor of Mr. Thomas Welch or order and that in future an advance of ten Thousand Star Pagodas be regularly made the 1st of every month on the same account till further order on Bengal at 375 Arkd Rupees in favor of Mr Thomas Welch —