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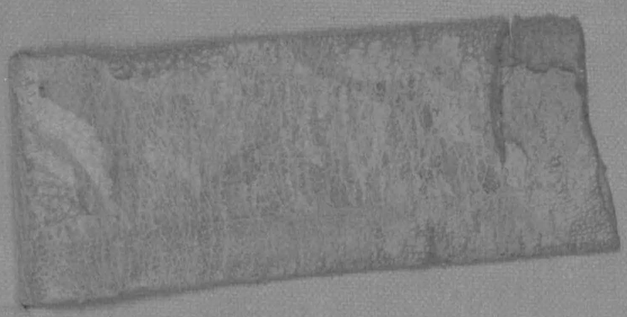

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as the Rabob had desired a definitive treaty of Peace might be made and signed, the Gov.r General and Supreme Council must wait to know what were the wishes and proposals of Tippoo on this head, and the Comm.rs were empowered to treat, but not conclude a definitive treaty.

I have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen &c.a
signed Norman M.c Leod
Brig.r Gen.l Lt.t Col.o

Cananore
9th Jany 1784

Read also the following Letter from the President and Select Committee at Bombay.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Ports of Onore, and Mangalore were victualled by Gun.t Pr.ce Lord on the 28th Ult.o without having occasion to force

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to procure Letters for the Relief of the Army.

The General's Dispatches receiv'd, that the Ships of War and Troops from Tellicherry and the Armament from Bombay, arrived Precisely at the appointed Station off Mangalore the 20th, when General Mr Lead sent on Shore the President's two Letters to the Rabob. Several Letters passed between the General and the Rabob, in a Style far from promising an amicable Issue, the Ships and Troops were preparing for an attack of the Fort had on the several Signals of distress, when the Rabob thought fit thro the intervention of Franc. Pinteau de Mudat, the French Envoy on his Camp, to make more Reasonable Proposals, and after some Negotiation it was finally settled on the 28th that a Months Stock of provisions should be admitted into the Forts of Onore, and Mangalore, and the Ships of Troops be withdrawn to Tellicherry, and the same Quantity at the expiration of every succeeding 9 Month till Peace was concluded & the Place delivered up to the Rabob.

The Arrival of Y. Commissioners on Mess.rs Sadleir and Staunton, on Approach Camp

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Camp in the Carnatic was objected to, and
Disliked both by the Rajah and Monsr Pimorin
de Morlat, and was mentioned as a
Circumstance indicating a certainty of
Peace, We regret very much not having
any Information or Instructions from
the Govr General and Council, regarding
the Mode in which the Negotiation
with Tippoo Saib is to be conducted,
or what Powers they may have vested
or may intend to vest for carrying it
on: but as the Contents of this Precedency,
to be provided for in the Treaty are of a
very important Nature, and can with
most advantage be explained and adjusted
by Agents, specially deputed and instructed
by this Government, and as one of the
that the Appointment of Commissioners on the
part of this Presidency, may conduce materially
towards obtaining the Admission of Inhabitants
into Mangalore, and Trade, according to
the late Agreement, without the extreme
and hazardous Consequences of again
bringing the Ships and Troops before
the

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before the Place, and may on other Accounts have a good Effect on the Rahobs Conduct, by convincing him of our disposition for Peace, we have determined on this Measure and have accordingly appointed Mr Alexander Callander a Member of Council, and Mr Edward Ravenscroft, late Secretary to this Committee, Our Commissioners, to treat and settle with the Rahob Pyppoo Sahib regarding the immediate Interests of this Presidency to be provided for in the Treaty, but to make their Acts and Engagements subject to the Ratification of the Governor General and Council.

Should it appear that the Govr Genl & Council, Should have delegated their powers to Mssrs Sadlier and Staunton, or to any other persons to settle a General accommodation, Mssrs Callander and Ravenscroft will have instructions to conform to their superior powers

If Mssrs Sadlier and Staunton shall continue to act under the single Authority of your Government the Bombay Commissioners will proceed to treat and settle with the Rahob regarding

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regarding the immediate intents of this Presidency, acting in Concert as far as may be necessary with them.

We shall shortly be necessitated to introduce a further Supply of Provisions into Onore and Mangalore, and it is incumbent on us to do our utmost for the Preservation of those Forts and their valuable Garisons, until we are at a certainty about the Peace, We shall instruct Messrs Callander and Thackeray to demand from the Nabob as a Preliminary, that he do immediately admit supplies fully equal to his late Stipulations with General Mr. Lead-

Judging the Countenance and Appearance of her Majesty's Ships, highly necessary on the Coast so long as their situation of Affairs with the Nabob is in many Shape doubtful, we have made a Requisition accordingly to the Admiral for their Services, and we propose that our Commissioners shall proceed with the Ships of War, which will give weight and effect to their Preliminary Demand, or be in readiness to afford their Assistance, should any Change of Circumstances render

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more vigorous Measures necessary for the preservation of Bangalore.

If the Nabob shall refuse to admit the supplies on breach of his Engagements with Gen.l Mr. Lead and Mess.rs Callander and Shavenscroft shall find that Mess.rs Sadleir and Staunton have not advanced from Vellore, and that no progress is made in the Negotiation or other sufficient reason shall appear to call in question the Sincerity of the Nabobs profession, the situation of our Garrisons will admit of no delay in taking Measures for their preservation We shall therefore instruct and authorize Gen.l Mr. Lead on receipt of such information from our Commissioners to bring the Troops again before Bangalore, if to take Measures on the same principle, as under his former Instructions for introducing a supply of provisions according to the late Compact.

Neither the Season nor our Circumstances will long permit Your continuing this Mode of Drawing on Monthly Supplies, and if peace is not settled, nor on a proper Train by the Month of March We could

&c

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be absolutely necessary to come to some final determination respecting the State of Bruce and Mangalore and their excellent Garrisons, This must be either to withdraw them, or to throw in by Force them Reinforcements and Supplies of Stores & Provisions equal to all probable Exigencies.

We mention these Matters as points necessary for us to consider, and provide for, tho' we trust not likely to occur.

We have certain Accounts of Col. Fullarton having taken the Post of Palliacherry the 13th Ulto. and that he afterwards intended to move both his Corps to receive some Stores and Supplies he was in want of. We trust however, that before from you on the Letter from the Governor of the 24th Ulto, we shall have an Opportunity to prevent his putting this Design into Execution. It is remarkable that at the Reduction of Pallacatcherry at the time of his late Correspondence with Genl Abercrombie he made no Complaint and took no Notice

of

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of Notice of this Circumstance

General Mc Leod on collecting a force for the Relief of Mangalore drew a party of Sepoys from the Garrison of Tanjore, and having ordered them to join the troops at Tellicherry, the Boats on which they were embarked were driven on Shore near Cannanore by the late bad Weather, and about 200 Sepoys were seized and made Prisoners by the Bibbey. Their Release being refused, the demanded by Genl Mc Leod and the Rest at Tellicherry. The Genl after his Return from relieving Mangalore, acquainted us, he was preparing to punish her, and we learn from the Commanders of his Majestys Ship Crocodile, just imported here, that the Fort was taken by Storm the 14th Inst with some Loss on our side, but have not yet received any regular Accounts to enable us to form our Judgment regarding the Measure itself or its probable Consequences

We have the Honor to remain

Bombay Castle
the 26th Dec. 1784.

&c. Dispatches of the 4th inst. by the Crocodile
We have the Honor to be &c.

W. Hodges
P. Gambier

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The following Draft of Letters to the Governor General & Council, and to Majr. General Maitland being now read and approved, are ordered to be copied fair and immediately dispatched

To the Honble the Govr. General & Council of Bengal

Gentlemen:

We have the honor of addressing you on the 11th Inst. since which time we have received no intelligence from our deputies, either by the latest Accounts the 2nd Inst. were at Malikary, not far distant from Seringapatnam.

It was agreed by Vizpore Vackeels before the departure of the deputies, that there should be communications between the latter and the Jewal persons with whom they might have occasion to correspond, should be free and unrestrained, in order to enable them to effectuate the purposes of their Mission.

Two Letters from home to the Deputies have been regularly received by our Vackeel Peara at Seringapatam, and delivered by him to Vizpore to be forwarded, that

To Bengal inform that the communication with the Comr. is stopt requiring their aid in case of a renewal of Hostilities . . .

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letter giving his Receipt regularly, but of late
none have come from the deputies to his hands
as before. there is therefore every reason to
conclude, that either the deputies are under
restraint, or their Letters purposely detained
by Tippoo's Orders.

We have written to Bombay, to
Col Fullarton and General Macleod at
Tellichery to acquaint them with these
Circumstances, and our Suspicions, and
we have the honor to enclose to you copies
of our Letters, as you will observe it is
possible, tho' we hope not, that we shall be
obliged to renew Hostilities with Tippoo.

We most earnestly call upon
you for the strongest exertions of your
Government in supplying us as far as may
be in y.r power with pecuniary resources for
enabling us to act with the utmost Vigour &
effect. for if Tippoo Sultaun shall be
found to have dealt with that duplicity and
Treachery which we suspect, we can have
no Confidence in his Public faith or any Means of
Security but in his Destruction. We are &c

Macartney. Sidney Cowell

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P. S.

We enclose you a Copy of Gen.l Brackes Letter of the 27th December, giving an Account of the taking of Cannanore and some other particulars on the Malabar Coast.

Borne

To Brigadier General Mathews

at Tellicherry

Sir

We have received the favor of y.r Letters of the 6th & 9th Inst.t with the Several Enclosures

To Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote with Observations, to his Let.r of the 6th Jan.y concerning the Seizure of Ships

The Information you have given, respecting y.r Proceedings on the Malabar Coast is very Satisfactory

Your Conduct on the Reduction of Mangalore, & in asserting the insult offered by the Seizure of y.r People who were wrecked at Cannanore does you great Credit and merits our Approbation

For regard to the Observations which you have made on the Subject of Seizure need not mention to you, that it is our earnest Desire to attain it, upon such Terms only as our Employers and the Gov.t General of

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Council of Bengal deem safe, and consistent, with
the pressing exigencies, to which the Company is
reduced by this long and burthensome War.

From the Character which you
have given us of Tippoo, upon a closer Observation
than we have had any Opportunity of making of
from the Circumstances that have happened
Since our Commissioners have been employed
to treat with him, we are inclined to think
that your Judgement of him is not ill-founded
but we must totally disagree with you in
thinking our Commissioners were imprudent in
giving the essential Instructions which they did,
to Col Fullarton, under the Circumstances in
which those Instructions were given; Upon
the whole we think it necessary to observe to you,
that tho' the Company's Situation does entirely
demands immediate Peace, if it can be effected
on the Terms which the Governor & Council of Bengal have approved, and
authorized, we have by every Description to
promote a vigorous prosecution of the War, as far
as our Means will permit, on Case Tippoo
shall not be found sincere in his professions
for Peace.

By

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By what you mention in the latter part of your Letter, we see you are not acquainted with the powers which the Government of Bengal had given us to conclude a Treaty with Tippoo Sultaun. The Papers which you inclosed to us, viz the Translation of Mahajee Scindia's Letter to Tippoo, of the 21st Oct.r last, and also the Translation of a new Treaty between the Company and the Marattas dated 23 Oct.r 1783. We had already received from Bengal on the middle of December, together with many others of importance, and transmitted Copies in Consequence to Bombay & Tellicherry. We presume you have long since seen them as we directed the Chief of Tellicherry to open our Packets to you & Bombay & to communicate the contents to you for your information and Guidance.

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2d January 1784

We remain
your Affectionate Friends

The Grey hound Packet being arrived in these Roads in a very shattered Condition from the Rendezvous to which she was appointed on the Fourth of last by the Select Com.e on the West Coast, &

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is agreed that she leave the Bombay Coast with all expedition and that the Commander (Capt Anderson) be directed to return hither without Delay

Read the following Letter from Col Fullarton. —

To the R.t Honble Geo Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Gov.r &c &c &c Select Com.e

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From Col Fullarton advising of the Arrangements of his Army requesting the Sentiments of the Com.e respecting the Distribution of the Troops to be employed forward to Coimbatore .....

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I had the honor of addressing your Lordships and the Honble Board on the 28 Ult.o from Trichinopoly, and of enclosing Copies of Letters to me from the Presidency at Bombay and from the Commissioners together with Copies of any Answers to them.

As I have not yet received Instructions from your Lordships and the Board nor from Brig.r Gen.l Stuart or Sadleir respecting the distribution of the Troops now returned within the English Lines, I have had made the following disposition of them until your pleasure shall be known. Col Stuart with the 42d & 98th Regiments & 3 Battalions of the 2nd Brigade together with the Field Pieces

proceed

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proceeds towards Pulicat only by Carcoon and will consult with Mr Sullivan on the most convenient Position for that Force. Col Stuart with the 102nd Regt. the 4th Brigade of S Sepoy Corps, and a Battalion of Sepoy Grenadiers, will remain on the Districts of Dwaparam and Dindigul, until you shall be pleased to inform me whether the first of these Stations is to be considered as a Reinforcement of the English, previous to the 26th of July last.

The Hanoverians and Bradas Lumbreans, The 3rd Brigade of 3 Sepoy Corps, and the Cavalry, will proceed towards Pondicherry or Tripovanam by Wadura under my immediate Command, and will be joined by the 6th Regt. Infantry the 1st and 9th Batt. on their Return from the Westward, where they are detained a few days after the Army in order to escort some Stores &c. that I shall have been under a necessity of ordering from Trichinopoly the 6th Batt. will Garrison Dindigul, where I have directed the battering Guns and Stores of the Army to be deposited

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I have chosen the Station of Tripovanum and Vellore in preference to any other for the present, because it is a plentiful and healthy Country for the Troops. Within four Marches of Dindigulle in Case it should be found necessary to reassemble the Army, and at the same time enables me to give every Assistance and Support to Col.o Irwin, on the Tinnivelly Countries, which it borders, and invite effectually preserve the Peace and Tranquility of Madura, Shevagunga, Ramnad, and all the Polygars and Colleries dependents on those Provinces.

6. P. M. Lt. Swartz left me on the 1st near Combatore, on his way to Seringapatam thought it necessary to send a Jemadars party of horse & some Sepoys to attend him; The Troops have carried their Provisions on their Backs from Palacautcherry to this Place, & have only to remaining to subsist them as far as Madura being nearly 200 Miles. I mention this Circumstance to my Lord & Gentlemen as a Proof of the willing Spirit of y.r Sepoys in this Quarter who have borne all the

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their hardships with alacrity seldom equalled,
and never surpassed.

Camp. Dindigulk.
6th January 1786

I have the honor to be &c

Will. Fullarton.

Minute thereon

Resolved that Col Fullarton
be directed to Proceed with Troops on this Service
to collect his Troops & to take such a Position
as will enable him at a Moments warning
to act with Vigor & Effect.

Read the following Letter
from the Commander in Chief.

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

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Minute thereon

From Gen Lang informing
of the Army having moved
out of Cantonments.

My Lord & Gentlemen.

I have the honor to inform
you, that the Army moved out of Cantonments
this Morning and are now encamped near
this Mount.

Camp near St
Thomas's Mount
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I have the honor to be &c
signed Rob Lang

Agreed that the Army do
take the Field without delay, and the
Commander in Chief is accordingly requested
to make his Arrangements and to give

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the necessary Orders in Consequence.

It is likewise agreed that his Majestys 33.d Reg.t of Dragoons be cantoned at Ft St Thomé, and that Major General Ogle be appointed to that Command; the Camp Followers in the pay of the Company and the Camp Equipage belonging to the 33.d Reg.t, must be ordered to be immediately delivered over to the G.l Br.s General, together with all the Horses exceeding the Number of the effectives of that Regiment. The 18 Carnatic Batt.n to be directed immediately to join the Army encamped at the Mount.

Read the following Letter

from Major General Ogle

To the Rt Honble Geo.e Lord Macartney. &c &c &c

President & Governor &c. &c. &c. Council at

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Genl Ogle complaining of the Enemies hostile conduct towards his Troops. —

The Enemy all Yesterday Morning passed in a very hostile Manner thro the Cantonment I have the Honor to command, without giving me any Notice of his intention I considered it such an Insult to his Majesty's

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Majesty and the Company's Troops stationed here, that I immediately issued the enclosed Order, with a Determination to prevent his coming in that Manner for the future, But being unacquainted with the Customs of the Country and with the Liberties allowed by Courtesy to the Consuls, as a Son of the Nabob, & as Commander in Chief of the Forces, I thought it proper to delay issuing it, till I should receive the instructions of the Lords of the Committee of Secrecy which I request you will be pleased to transmit home.

I have the Honor to be &c

Wm Ogle
D. M. General

Marmalon
22 Jany 1784.

Marmalon Cantonment
21st January 1784.

Cantonment after Orders.

As Major General Ogle understands that the Amour ul Omrah passed this Morning in a very hostile Manner, with Drums beating, and Colors flying, through the Cantonment he has the honor to Command, without acquainting him as commanding Officer with his intentions

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Intentions. Major General Oyle orders that the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons, and the 18th Carnatic Battalion, do parade under Arms at five o'clock tomorrow Morning, to wait the Generals further orders.

The President is requested to write a Letter to the Nabob, to desire that whenever any of his Highness Troops shall in future have occasion to pass near any Cantonment of the Company, that he will be pleased to give Notice to the commanding Officer, to prevent any Inconvenience that might possibly arise from the Appearance of an Armed Force, without such previous notification

Minute thereon

It is agreed that a Letter be also written to Major General Oyle acquainting him with the above Resolution which the Committee hope will render unnecessary the Order which the General proposed to issue

Read the following Letter from several Lieutenants on the Infantry Establishment

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

Sam.l Lt Infantry
Lieut.s setting forth
the hardship of their
being superseded by
their Juniors in the
Corps of Engineers

My Lord & Gentlemen,

It is with reluctance we are prevailed upon to intrude upon you with an address, however as we are so materially interested in the subject of it, we doubt not but on consideration thereof you will be disposed to grant some extraordinary.

We are given to understand that as Major Johnston of the Corps of Engineers has lately sent in his resignation, it is ordered that Captain Banks shall succeed to the vacant Majority, and that Lieut Wiggins is to be promoted to the Rank of Captain on his Room.

promoted

We humbly beg Leave to observe, that the regular Establishment of Engineers never consisted of more than one Lieut Colonel, one Major, Three Captains, and four Subalterns, a proportion of Rank that has ever secured to them a superiority of promotion compared with the other Corps

and

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and notwithstanding the Honble Court of Directors have thought proper to send out two supernumerary Captains of Engineers, on a supposition that casualties might happen in the Course of the War, and likewise from the wish of keeping the Corps complete, yet we can never suppose they meant that their Establishment should be permanently affected by it, because have it been their intention to augment the Establishment of Engineers, would they not have added to all the different Grades, field Officers as well as Subalterns, and thereby in some degree have preserved that equality of promotion which has ever appeared to be the leading principle of their Service, would they not have perceived that by establishing the uncommon proportion of five Captains to four Subalterns, the attainment of the former Rank would move so rapid, as to be productive of the most sudden and extraordinary supercessions over the other Corps, equal at least to that which we have Reason to apprehend at present, and which has at length induced us respectfully to make this Application

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Indeed to ascertain precisely the intention of the Court of Directors in the above respect, we have only to call to your Remembrance the recent Instance of their having appointed Captain Geils a Major of Engineers, over and above the Establishment already mentioned, with this Observation, that being in Course considered as supernumerary his Designation occasioned no Vacancy or promotion in the Corps —

You Lordship &c will permit us humbly to repeat, that if contrary to our expectation the proportion above noticed is suffered to remain upon the Establishment of Engineers, Lieut Wiggins who seems entertained an Idea of retiring into the Service till after we have thoroughly tried us it for the very considerable period of seven Years must now actually supersede us. We need not expatiate on what our Feelings must be oppressed with, by a Supersession even of the severest Nature, but when it thus suddenly and unexpectedly falls upon us, at the Moment that from the Vicinity of our promotion we had every prospect

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with deference repeat that under such Circumstance
and at such a Period, superseasion must
come loaded with much additional Weight &
and Aggravation.

We trust therefore that on
the worst Event, your Lordships &c will not
be averse to adopt some expedient that without
Inconvenience to the Service, or injustice to the
Individual, may operate as a remedy for the
impending Evil.

From the Accounts we have
uniformly received, there is Ground to believe
that many Vacancies have happened among
the Prisoners which had they been regularly
reported, would have included us in the promotion
when the Rank of Captain Lieutenant was
added to the Infantry Establishment. Should
this prove hereafter to be really the Case, we
are in the last Resource earnestly to entreat
that our next Commissions may bear the Date of
such Vacancies respectively. so as to obviate the
Sufferings we must unavoidably be subjected to
by any promotion that may be now ordered
to take place in the Corps of Engineers. Besides
we are confident that Your Lordships &c &c

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&c.a be pleased to direct, that the Infantry Last should be inspected and reported accordingly, some Characters would appear, who from long Term of Service, or natural Infirmity, might justly be deemed incapable of undergoing the fatigues of the Field, and consequently fit only for Garrison Duties —

We have the Honor to be with the greatest Respect, My Lord & Gentlemen, &c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
19th Jany 1784

signed { James Mitchell Lt. Colonel
B. Close Lieut
Chas. Smart, Lieut
Henry Darby Lieut
G. Otto Lieut }

Ordered to remain for Consideration

Read the following Ltr

From Coll. Floyd

To the Right Honble. Geo
Pres.t & Gov.r &.a

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My Lord & Gentlemen.

Having applied to one purpose
from Coll. Floyd
Regt. & Assignment
of the Batta

for the Assignment of my Batta along with the

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rest of the Regiment I have the honor to command
successively to the Commissary, to Major Gen.l
Oyle commanding in this Cantonment,
and to Major Gen.l Campbell at present
commanding his Majestys Forces in India
I am at length informed by the Letter that
the Right Honble the President told him, "that
"was an Order of Government, I should receive
none." —"

I dare say my Lord
& Gentlemen, you will think I ought to
inform me for what Reason I am to suffer
this Breach of Sys.r Discipline, and the stoppage
of so considerable a Portion of my pay —
This is what I have now to request of you.
That you dont touch me, I dont
help; but I protest I am not conscious of any
Act but what is conformable to my Duty,
in the Station it has pleased his Majesty
to place Me, or of any design but that of
rendering all the Service in my Power to the
East India Company, which I shall continue to
think myself bound to do, whether you think
proper to pay me or not.

I am &c.
sgnd F. Fitzgerald
Col. in India

Pramalon
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Agreed that a Letter be written to Col Floyd, to inform him that as he thought proper to withdraw himself from the Army on the 19th Sept.r last. without any permission either from this Government or the Commander in Chief; and as the Com.e have never received any official intimation that Col Floyd had returned to his Duty &c. of which they were perfectly ignorant, till they understood by a Letter from the Commissary with the Army, that he had assumed the Command of the 2d Batt.n of Dragoons. The Committee conceive themselves released from many Obligations on the part of the East India Company towards Col.l Floyd, and they cannot therefore consent to his receiving any Batta since the 19th Sept.r last

Minute thereon

The Committee cannot avoid taking notice of the Expression in Col Floyds Letter, "that he imagined the Committee disliked him &c." and they think it incumbent on them here to declare, that as they have never entertained any partiality or prejudice (any)

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whatever to operate upon their public Conduct
to shew their fixed determination always
most rigidly to adhere to the same principles

Read the following Ltr
from Major Short.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen;

From Major Short
requesting to be
sent on service.

I have the honor to receive
y.r Answer to my address of the 7th Inst.
through your Secretary.

My Health being now
established, I have the pleasure to offer myself
a Volunteer for any Service you are pleased
to order me on; and flatter myself to have
sufficient abilities to undertake and
execute y.r Commands to y.r Satisfaction.

There being precedents in
the Services of Officers &c being put on the
Invalid List for want of health. Yet after they
reported themselves fit for any duty, they
were admitted to their Standing in the
Service, One Instance of which I beg
Leave to quote, in the late Major Col.

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Colgrave, who was put on the Invalid
List, I believe of more than once yet was
restored to his Rank, on reporting himself
for duty, this Circumstance may Lord
& Gentlemen, I flatter myself will have
sufficient weight in your Breasts to
restore me to my Colors, and to my Duty
the aforesaid Gentlemen of my Steady
Endeavours to merit this indulgence
I have the honor to be with great Respect
My Lord & Gentlemen &c
signed Jam! Short M.D.

Fort St George
26th
January 1785

The Committee
Resume any answer to the above Letter
& Minute thereon Instantly communicate, as the Secretary on
his Letter to Major Short of the 24th Inst
has already replied to its Contents

Read the following Report
from Dr Jackson upon the Accounts of the
Surgeon Major & those of the Surgeons
Surgeons with the Army —

To the Right Honble Gen! Lord Macartney K.B.
&c &c &c Fort St George

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My Lord & Gentlemen:

I have duly received Mr Secretary Wayne's Letter dated the 19th Inst with sundry Accounts, delivered by the Surgeons belonging to the Army, for Hospital Charges and the Sums carried to the credit of the Honble Company for Rice, agree with my Books, excepting under the Head of Surgeon Major, & Field Assistants which ought to amount to Dollars 94, 350 Dr. or Pagodas 2096. 29. 2k. instead of the Sum credited and which must be deducted from Mr Davies Charges. he having the Direction of all the Field Hospitals.

From Mr Jackson with Enclosure to Dr. Davis concerning the Hospital charges.

Your Lordship &c having been pleased to direct me to give an Opinion as soon as possible, on the Propriety of their Charges, and whether they have been regularly examined according to the Book of Regulations. I beg Leave to reply, that so long since as the 28th Feby 1782. I addressed a Letter to the Surgeon Major Mr Davis. (a Copy of which I do myself the Honor to enclose) in Consequence of the Orders, with which your Lordship &c were pleased to favor him and

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and his Predecessor Mr Godley Lucas, on the
1st Feby 1779. and the 22nd Decr 1781. by
which Letter your Lordship has more precisely
the Opinion I then had, respecting the
Management of the Hospital Charges in the
Field, & I have since seen no reason to
alter it; Mr Davies not having complied
with the Rules laid Down in that Letter
accounts for my not thinking proper
to countersign for all the Bills belonging
to the different Surgeons on Camps, his
Reasons for not doing it, I understand
were owing to the daily expectations, that
some permanent System would have
been settled by Government for regulating
the Hospital Charges in the Field.

I have enclosed all the
Bills presented to me belonging to the Surgeon
of the
Rebels Cavalry which I perceive are
included in the Accounts laid before
your Lordship &c. and the Reason Mr Jones
having done it, was because Lieutenant Foo
upon Enquiring from the only People that
could give me any Idea of this Charge

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that they were moderate, and according
to the Regulations observed in the
Drabbe Service.

I have the Honor to be &c.

Cantonments
the
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W. Jackson
Commissary
and Superintendant of the Army
Grain Accounts

To Thomas Davis Esqr.
Surgeon Major
Sir.

I have received the
Extract of General Orders relative to your
Appointment as Surgeon Major in the
Field. Jan 5 Opinion, that in future all
hospital Charges in Camp, excepting those
to the Surgeon of the 79th Regt. should
be included in One Bill signed by
you, of which I request you will inform
all the Surgeons doing Duty in Camp
and whenever it should happen, that
any extraordinary Charges are incurred
on Account of the sick, you should
think, explain your Reasons to me,
for such Charges, that I may be enabled

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To give the Commander in Chief every
Information necessary in respect of them
and with your Accounts I request in
future that you would send Returns
of the sick, conformably to the Book of
Regulations Page 64.

I am &c.

W Jackson Comy Genl

Camp near St
Thomas Mount
28th July 1792.

The Committee having
fully considered the Statement of the
Ballances due to the several Surgeons on
this Establishment it is agreed that they
be liquidated partly by Company's Bonds
and the remainder in Bengal Bills
and ready Cash in the following
proportions

Minute thereon

	Total Amount				
Mr Davies	8211. 16 40	Bonds for	6105.	In Bills 2100	Lin Cash 1106. 16. 40.
Mr Gordon	5180. — —	Bonds for	2590.	In Bills 790	Lin Cash 800. — —
Mr Irving	3079. —	Bonds for	1536.	In Bills 1000.	Lin Cash 537. — —
Mr Johnson	5046. —	Bonds for	2323.	In Bills 1700	Lin Cash 823. — —
Mr Ballet	3811. —	Bonds for	1905.	In Bills 1400.	Lin Cash 500. — —
Mr Howell	4227. —	Bonds for	2118.	In Bills 1500	Lin Cash 619. — —
Mr Anderson	4000. —	Bonds for	2000	In Bills 1500	Lin Cash 500. — —
Mr Watson	4000. —	Bonds for	2000.	In Bills 1500.	Lin Cash 500. — —
Mr Ruddiman	3600. —	Bonds for	1800.	In Bills 1400.	Lin Cash. 600. — —

Mr Gordon has received in Bills & Cash ..... 1000. —
Bills to be granted ..... 13790. — — —
Bonds ..... 20577. — —
Total Deposites. — 41158. 16 40.

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Ordered that the Secretary do acquaint Doctor Davies with the above Arrangement; with a desire that it may be communicated to the different Surgeons —

The following Appointments in that Department are now made, Mr Robert Tweng to be Surgeon at Saichinopoly.

Mr Terence Gahagan to be second Surgeon at Vellore; and

Mr Joshua Gillespie to be Surgeon at Chingleput, in Consequence of Dr Pudings Resignation.

Agreed that Lieut Lindt be directed to return with

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Ordered that his whole Detachment to Chingleput as soon as he conveniently can, and that a Letter be written to the Amuldar, at Chittapet on this Subject.

Ordered that a Set of Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Lieut Colonel Hugh Robert Alcock, at the Exchange of 400 Rupees for 100 Pagodas for 400 Star Pagodas being the amount of Cash advanced by the Colonel to the Resident of Tanjore, with Interest of 8 Per Cent from the 10th of November 1782. This Amount to be carried to the Debit of the Military Paymaster —

Ordered that a Set of Bills be drawn on Bengal at the Exchange

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Bengal Bills granted to Mrs Fenner.....

Exchange of 375 Pagodas Rs 1500 Star Pagodas in favor of Mrs Fenner, for Star Pagodas 5297 7/12 being the amount of the Arrears Due to her late Husband Doctor Fenner

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25th Received the following letters

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colonel Floyd complaining of the Commissary's refusing to sign the Batta Sheets the Quarter Master of the 23d Regt

In consequence of the Orders of Government of the 21st instant, I beg leave to inform Your Honble that the Commissary has declined signing the Batta Sheets of the Quarter Master of His Majesty's 26th Regt of Light Dragoons, alleging that they were not regular.

They were, however drawn up exactly conformable to the Article of Field allowances in the General Statement, which was published by Government soon after the arrival of the Regiment in this Presidency, since which no alteration has reached my knowledge; According to that Statement the Batta of a Quarter Master is Pags 1. 2. 6 h per day

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I have the honour to be

(signed) J. Floyd,

Colonel in Brd:

To William Geo: Wasey Esqr

Actng Secretary to the Select Committee

From Mr. Bateman Surgeon representing the amount of Medicines he offering to purchase some for the Company

I request You will acquaint the Right Honble President and Select Committee that the annual supplies of Medicines from Europe are very inadequate to the

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the great and necessary consumption of this Settlement, and its dependancies, and that I fear there will be a great want thereof before the Honble Companys Ships can possibly arrive from Europe To obviate such want and its consequences I beg leave of the Right Honble President & Select Committee to purchase a very choice quantity of the most useful and necessary articles employed in the Medical Practice of this Country (now offering for sale and which may be procured on easy terms) for the use of the Service—

And should there be Rhubarb for sale on board a China Ship, that arrived yesterday, I beg the Right Honble President and Select Committees permission to purchase what quantity I may think requisite for the use of the Medical Stores, It being a Medicine of the first consequence and what cannot be procured but on such favourable opportunity as the present which seldom happens

I hope You will take the earliest opportunity of laying my request before the Right Honble President and Select Committee and procure for me their instructions

I have the Honour to be

&c

[signed] Jos Balmain

Surgeon & Superintendt of Medl Stores

From the Paymaster of Nellore (as entered in Mi B: No 6) inclosing a List of Articles wanted to compleat the Stores in that Garrison.

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The Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

Governor & President & Select Committee

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Colo. Fullarton enclosing letter from Capt.n Mortland giving an Account of his having reduced the Veraputchy Polygar.

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a letter I have received from Captain Maitland, who in the absence of Colonel Forbes & Lieutt Col.: Brune, Commanded the Troops in the Districts of Dindigall, & Daraporam, during the indisposition of Colonel Kelly, who was appointed to the temporary Command untill the return of one or other of those Field Officers. The Veraputchy District is immediately dependant upon Dindigall, but the Polygar of that Place having refused any accomodation with the Renter, & having also committed various acts of hostility against the Followers of the Army. In compliance with the Requisition of the Renter, I ordered Captain Maitland to march through Veraputchy on his return from Dindigall, towards Comalam, where he was moving to subsist the Troops under his Command — The obstinate resistance made by the Polygar of Veraputchy sufficiently proves his Disinclination to the Circar, & justifies the urgency of the Renter to have him reduced to a state of Subjection — The annexed Return of Killed & Wounded, will inform Your Lordship & the Honble Board of our loss on the occasion.

I have the honor to be

(signed) W.m Fullarton

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To Colonel William Fullarton

Commanding the Southern Forces

Sir

I left Chittoor on the 9th and arrived at the foot of the Coraputchy Polygar barriers this morning at day break. I found it occupyed I was obliged to force it which was done without loss, from thence I proceeded skirting the Jungle about a mile to the right of the usual road (which being fortified with retrated Barriers, I wished to avoid) and about nine reached the village of Veraputchy, where I found the united Forces of the Polygs of Veraputchy Raja collected - I immediately attacked them, and after very serious opposition drove them with the loss of all their Ports. I enclose You a Return of our loss, which is more considerable than could be wished. On their side they must have lost number of Capt. Dunwoody & Lieut. Boatie of the Artillery are slightly wounded. I hope to be able to put the Renter in quiet Possession of this District tomorrow, I shall proceed the day after to execute the remaining part of Your instructions. Before I conclude I beg leave to acquaint You, with the general good Conduct of the Troops that I have the honor to command, & in particular to State to You how much I am indebted to the Gallantry & Exertion of Captains Gardener, Dunwoody & Lieut. Brenton for the Success of this morning.

I have the Honor &c &c

(signed) Jno. Hartland

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(Same Copy)

(signed) W. Paterson

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26th. Return of the Killed and Wounded of the Detach-
-ment Commanded by Capt.n Thos. Maitland 11th January 1784

Camp near Veraportchie

		Captains	Lieutenants	Cornets	Ensigns	Total	Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Sepoys	Total	Grand Total.
Artillery	Killed	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Wounded	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	2	5	6
102d. Regt.	Killed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Wounded	..	..	3	11	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
4th Batt.n	Killed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2
	Wounded	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	2	4	14	21	23
Grenadier corps	Killed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Wounded	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total		1	1	3	13	18	1	1	3	5	18	28	46

NB: The Wounded Officers — Captain Thos. Dunwoody of
the 8th Carnatic Bn. & Lieutenant Beatie of Artillery

(signed) James Crane
Dep.y Adj.t General

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

My Lord

From Col. Floyd offering to act under Genl. Lang

The Regiment I have the honour to com-
-mand is prepared to obey the Orders of Government.

I hear it reported that the Enemy is in the Field &
the Army about to march —

I am sorry in the extreme that the Nation should be
deprived of the Services of a Corps of regular European Cavalry.
— Possibly doubts about my conduct with respect to Your Commander
in chief has been the reason of keeping us from the Field
I am ready, my Lord, on this occasion to forget all private
resentments

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sinuations, I to act under the Orders of Genl Lang from a belief that the Publick will be served thereby. I request of Your Lordship to read this letter in the Committee as You see fit.

I have the honour to be

&c.

(signed) P. Floyd

Col. on India

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

From the Chief, Council at Masulipatam requesting to know whether Mr. Mallet or Mr. Bowie shall attend the Sick in Garrison

My Lord Gentlemen

Captain Brown having returned with the detachment under his Command to this District, we think it necessary to inform Your Lordship &c. that the Bullocks have been discharged, & all other expences incident to field service struck off.

Mr. Bowie, the Acting Surgeon at Ellore, has addressed a letter to the Surgeon Major, which has been transmitted to us, by which it appears, that he conceives it his duty to attend the sick of the Garrison of Ellore, in Consequence of his having been appointed Acting Surgeon of that Garrison by Your Lordship &c. & Mr. Mallet on the other hand, who was also appointed by Your Lordship &c. Surgeon to the Detachment while on service and came to Ellore with them, has addressed a letter to Mr. Hodges informing him of his Appointment, and that he conceives he has a right to attend them, in Cantonment, as well as in the Field having never been recalled — In Order to prevent disorder for the

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the present, and at the same time not to interfere with either of these Gentlemen's appointments we have directed Mr. Mallet to attend the Troops which lately composed Captain Brown's Detachment, and Mr. Bowie to attend those who composed the Garrison of Ellore, before their Arrival, but as difficulties may hereafter arise, in case more Troops were to be sent to Ellore, whether Mr. Mallet who is the Senior Surgeon, or Mr. Bowie who is expressly appointed to the Garrison of Ellore, should attend them, and as it is putting the Company to the Expence of two sets of Medical Servants and other contingent Charges while one would be sufficient, we beg Your Lordship &c.a will honor us with Your Commands on this Subject, to prevent all future Disputes which may arise between these Gentlemen.

We have the Honor to be
Very respectfully
&c.a
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Tho.s Barnard
W. Dobbyn

Masulipatam
15.th January 1784

/ signed

From Col.o Fullarton (as entered in M. B. No.s) stating an Account of the Services of Lieut.t Godfrey, and his inability to Serve any longer on Account of a Wound he had received — has given him leave to proceed to the Presidency, in order to obtain permission to return to Europe

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To Colonel William Fullarton

To Col: Fullarton desiring him in case Polygantcherry is not given up, to keep it.

Sir

We have just received Intelligence from Tanjore that Lieut: Wheeler had not been able to deliver back Palagatcherry for want of Carriage to remove the Stores.

Should this prove to be true, We think that in it will be perfectly justifiable under the present Circumstances of Things, Still to retain the possession of that place, till suspicions of Tippoo's Sincerity shall be removed. From our former letters You will have learned the State of Things here with regard to him. The Communication of the Commissioner with us is still interrupted, & every appearance encourages our doubts of the disposition of Tippoo. It will therefore be necessary for You to advert particularly to the letter from the Committee to You dated 15th. December & hold fast every Ground now occupied of, untill You receive further Instructions which will be sent to You from time to time according as Events happen & Circumstances require. We rely upon Your having Your Army prepared as soon as possible, so as to be able to move Your Operations at a Moments Notice.

We are

Sir

Your

Obt. Servts.

(Signed) Macartney

Wm. Select Committee

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To Major General Ogle &c &c &c
Commanding at Masmulong

Sir

To Genl. Ogle approving of his Conduct in regard to the Armour —

We have received the Honor of Your Letter of

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of the 22d. Instant. informing us of the very hostile manner in which
Amer Ul Omrah the Nabob's second Son passed thro' the Cantonments
which You Command without giving You any Notice of his Intention — We approve much of the propriety of Your Conduct
in not permitting such an irregularity to happen unobserved,
and we have in consequence desird our President to write a
letter to His Highness the Nabob upon the subject, which we
flatter ourselves will render it unnecessary for You at this
time to publish the order You inclosed to us. We wish to
express to You our satisfaction at Your Attention & Alertness
on this occasion &

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

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To the Chief & Council of Masulipatam as entered in
M: B: No. 91) informing them of the Grenadier Company of
the 102d. Regt. being embarked on the Tyrone for that Settlement.

27th. Received a letter from Capt. Simon Mackenzie of his
Majesty's 73d. Regt. (as entered in M: B: No. 92) has procured
a passage in the Grey hound Packet to Bombay, requesting the
President's leave to go in her —

Received a letter from Lieut. Simon Mackenzie
of the 73d. Regt. (as entered in M: B: No. 92) having obtained
leave from Major General Campbell to proceed to Europe — re-
questing to have a passage in one of the Honble Company's
Ships —

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Dispatched the following 2 letters

The Honble William Hornby Esq.r

President & Governor &c.a &c.a Select Committee

at Bombay

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since we wrote Your last We have had the pleasure to receive Your letter of the 26th. December

To Bombay advising of the Communication with Tippoo being stopt. preparation for Hostilities & informing that the Commissioners have full power from Bengal —

Your would be informed by our dispatch of the 19th. that We had been for some days in an anxious State of suspence with regard to our Commissioners, from whom We had no letters public or private, since the last accounts dated at Malekerry on the 3d. Instant — We are now concerned to add that this anxiety is not yet removed, and that the appearance of some unfair or treacherous Proceedings on the part of Tippoo is so strong as to approach in our minds almost to a certainty — We are accordingly making every preparation for the Renewal of Hostilities the moment We receive any authentic Intelligence upon this Subject.

Should our Suspicions prove groundless, and the Negociations for Peace be still carrying on by our Commissioners We shall be happy at the means You have taken to assist us in promoting the Object in view, by sending two Gentlemen perfectly instructed upon the points necessary to be settled for the Interests of Your Presidency. The Governor General & Council of Bengal having by their letter of the 14th. November given full Powers to us, to conclude the Articles of a general Peace with

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Tipsoo, our Commissioners were furnished with the necessary In=
=structions in consequence, and We particularly directed them
to consult with You upon the Provisions requisite to be made
for Your Residency. We shall now advise them of the appoint=
=ment You have made, and enjoin them to receive and pay every
possible attention to the Representation and advice of the Gentle=
=men deputed by You on this Service. —

signed Macartney &c.ª
Select Comm.ⁿ

F. S. C.
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To Colonel Floyd of the 23d. Dragoons
Marmalong

To Col. Floyd refusing to give him Batta

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Presi=
=dent & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter
of the 22d. Instant, & to inform You that in Consequence of Your
quitting Camp without leave in the night of the 19th. September
last after having been appointed in General orders to the Com=
=mand of the left Wing, by Lieutenant General Lang, Command=
=ing the Army at the Mount, the composed of His Majesty & the
Company's joint forces, Your Batta & field allowances ceased
of course —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your
(signed) Wm. Geo: Wasey
acting Secretary

ceased

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To Colonel Floyd of 23d. Dragoons.

Sir

To Colonel Floyd
approving of his Propo=
=sal respecting the 23d. Regt.

I am directed by the President & Select Committee
to

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To acknowledge the Honor of Your Letter of the 26th Instant —

The Military arrangements being regulated by Circumstances, must consequently be Subject to various alterations in the course of Service — Particular details require particular Corps, & the Government will endeavor to make their appointments accordingly — They are very sensible of the benefit that may be expected from a Body of regular European Cavalry, especially from so good a Regiment as the 23d Dragoons. The Committee desire me to signify to You their approbation of the Sentiments expressed in Your Letter. I

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have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Wm. Geo. Wasey
acting Secretary

To Lieut. Sund.
Commanding at Chittlapet

To Lt. Sund. desiring him to withdraw with the greatest part of his Troops to Chinglepett —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President & Select Committee, to desire that You will march with all possible expedition to Chinglepet, at which place You will receive orders for Your further conduct. You will not communicate to any person the place of Your destination but You are to inform the Amildar of Your Intentions to move & incase he should not think it advisable for him to remain at Chittlapet after You shall have left it, You will permit him to accompany You & give him every facility for that purpose, or if he prefers to retire to any place on the Neighborhood where he thinks he should be more Secure, in case a rupture should happen. You will afford him Your assistance in proceeding thither to the best of Your power consistently

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27th consistently with the orders communicated to You in the first paragraph of this letter — You will signify to the proper persons Your intention of returning to Chittapet in a few days. —

And You are to take particular care not to commit any hostility on Your March, or interfere with Pycherys, or Said Sahibs people unless You should be attacked by them — You will give regular notice to the Right Honble President & Select Committee of Your proceedings, & send them such observations as You may have made in Your Neighbourhood for some time past. Herewith You will receive Bs. 600. towards discharging another Months pay of Your Detachment.

I am
Sir
(signed) Wm Geo: Wasey
acting Secretary

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To Job Bulman Esqr.
Superintendant of the Honorable Company's
Medical Stores

Sir

To Mr. Bulman desiring him to apply to the Surgeon Genl. for Indent of medicines & acquainting him that his request for a further supply shall be taken into Consideration

I have laid before the Right Honble the President & Select Committee the Letter I had the Honor to receive from You dated the 22d Inst. & am in answer directed to desire, that You will apply to Dr. Anderson for a Copy of the Annual Indent for Medicines &c for the Year 1785 — which he sent in to the Committee, & which was transmitted to England by the last Dispatch. These Medicines will on their arrival from England of course be placed under Your Charge, but should You be

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be of opinion that the Indent is insufficient, the Select Committee will take into consideration any application You may make for a further supply of Medicines after You shall have made allowance for those that may be expected from England.

The Select Committee desire in consequence of Your late appointment, that You will in future furnish them with the Indents for Medicines which it may be necessary to transmit annually to the Court of Directors. —

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I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Wm. Geo: Wasey
acting Secretary

To the Select Committee of Bombay (as entered in M: B: N°97) having ordered the Greyhound to be repelled there requesting that they will give Orders for that purpose and to Direct the Capt.n of her to return as soon as possible. —

To Capt.n Anderson commanding the Greyhound Packet (as entered in M: B: N°90) giving him directions to proceed to Bombay to have his Vessel repaired, directing him also to accommodate with a passage to Bombay Captain Simon Mackenzie.

To Capt.n Simon Mackenzie of his Majesty's 73d. Reg.t (as entered in M: B: N°98) informing him of the two above order being given to the Capt.n of the Greyhound. —

To Major Short (as entered in M: B: N°99) the Committee do not think any other Answer Necessary to his letter of the 8th. of November last, than what was written to him on

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27th the 6th Instant —

To Mr. Thomas Cowie Surgeon Major (in the Field (as entered in M. B. N°101) the Committee having examined the Statement of the Balance due to him, and the other Army Surgeons, have Resolved to Liquidate them According to the Arrangement enclosed to him — have Appointed Mr. Patterson to Act under him in the Field

army

To the Surgeon General (as entered in M. B. N°) in consequence of his Recommendation Mr. Turing has been appointed Surgeon at Trichinopoly and Mr. Gahagan Second Surgeon at Vellore

To Mr. Robert Turing as entered in M. B. N°95) informing him of his appointment to Trichinopoly — as likewise to Mr. Serena Gahagan, and Mr. Lorshen Gilespie informing them of their Appointments — the former Second Surgeon at Vellore and the latter Surgeon at Chinglepat. —

28th Received the following letters

To The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c &c Select Committee of

Fort St. George

My Lord Gentlemen

From Genl. Laing desiring that the Cavalry be ordered to join Camp

I have the honor to request that You will order to join the Army encamped at the Mount the following Detail of European Cavalry formed into two Troops, and mounted upon the best Horses that can be procured Viz.t Two Captains — Two Lieutenants — Two Cornets One Surgeon, or Mate — Two Quarter

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Quarter Masters Eight Serjeants One Hundred Rank & File and Two Trumpeters

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I have the honor to be with great respect &c
(signed) Ross Lang

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

From Colonel Floyd complaining of the 23d Regiments not being employed in the field

My Lord

I have the honour of two letters from the select Committee of yesterday's Date.

That relating to my Batta charges me with absenting myself without leave. It proceeds, as if I was convicted, to pass Sentence of Stoppage of Pay —

I have written Authority for what I did — & I have the same authority for returning to my Regiment which is ready to be submitted to the Judgement of a Court Martial. However, I shall take up no more of Your time at present, on that head.

The next point touches me more nearly a great deal. If it has been Your desire to pain me, You aimed to the utmost extent of Your wishes. The treatment the Regiment I have the honour to command receives, is such as it certainly has not merited. In stead of an honourable Post in the Field, it is stripped of its Camp Equipage, & sent like people guilty of infamy to cover an Hospital, in the most improper spot that can be found for a Corps of Cavalry. No Quarters arranged either for Officers or Men from the Battle that is usually given to Troops on coming into a

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a Quarter, is struck off from them. There remain but two things more, I think, that can add to my distress — One is to be taken from the Regiment, the other to part the Men into a Dangerous Subter=ranean, where they at first suffered the Loss of so many fine fellows, & probably laid the foundation for most of the Deaths that have since happened.

Now, my Lord, I do most earnestly request that I alone may be the object of Your enmity — Do any thing You please with me — but, for the sake of the Publick Service, keep the Regiment together, & keep awake its zeal & Military Pride — that is the way to make it most useful. — I presume to give an opinion because I know the Regiment more than any body else, & have reflected, before, how it might be best employed

If Your reluctance to employ them proceeds from a resolution not to make use of me — that matter may be made very easy — Do but authorise me not to act I cannot abandon my Post, of myself. Captain Burk with is the next Officer I have known him many Years, & can assure You that he is a Man of steady conduct, & a very good Officer, & will do Justice to the Regiment. He was bred up too, in a Corps as much esteemed in Europe as any there

Please to make either a publick or a private use of my letter, as You see fit.

I have the honour to be

&c

[signed] I. Floyd Col: in India

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

From Capt. Gowland respecting the Payment of the prince William taken at Negapatam.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have received Mr. Secretary Wases's letter of the 18th Instant with the Extract of the Minutes of the Honble Select Committee of the 16th respecting the prince William ——

Capt.n Patch from Bencoolen was the person who made me the Offer of 14,000 Rupees for the prince William when she was at Anchor in Madrass Road, in Sept.r 1782 and about to sail for Negapatam, which I will set forth in the Affidavit if required ——

As to the Bond of Indemnity required by Your Lordship &c.a — I conceive it a hardship on my Owners to submit to the Requisition When my Claime is [illegible] and the payment therefore should be unconditional ——

However out of respect to Your Lordship &c.a — I shall prefer Signing the Bond of Indemnity rather than Institute a Suit against Mr. Sulivan, which from the Nature of the Case must be defended at the expense of the Honble Company.

I have the honor to be,
&c.a
(signed) Wm Gowland

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

From the Guardians of the Children of Capt.n Jn.o Meyer praying that they may be recommended

My Lord & Gentlemen Fort St. George

We take the liberty to address Your

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recommended to the notice of the Court of Directors.

28th on behalf of our two wards George & John De Morgan. Sons of the late Captain Augustus De Morgan of the Artillery, who was unfortunately Killed in the sap Battery at the siege of Pondicherry October 1779 — these Boys have been at school in England since the Year 1776. reaving the advantage of a liberal education, & being now qualified & of age to be pushed forward in life, We are very desirous to get them sent abroad in the Honble Companys Service in consideration of their Fathers long & faithfull services, & losing his life in the publick cause, We hope Your Lordship &c will recommend this our earnest solicitation to the Court of Directors, to adopt these Orphans by appointing them Cadets upon this Establishment & In confidence of the Honble Courts generous Acquiescence, We shall give directions to George & John De Morgan to pay their personal respects in Leaden hall street.

We are respectfully
&c
John Turing
Edwd Saunders
Geo: Westcott
Mary Turing

/ signed

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28th Dispatched the following letter.

To Major General Allan Campbell
Commanding his Majestys Troops
in India

Sir

To Genl Campbell directing him to join the army

As Government have thought proper to assemble the

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28th. The Army at the Mount. I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, to signify to You their desire that You will be pleased with all convenient Expedition to join the Troops now encamped under the Command of Lieut. General Lang.

I have the honor to be
&c.
(signed) Wm. Geo. Wasey
acting Secretary

To Lieut. General Lang
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

To Lieut. Lang intimating that Genl Campbell is ordered to join the Army

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Sir,

In consequence of the Army having been assembled at the Mount, I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to inform You, that they have signified to Major General Campbell their desire that he would proceed with all convenient expedition, to join the Troops under Your Command.

I have the honor to be
&c.
(signed) Wm. George Wasey
acting Secretary

To Stephen Popham Esq.
Solicitor to the Honorable Company

To Mr. Popham desiring him to prepare affidavit & Bond of Indemnity from Capt. Gowland to the owners of the Prince William

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Sir,

The Right Honble the President & Select Committee having considered themselves under an obligation to indemnify the Owners of the Prince William for the loss of that Ship, — I am directed to furnish You with Copies of the several Papers which have passed between

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28th " between the Select Committee & Capt.n Gowland on this subject, & to desire that You will prepare the necessary Affidavit & Bond of Indemnification, which in my letter to Capt.n Gowland of the 18th. Instant were declared to be absolutely requisite before Government could consent to grant him the indemnification which he requested.

I am Sir
Your most Obed.t humble Servant
(signed) Wm. Geo: Wasey
acting Secretary

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To Captain William Gowland. (as entered in M: B: No 62)
informing him of the above Instructions being given to Mr. Popham.

29th Dispatched the following Letters.

To Colonel Floyd
of the 23d. Regiment &c

To Col: Floyd acquainting him that his allowances of Batta ceased upon his leaving Camp.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the Honor of Your letter of the 28th. Inst.t —

By my former You were acquainted that Your Batta ceased of course on Your quitting Camp without leave in the night of the 19th. September last, after the General Order for Your Commandery the left Wing was given out by Lieut.t General Lang, commanding the Army at the Mount, composed of His Majesty's & the Company's joint Forces — a Copy of the General Orders of the 19th. September is now enclosed, and I am authorized to say that no order to the contrary

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contrary either verbally or in writing, was sent to You by Lieut. Gent Lang before You quitted the Camp —

As to what You mention in Different Letters of a Dislike to You, or enmity, or a Desire to pain You — I am directed to assure You that there is no foundation for supposing that this Government can entertain any private partialities, or prejudices, predilections or resentments — Their Duty as Public Men must regulate their conduct & exclude every other Motive —

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I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) W.m Geo: Wason
acting Secretary

To the Resident at Tanjore (as entered in M. B. N.o 9) enclosing to him a Packet under a flying Seal for Tellicherry, & desiring him to peruse all Letters on the publick Service coming through Tanjore

To the Chief, & Factors of Tellicherry, (as entered in M B N.o 8) enclosing to them a Packet for Bombay which they are to peruse and forward to its address —

To the Master Attendant as entered in M B N.o 7) directing him to acquaint all Commanders of Vessells Sailing from this Port to inform him of the Place they are bound to, which he is to intimate to the Committee before he signs their port clearance —

Received a Letter from the Commander in Chief (as entered in M B N.o) enclosing the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry on a Jemidar of the 7th Carnatic Batt.n and the Report of a Corps appointed by them to examine the Horses of the 23d Regt Light Dragoons —

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30th. Recvd a Letter from the Paymaster of Vellore (as entered in M. B. No 103) will afford Colonel Ross every assis=tance in his power —

Dispatched a letter to the Commander of the Belmont Indiaman (as entered in M. B. No 112) desiring him to Accommodate with a passage to England Capt.n Patrick Campbell of his Majestys 36th Regt.

31st Received a letter from Coll.o Pearse (as entered in M. B. No 110) requesting permission for Lieut.t Caldwell of his Detachment to go for Bengal —

Dispatched the following letters all entered in M. B. No

To the Secretary of the Political department at Fort William (No 117) that as the Committee are engaged in the dispatch by the Busbridge, they must defer writing to the Governor General & Council but acquainting him for their information of the letters from the Commissioners having been duly recvd

To the Capt.n of the Busbridge Indiaman (No 118) enclosing to him the List of the Invalids that are to embark in his Ship

To the Capt.n of the Greyhound Packet (No 119) with his sailing directions —

Recvd letter from the Council of Masulipatam (as entered in M. B. No) requesting permission for Mr. Patrick Bowie to proceed to the Presidency —

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Received a letter from Capt.n Downes at Pennacoil (as entered in M: B: N.o 101) mentioned his having received a letter from Said Saibe purporting that he had repeated his order to Tipsoo's Amuldars not to infringe on the Company's possessions.

Received a letter from Lieut.t Godfrey as entered in (M: B: N.o 106) requesting permission to go to England enclosing a certificate of his ill health —

February 1st

Dispatched a letter to Mr. Popham, Solicitor to the Company (as entered in M. B. N.o 3) enclosing to him Copies of a Bond of Indemnity & an affidavit received from Capt.n Gowland and desiring him to report his Opinion on them —

Received the following letter

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney &c.

President &c. Select Committee.

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We beg leave to inform Your Lordship. &c. that the Vakeel of Bomraugee has appeared before the Committee agreeably to orders sent to his Master. On being desired to produce any Sunnuds, he might have for the remission of his Masters Peiscush, he replied that he had received one from Sir Eyre Coote, but that it had been lost during the troubles.

The Peiscush of the Calastry and Veneedagurry Vemmadavee was remitted by the Nabob, the former for three Years, the other during the War. It does not appear that Bomraugee received the same

From this Committee of Revenue informing that Bomraugee Vakeel had said the Sunnd granted by Sir Eyre Coote was lost that the Nabob had remitted the Peishcush of the Vencatagerry Rayah for 3 Years & that of the Calastry Rayah during the War no permission granted to Bomraugee.

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4th. same Indulgence with the others, altho' his Country has suffered great-
-ly by the Incursions of the Enemy; and he has made repeated applica-
-cations, since the Assignment, to have a remission of his Peiscush
granted to him — We cannot take upon ourselves to settle with
him in the manner we have done with the Zemindars of
Calastry and Venkatagherry, unless we have permission from
Your Lordship &c.a for that purpose — we beg leave therefore
to refer the case to Your consideration, and also to request Your
orders on the subject of Boni Ranjee Account of Grain and Cattle
supplied the Army

We have the honor to be

&c.a

Chas. Oakeley

David Haliburton

Geo. Moubray

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(signed)

From Capt.n Dawes at Permacoil (as entered in
M. B. N.o 12) enclosing monthly Return of Stores for
December —

From Lieut.t Col. Ross (as entered in M. B.
N.o 05) informing of his safe arrival at Vellore —

2d. Received a letter from Capt.n George Smith (as
entered in M. B. N.o 5) enclosing a Monthly Return of
Stores in Pulicat

Received a letter from Capt.n Brown
of the 102 Reg.t (as entered in M. B. N.o 5) enclosing
letter from two European Soldiers that were taken prisoners
at

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at Badewall complaining of the ill treatment they received

Received a letter from the Paymaster at Angole (No entered in M. B. No) informing that the Authority by which he paid Major Genl. Lonus Batta at 10 Pags. P Diem, was from an Official letter from Mr. Torriano, the Deputy Military Paymaster at the Presidency — Inclosing a letter from Lieut. James Macleay on the Subject of his Bill for Travelling charges when he went on a negotiation to Meer Kummer ud Deen Lawni Camp. —

Dispatched the following letters as entered in M. B:

To Colonel Pearce (No 8) granting permission to Lieut. Caldwell to proceed to Bengal

To Mr. George Moubray Accountant (No 9) desiring him to grant Company's Bills on Bengal to the Surgeons employed on the Army for the Sums Specified in a paper inclosed to him —

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Received the following letters

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

My Lord

From Colonel Fullarton — The Southern countries produce resources sufficient for the Southern Force. Requests some Cavalry and Artillery. —

The accompanying letter addressed to Your Lordship & the Board, will explain my sentiments respecting the measures necessary to enable this Army to move with effect in case the conduct of Tippoo Sultan should render a

removal

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3d. renewal of hostility unavoidable — Sans happy, My Lord, that on either event of Peace or War, the Southern Countries & the Southern Forces, so far from adding to Your embarrassments, will afford considerable means of relief from the difficulties, & expences, necessarily incurred by Your Establishment in the Carnatic — Should we be ordered again to advance into the Enemy's Dominions I presume Your Lordship will judge it advisable to reinforce us with the Cavalry, & to send Capt.n Morehouse to take charge of our Stores & Artillery; for Capt.n Tanner's indisposition obliged him to leave the Army at Combatore — A Company of European Artillery along with Capt.n Morehouse, & the remains of the 102d; if convenient, could also be usefully employed with us. Some Iron eighteen pounders & a few brass Six pounders might also be landed at Negapatam, to replace those we may take to the field from the different Garrisons: Would easily be escorted from Negapatam, by the 98th which will remain there, untill I shall have the honor to hear further from Your Lordship — Beyond these particulars I shall not look to the Northward of the Coleroon, for any assistance or supply: but shall confine my Expectations of resources, within the limits of the Southern Provinces; For it is my earnest desire, that the existence of the Army under my Command, may be known to Government only by its Operations; & that the pressure & Expence of supporting it, may again rest on the Enemy — I presume Your Lordship is convinced, that there never was a Force in India

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on proportion to their strength & numbers maintained on terms more easy for the Public — Our Batta has been almost entirely defray-ed by the Enemy. Palegatcherry, & its District alone furnished us with grain & other necessaries to the Amount nearly of 20000 £ & several of the other Provinces through which we passed, were not less productive —

The Expenditures of every department have been conducted on principles of such restrictive economy, that a diminu-tion could hardly take place on any of the charges; & I believe it will appear that a Single march from the Mount to Cuddalore has cost the Company a larger sum, than the total Expence of this Army during a Circuit of 1500 miles & 8 months of constant Service in the field. Under these circumstances, My Lord, least misrepresentation, which predominates every where, should have exhibited our measures & Arrangements, under a different Point of View. — Our Successes hitherto, have been chiefly owing to the secrecy & dispatch with which our movements were con-ducted; & to the extent of the range, in which I was at liberty to act. I flatter my self that in the event of recommencing hos-tility similar consequences will result from similar Causes. — On the supposition of Peace, it was my intention to have requested Your permission to have absented myself from my present Command, in hopes of recovering by a Sea voy-age, something like health: & if I should find it absolutely necessary, to have proceeded to Europe; but while there is a Symptom of War, no consideration, shall remove me

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3d from its Vortex — I am in hopes of concerting with Mr. Sullivan an arrangement for carrying Grain & Shot by contract & I request that Your Lordship will furnish me with Your Sanction & Authority for this or any other necessary act implying responsibility on my Part.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir

Camp at Covanore
Janry 22d 1784

(signed) W. Fullarton

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 10th inst. in which Your Lordship & the Honble Board direct me to preserve the army in such a state of preparation, as may enable us to move to Seringapatam or any other part of Tippoo's Dominions on this quarter in case it should be found necessary to renew hostility — It gives me great satisfaction to assure You, My Lord & Gentlemen, that the Resources of the Southern Countries are sufficient for this extensive undertaking; & with the Exertions of Mr. Sullivan & Mr. Sowen I have no doubt but they will be amply brought forth in support of so great a Public purpose —

I flatter myself I need hardly inform Your Lordship & the Board of my zeal to carry all Your Views of Service into Execution

From Col. Fullarton this army able to supply itself without any embarrassment to Government —

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3d. Execution. Since my return within the English lines I have some what abated the preparations for a renewal of hostility, in order to avoid as much as possible any Expence that could be saved to the Public, Especially as an approaching Pacification was universally believed in this Quarter. But should Events take a different turn I trust that You will find the Southern army equal to contend with any Difficulties that may occur — have been very particularly indebted to the Abilities & Exertions of Mr. Digby throughout the whole course of our Southern Operations, & I trust much to a continuation of their valuable Exertions on the present occasion, I shall immediately proceed to make a tour through different parts of the Country, in order to enforce Collections of Draught & Carriage Cattle: & to observe in Person the progress of Preparation in every Department — All this shall be conducted in a manner to avoid any public suspicion of our intentions, for I am confident that Secrecy in the Measures that may be intended & rapidity in the execution of them are the only means of ensuring Success — Mr. Irwin has already appropriated two thirds of the Revenues of the Districts, under his Management, to the Support of this Army, & I am confident the other Provinces will be productive in an ample degree — I request that Your Lordship & the Honble Board, will be pleased to grant me Your Sanction & Authority for such Measures, as the necessary Expences of preparation & the exigency of the Service may require, which I shall invariably conduct in strict conformity to the usages & Regulations of the Company.

I have the honor to be

(Signed) W.m Fullarton

My

Camp near Covanore
January 2d. 1784

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From Capt.n Cuppage concerning the State of Supplies at Vellore requesting that the Paymaster be allowed Money to purchase Grain

My Lord

I had the honor to inform your Lordship through Captain Sydenham the 13.th of August last, that our stock of provisions then in Garrison would serve the Troops to the 5.th of February with what might be expected of the Circar's share of the Crop, round the Fort within that time.

As the time is nearly elapsed, and as the Renters Manager has informed me that he cannot supply the Garrison with more than 1800 bullums of paddy within 40 days from the 1.st of next Month, I think it incumbent on me to send Your Lordship an exact account of what is now remaining (Fitz.) Grain to serve to the 8.th of March, and that only to the 15.th of next month

As Rice has been for some time past at the rate of 12 Seers the Rupee, I have put the Sepoys Ba.s for this last Month on dry batta, with some little money I had of my own, and what I could borrow. And as we shall be left about the latter end of next month, with not more than 10 days Rice, I therefore hope Your Lordship will supply the Pay Master with money to continue the batta, and which we can well do as long as grain continues at the present rate There is now serving Months grain for the present Garrison on the Ground round the Fort, but the principal part will not be ready to cut before the middle of April

I have the honor to be
&c.
/ signed / John Cuppage

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From Col. Fullarton

From Col. Fullarton (as entered in M. B. No.) enclosing a letter from Lieut. C requesting permission to proceed to England on Account of ill Health

From the Paymaster to Angelo as entered in M. B. No.) enclosing the letter from the Deputy Military Paymaster at the Residency to him relative to the pay Allowance to Major General Jones, which he had omitted sending in his last letter

From Mr. Gardner.

From Mr. Gardner (as entered in M. B. No.) enclosing the letter from the Deputy Military Paymaster at the Residency to him relative to the pay Allowance to Major General Jones, which he had omitted sending in his last letter

From Mr. Gillespie.

From Mr. Joseph Gillespie Surgeon (as entered in M. B. No. 4.) requesting a supply of Cash as part of his Arrears, incurred by purchasing Medicine for the Sick, who were under his Charge to the Southward

From Mr. Pelle

Two Letters from the Paymaster at Trichinopoly (as entered in M. B. No. & No. VII and enclosing an return of Stores for December & the other acquainting of his having always sent a Regular Return of the Stores on his Garrison

From Capt. Davis

From Capt. Davis (as entered in M. B. No. 27) informing of the Death of Mr. Hopley Surgeons Assistant at Bermacoil

From Capt. George Campbell.

From Capt. George Campbell Commanding at Vellore (as entered in M. B. No. 1) enclosing a return of Troops for the Month of January —

Type Strawbenzee —

Dispatched a Letter to Col. Strawbenzee Commanding at Poonamalee (as entered in M. B. No. 30) desiring him to Order two Companies of his Majesties 52d Regt. to proceed immediately to Join the Army at the Mount —

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3d. Received the following letter from the Commander in Chief —

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c.a Select Committee

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My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Lang in answer to a letter from Col. Horne to the Committee respecting his Rank

Agreeably to my intimation in Committee of the 13th. October I shall now trouble You with a reply to the letter addressed to You at that period by Colonel Horne — the shortness of the time previous to the dispatch of the Fortitude prevented my doing so then —

in time

It is natural to suppose that the mortification of Colonel Horne would be great upon finding me again restored to the Rank I formerly held above him & that he would be displeased at the conduct of those who had caused him this Mortification — with what Justice the Court of Directors have been arraigned for their conduct respecting me I must leave to others to determine — but I cannot but observe that the more respectable a Public Body are, and the higher the Character they support, the less likely will they be to persist in a determination, founded on misrepresentation, and which appears to be an Hardship on an Individual, who, by a faithful & successful discharge of his duty has deserved well of them — whatever may have been

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3d. been their former opinions, or upon whatever representations at home that opinion was founded, it is evident that this Honble Court at the time of passing their late resolution in my favor, were fully convinced, that I had no small claim to their attention their information came from those, who from situation must be the best informed, and upon whose impartial representation they could depend - that they should alter their opinions upon such information is not extraordinary - I shall now state the firm reliance they had upon those who had unsolicited recommended me to them. Colonel Horne has observed that he is unacquainted with any Services performed by me which could occasion such an alteration of opinion as suddenly in my favor - it is unfortunate that the situation of his private concerns should have required his attention in England, at the time those Services were performed - his remaining at home while I was combating with difficulties in the Service of the Company prevented his obtaining full information on the Subject -

From the commencement of the present War with Hyder ally Sahib entrusted to my care, the Fortress of Vellore a place which Colonel Horne allows to be of the first importance. In what manner that place was maintained the Records bear full testimony to my advantage, not to that object alone were my exertions pointed: my endeavours to preserve Arcot which by the Succors I threw in was enable to contend for a greater length of time against the Enemy I were highly approved of & from me, this Government received constant and uniformly just Intelligence of the designs of Hyder

pursuing

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3d previous to the invasion of the Carnatic & of this movements subsequent thereto. there procured me the approbation of the Committee at the time & are facts which the Court of Directors must be well acquainted with. If to have preserved the most important Fortress belonging to the Company during a most critical period. & under most trying situations deserves consideration, I am happy to reflect that I am entitled to it — Had the Colonel attended to the Paragraphs of the General letters with which he was furnished with a copy, by His Lordship, he would have seen the sense entertained by Sir Eyre Coote of the services I had done the Company & the Nation clearly & unequivocally stated, & the good opinion of the Select Committee, who were well acquainted with the difficulties I had encountered in that Garrison is therein strongly manifested in my favor — I shall beg leave to transcribe those Paragraphs — and as the my services (in the idea of the Colonel) were not of such magnitude, or of such a nature as ought to have altered the opinion of a great & public Body — it is pleasing to think that my services were of such magnitude as in fact to alter the opinion of a great Public body, & of such a nature, as to cause their rescinding a former order & passing a resolution in my favor —

Para — 48 — — The very honorable Testimony given by the
4th Novemb General of the sense he entertained of the merit of Colonel Lang we shall state in his own words — I would do the highest injustice to the merits of Colonel Lang and to the credit which he has deservedly acquired by his spirited, and able support of this

Garrison

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3d Garrison in which he has rendered a most important Service to both the Company, and his Country did I omit on this Occasion expressing the sense I have of his good Conduct, and of the real Injury which has been done him by the late Court Supersession from home. I must request that Your Committee will by the first Dispatches to the Honble the Court of Directors make such mention of him as may evince them to afford that redress, and to render him that Justice to which the Importance, and length, of his Services, and his abilities as an Officer so deservedly entitle him —

4th We assured the General in reply that we were highly sensible of the merits of Colonel Lang, and should not fail to express to the Court of Directors the Credit which he had deservedly acquired by his Spirited Support of the Garrison of Vellore, by which he had rendered a most important Service to the Company, leaving, as become the discretion of their Servants to their own recollection the Injury of superseding an Officer of his Abilities as well as long and important Services We accordingly beg leave to recommend his case to Your particular consideration

These were the grounds for my obtaining my original Rank over the Colonel, I cannot but think, that the opinion & recommendation of the Commander in Chief founded upon matter of Fact, which he had an opportunity of judging of on the Spot. & of the Select Committee, who were well acquainted with every part of my Conduct — were likely to

3d to have more weight with the Honble Court, than the opinion or ideas of any person at home, unacquainted with the reasons for such recommendations these considerations weighed with the Honble Court to restore me as an act of Justice to my original Rank, & induced them as a testi= =mony of their approbation of my conduct, to solicit for me the Rank of Colonel in India in His Majesty's Service ——

I have thus endeavoured to account for the alteration in the Sentiments of the Honble Court, which has brought forward the animadversions of Colonel Horne; permit me to mention in support of the good opinion entertained of me, those endeavours, which, while I commanded to the Southward were crowned with success, & which (tho possibly in the idea of Colonel Horne of little importance also) I am happy to think met with the approbation of Your Honble Committee & I flatter myself have been productive of permanent advan= =tages to the Company, in the Capture of Carroor, Dindigul, & Aravacorchy — If the desire of rendering Services to our Employ= =ers be admitted in competition with Services actually per= =formed, I doubt not but the Youngest Subaltern in Your Army may vie with the eldest Officer in it in inclination & ardour to signalize himself & have therein an equal claim to Command — but since this alone cannot be admitted as a sufficient Claim a consciousness of mor

essential

3.d essential Services performed of ability by no means inferior. If the consequent experience of near 30 Years unremitted attention to my Duty, forbid that I should admit for a moment that Colonel Horne is better or even so well qualified to take the Chief Command as myself. Yet is with the sincerest satisfaction that I reflect, that this was also the opinion of Sir Eyre Coote when (as the Colonel observes) he recommended me to the Court of Directors in those flattering "high Terms" of the Select Committee when they adopted the same language of my Honble Employers when with only one Dissentient Voice they restored me to my rank above Colonel Horne. I have now replyed to such parts of Colonel Horne's letter as I conceive require my particular attention: this I have been induced to do as much from a desire to clear the Honble Court of Directors from the imputation of instability, as to do justice to my own Character — permit me to say a few words respecting the stile of that address

However much the Colonel might have been mortified at the orders of the Honble Court, however much his feelings as an Officer might have been hurt at being deprived by a long captivity of an opportunity of distinguishing himself — he should still have recurred to the situation in which at the time of his address he stood to this Government: he should have remembered that the orders of our Honble Employers need not contain their reasons to induce their Servants to a compliance, before he ventured with such freedom

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freedom to remark upon them; — he should have recollected that some respect was due to this Honble Committee when discussing a subject regarding one of its members, — his length of service, and Knowledge of Military matters upon which at home he founded his Petition to the Honble Court should have pointed out to him what the youngest Officer is supposed fully to understand) the respect which is due to his Commander in Chief. — That his address is deficient in these points will fully appear to this Committee & to the Court of Directors: & I refer to their Opinion; whether this Letter coming from so respectable a military man, may not become a Precedent which at length may prove destructive to those Ideas of deference & respect to a Commanding Officer, which in Military men should ever predominate; & in the end tend to subvert good order and Discipline

I have now to apologize for the length of this address — & shall only add my request that it may be sent a seperate number by the next dispatch —

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Ros Lang

Head Quarters
Camp near the mount
31st January 1784

At a Select Committee Present
The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B:
President
Alexander Davidson
Lieut.

Wednesday
the 4th Febry 1784

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Lieut.t General Roß Lang

Anthony Sadleir & Morgan Williams Esq.rs

absent on Service —

Minutes of last Committee read and

approved

Read the following Letter from the Commander

in Chief, covering a Letter from Colonel Horne, Lieut.t Colonel

Malcolm & Major Sydenham with an inclosed Petition to His

Majesty; & a Memorial to the Honble the Court of Directors

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President & Governor &c.a Select Committee

Fort St. George

From General Lang recommending reinforcements in the Army. Containing Memorials to the Court of Directors & to the King with the Generals Observations thereon

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to forward to

You an address from the Officers in the Honble Compa-

-ny's service on this Establishment, which I beg leave to

recommend to Your particular consideration; and to request

that it may meet with every support in the power of

Your Honble Committee to afford it —

The very Honble testimony, addduced by them

in support of their Character as Officers & Men, carries

sufficient weight without any addition from me was it

necessary. I should be happy to give them every proof

of the very high opinion & esteem of them. But, for

You

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Your Hon. Lord & Gentlemen who have Yourselves expressed your satisfaction of their conduct in the most flattering terms, would be superfluous — but in order to place the hardships of supercession of which they complain in a more striking light. I shall mention one instance or two which came under my own immediate knowledge while I commanded to the Southward — and shall leave to the consideration of Your Hon.ble Committee the embarrassments a Commander may labour under and the alarming consequences that may at some future period result from this priority of rank, which supercedes the Company's old Experienced Officers, should it be continued on the same footing as at present

A young Gentleman a Lieutenant in His Majesty's Service, only fourteen Years old, by his ranking above the Company's Officers was from the routine of Service in the face of the Enemy, and at a most critical time, entrusted with the Command of a Picket, consisting chiefly of Natives who had long been commanded by a Company's Lieutenant of fourteen Years standing, and who in consequence was obliged to serve under him —

Another instance I shall mention was in the Command of a Detachment from the Army, where a Captain who had served the Company for the space of 17 Years with credit & ability, and had obtained by experience a thorough knowledge of the manners, language & customs of the Troops

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composing the Detachment, was obliged to submit to the Com-
=mand of a Captain who had been but 26 months in his Majesty's
Service & was but lately arrived in this Country —

The supercession of myself, sustained, was sufficient
to damp the ardour of the most zealous Servant to the Company
after having toiled near thirty years in their Service — after having
formed an Army to the Southward, of Troops, with whom on
(previous to my taking the Command) Mutinies were more
common than Field days — after having successfully led
them on to the Capture of Carour, & Dindigul, & at the time
I had the prospect of rendering still further Service to my Country
& the Company — I was superseded in the command by Col Fullar-
=ton who had not been six Years an Officer — not to be supposed
that emulation or military ardour can exist under such Circum-
=stances — the feelings of every Man, must point out the impossib-
=ility; and I trust that it needs only a representation from Your
Honble Committee to prevent the like in future — then may the
Company expect to see the Military spirit and Enterprize,
which has under their own Officers ever signalized their Arms,
blaze forth with renewed vegour, and the Nation may hope to
reap those advantages which arise from the Services of Officers
who, fearing no unjust supercessions are zealous & hearty
in the cause in which they are employed —

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Hect Lang

Head Quarters
Camp near the Mount
2d February 1784

To

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

My Lord Gentlemen

A Copy of a petition from the Military Officers on the Bengal Establishment to the Honble Court of Directors, soliciting the protection, influence, and support of that Honble Court to remove the distinction of Rank established to his Majestys Officers over those of the Company, by the Articles of War having been communicated to the Officers of this Establishment by our Commander in Chief, and we having in Consequence been named by the Officers of this Establishment as a Committee on their part to draw up a petition to His Majesty and a Memorial to the Court of Directors not only on the subject of the Rank abovementioned, but likewise to represent the additional grievance we labour under by a further local rank given to many of His Majestys officers while serving in India: and also to represent to the Honble Court of Directors the apprehension that the Officers of the Company may suffer another grievance more severe, because more durable, by the admission of the Officers of His Majesty now in India, into the Company's Service, with the Rank they now hold after peace is concluded — We have the honor to send herewith a Memorial to the Honble Court of Directors signed by the Officers here present

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present for themselves and absentees, and inclosing their petition to the Throne which they have requested the Honble Court to present and support —

We are authorized to say that the Officers of this Establishment think themselves particularly called upon not only to address the Honble Court by a Memorial but the Throne by petition, because the Law of which an appeal is craved is in force by Virtue of the Prerogative, Vested in the Crown. —

The Officers of this Establishment further think themselves particularly called upon to apply for redress of the Grievances they suffer, as the Major part of His Majesty's Troops have served during the present War on the Coast where not only the rank by the Articles of war but the more extensive Local rank, given to many of His Majesty's Officers has Operated and still continues to operate, more powerfully to affect their Situations and Interests, both as men and as Soldiers, than those of the Officers of the Company in any other part of Hindostan

We are accordingly instructed to request Your Honble Committee will forward as a number in the packet by the Belmont now under Dispatch, the memorial of the Officers of this Establishment to the Honble Court of Directors, inclosing their petition to the Throne, left open for their perusal and Yours, and that You will be pleased at the same time to grant them the recommendation of Your support, and countenance in such manner as You may deem warranted by the justice of their claims. ——

We

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We have the honor to be
with high respect
Sir
Your most
obedient
humble Servants
(signed) Matw Horne
Henry Malcolm
Wm Sydenham

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

The Petition of the Honble United
East India Company's Military
Officers on the Coast of Coromandel

Humbly Sheweth

That by the Articles of War, which have been framed for the good Order and Government of the East India Company's Officers, and Soldiers, the respective Ranks of Your Majesty's Military Officers and those of the Company, serving together in India are determined in a Manner which Your Petitioners feel to be degrading to the Officers of the Company, in the first Point and Principle of their Profession.

That in the Infancy of the Company's Military Establishments in Hindostan when their Views were confined to the Protection of a few Factories, and their Force both small and ill disciplined, the Propriety of that Distinction

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distinction which was made in Favor of Officers occasionally sent abroad by Your Majestys Predecessors is sufficiently apparent; but the vast Accession of Territory since acquired by the Company, having produced a proportional Increase of Military Strength, and opened a wide Field for the Exertion of Military Talents and Experience, in which several Officers of high Rank in Your Majestys Service have acted conspicuous Parts, as the Servants of the Company in training and conducting their Forces, Your Petitioners humbly offer it to Your Majestys Royal Consideration whether so discouraging a Preference ought to be continued

That as the Armies of the Company are chiefly composed of Natives of various Countries and Sects, essentially differing from each other in Religion, Language and Manners, their Study of these seems at least as necessary for Officers to unite the Natives in Action as the Knowledge of Military Discipline, and Your Petitioners humbly conceive that the Officers of the Company possess peculiar Advantages in this Respect exclusive of the Experience they have acquired of the Situation and Resources of the different Provinces in India, which must considerably advance their Claims to Your Majestys Protection

That the Events of the different Wars in India, and more especially those of the present War afford ample Testimony in Favor of the Company's Armies, and of the State of Perfection to which their Native Troops have arrived,

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both in Discipline and Attachment to the British Government, and Your Petitioners crave Your Majesty's Permission to address the distinguished, and steady Behavior of those Troops in the most trying Scenes of the Company's Fortune, as an incontestible Proof of what they have advanced.

That Your Petitioners are British Subjects, actuated by the same Loyalty towards Your Majesty's Person and Kingdoms fighting in the same Cause, and Governed by the same Military Law with Your Majesty's Officers in India, in a Service which Your Petitioners humbly conceive to have been conducive to the Honor and Succes of Your Majesty's Arms, and to the Interests of the Nation at large, as well as those of the Company in particular, and where Your Petitioners are Subject to a constant Residence in a Climate unfavorable to European Constitutions.

That many of Your Petitioners having formerly served Your Majesty, their Rank, had they continued to rise in Your Service would now be superior to that of most of Your Majesty's Officers in India and that they were induced to apply in Times of profound Peace in Europe for Your Majesty's Permission to serve the Company, on the Idea that they would be more useful to their Country by so doing than by remaining inactive at home

That Your Petitioners have submitted in Memorials to their Superiors, the Governor and Council

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here, and to the Honble Court of Directors, the particular Instances of Hardship which they suffer not only from the Distinction of Rank established by the Articles of War, but by the more extensive Local Rank of many of Your Majesty's Officers in India, and they humbly implore Your Majesty to take the Subject into Your Gracious Consideration, and to grant them such Relief in the Premises as to Your Majesty's Wisdom shall seem fit.

To the Honble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

The Memorial of the Officers of the Honble Companys Service on the Coast of Choromandel

Respectfully Sheweth

That Your Memorialists addressed the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee of this Presidency under Date the 4th June last, representing the particular hardships which they had experienced in consequence of the preference of Rank given by the Articles of War for the better Government of the Officers and Soldiers in the Company's Service to His Majesty's officers serving in the East Indies, and requesting their favorable recommendation of the same to the Honble Court towards effecting the Removal of a Distinction which threatned to prove not only destructive of Military Emulation in the Company's Army, but detrimental in its effects, to the public Service

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To the Hardship therein recited, another has occurred still more Mortifying, if possible, to us as Military Men; which is, the Local Rank given Indiscriminately to the Superior Ranks of His Majesty's officers in the East Indies; for if a Comparison was drawn between the Length of Service (not to say Experience) of these officers and those of the Company, it would be found that excepting a few Instances, the Latter had served in each Rank at least double the time of the former, and during that time had opportunities of acquiring a practical knowledge of their profession to qualify themselves for the Duties of the different Ranks, at which they had arrived by regular, and progressive Succession —

This last Supercession at the same time that it is so galling to the private feelings of the Company's officers, excites an Apprehension of its being Ultimately brought to affect their prospects in the Service, if any encouragement should be given, or Attention paid, to the Application of His Majesty's Officers, now in India, to be admitted Into it, on the final Establishment of Peace in Europe: but that Apprehension is repressed by the Confidence placed by Your Memorialists in the Justice, and Equity of the Honble Court, which they are persuaded will protect them against such an Unmerited Hardship, after the Proofs they have given of their Zeal and attachment towards the Company's Interests, and the Share they have had in the Success of their Arms, and in the Support of the British Empire in the East Indies. —

Your

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Your Memorialists do respectfully beg leave to remark that if an Officer of the Company's Service, on his return to Europe should be inclined to enter into His Majesty's Service it could not be with a Rank Superior to that of Ensign: tho' he might have held the highest Stations in the Company's Army. ——

Untill therefore that there is such an Equality between His Majesty's and the Company's Service, as that the latter shall in all Situations be on a footing with the former in point of Rank the Injury is undoubtedly to the Company's Officers, and the Advantage, to His Majesty's. but while it is found that the former are equal in every respect to the Stations to which they have succeeded, and to which they have looked forward, from the Time of their Arrival in the Country, as the well-earned reward of honorable and faithful Service, they trust that this Honble Court will not only protect them against every Species of Subversion, and Hypocrisy, but obtain for them such honorary Destinations, as shall make Military Merit the only Recommendations to their favor.

As a proof that Your Memorialists do not complain, or Solicit Redress on this occasion, but upon just and Strong Grounds, they have taken the Liberty to subjoin to this Representation the particular Instances in which Local Rank has been given to His Majesty's Officers in India; and, as the Company's Establishment on the Coast of Choromandel Consists of only one General Officer, two Colonels, four Lieutenant Colonels, and four Majors of Infantry, it must evidently appear to this Honble Court, that

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no Field officer in their Service can at any time have the Command of any Detachment, or part of the Army while there are five Major Generals, Seven Colonels, and Nine Lieutenant Colonels in His Majesty's Service placed by Local Rank above them, and that all Stations of Distinction and Consequence in the Military Line must be held by Kings officers alone, most of whom are perfect Strangers to the Mode of Carrying on War in India, while Your own Officers who to the Knowledge of every part of the Country, join that of the Manners, Language, and Customs of the Natives, act in a Subordinate Sphere where that Knowledge, so essential to the Success of the Service can be of little effect.

To mark this Hardship on the Company's officers the more Strongly, Your Memorialists beg leave to observe that His Majesty's officers (to whom such Local Rank has been given) Came to India with their Corps, and altho they should only have acted in their Regimental Ranks, have been appointed In Consequence of their Local Rank to the Command of Lines, Wings, and Brigades of the Army, Chiefly Composed of Company's Troops, while their own Corps have been left in the Command of officers who had been too short a Time in the Service to have had opportunities of acquiring experience equal to the Importance of such a Charge. —

The Evils which must inevitably arise from the Continuance of such a System are too glaring to need explanation, and Your Memorialists Sincerely hope, as much for the Welfare of the Company's Service, as their own Interest that an effectual Remedy will be Speedily applied

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applied ——

As this it has been His Majesty's pleasure to confer the Local Rank beforementioned on His Officers in India, Your Memorialists are so sensible of his paternal disposition towards the whole of his Subjects, and so firmly Convinced that he is at all times ready to afford perfect Redress to their just Complaints, that they have ventured to address the Throne on a Subject which is so interesting to their feelings, as Gentlemen, and to their Honor and Reputation as Soldiers, and they earnestly hope that the Honble Court will approve of this address to their Sovereign, that they will be pleased to have it presented under their Protection, and as the Constant friends and protectors of all the Company's Servants, That they will also give it their warmest Countenance and Support ——

Your Memorialists hope they shall stand excused for annexing to this Representation, the particular Testimonies of the good Conduct of the Company's Troops during the whole of this trying and Severe War, as they mean these Testimonies to Shew, that they are not undeserving the advantages which they hope to obtain from the Justice of their Cause, and the Liberal Intercession of the Honorable Board with His Majesty in their favor ——

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[signed]

Matthew Horne Colonel
Eyles Nixon Colonel
John Kennedy Lieut Coll
Dugle Campbell Capt
John

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signed

John Regault Major
David Muirhead Captn
Wm Lieut. Lloyd do
Robert Tuth — do
John Stephen — do
Robert Speedman do
George Hall — do
George Saxon do
John Richardson — do
James Campbell do
Thos. Hart Lieut.
Kenneth Campbell Cornet
Jos Moorhouse Captn
Arbr Lentleger Cornet
Robt John Hudleston Cornet
Thos Rumsey Lieut.
Robt. Bell Lieut.
John Grant Cornet
Allan Grant Ensn
John Stuart Cornet
John Jordan Lieut. F.W.
John Tyrrell Ensn
Thos Blakemore Lieut. F.W.
John Hurt — Ensign
And. Morris Lt. F.W.
Samel Hunter Ensn
George Clement Ensn
B. H. Lloyd Lieut.
P C Desse Lieut.
Chas Godfrey Ensn
Lt. Duncan Ensn

James Stephens Ensn
John Dyce — do
Wm Elliot — do
George Keppen — do
Thos. Smith — Captain
Thos. Trent — do
Edwd Lowndan — do
C. Fraser — Major
Noble Lomax Wright Abbott Captn
Arbr Crawford Captn
W Kenny Lieut.
J. McKennas Lt.
Jas Hughes — Captn
Richd Tokong Captn
Geo. Banks Captain
Robt Croker Captn
Walter Thompson Lieut.
Jno Goodman Lieut.
D Bruce Ensign
John Roberts Ensn
Wm Beazley — Ensn
Isaac Bayley Ensn
D. Leigh Ensign
John Greene Lieut.
Jas Walter Captn Lt.
Wm Lumsden Ensn
Wm Peter Sudland Ensn

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Wm Mault Capt. Lieut
John Weekes Lieut & Adjt
Robt Scanlan Capt
George Neale Ensign
Wm Sydenham Capt. Lieut
J. Gee Capt.
Joseph Hill Lieut
W. Macleod Lieut
Geo. Ure Lieut
Edmd Tovey Ensign
John Mc Kennedy Lieut
James Eidington Major
B. Myers Capt.
J. Mitchell Lieut
Richd Wright Lieut
W. Flint Capt.
W. Godfrey Lieut
R. Gomond Lieut
J. Sauter Ensign
Knightley Adams Lieut
J. M. Chalmers Lieut
Jn Wm Ogg Ensign
John Guthrie Ensign
Henry Malcolm Adjt Genl
John Davies D. M. Genl

(signed)

A. Cuppage Lieut
Joseph Hill Lieut
J. Orr Lieut
E. Collins Capt
Wm Lovenge Capt. Lieut Comdt
Thos Pagan Cornet
Bedford Capt. Lieut
Bj Close Lieut
D. Duncan Ensign
Jno Hutchinson Ensign
Thos Stevenson Ensign
John Innes Ensign
D. Jennings Ensign & Engineer
Williams Ensign
Freeman Clark Lieut Adjt

For themselves and the absent Officers of the Establishment

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List of His Majesty's Officers to whom Local Rank has been given in the East Indies referd to in the Memorial from the Officers in the Honble Company's Service to the Honble Court of Directors

Corps	Names	Regimental Rank	Army Rank in Europe	Local Rank in India
100th Regiment	Honble Thos. Bruce	Lieut. Colonel	Colonel	Major General
36th Ditto	Allan Campbell	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
52d Ditto	William Gyle	Major	Ditto	Ditto
101st Ditto	Thomas Adams	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
102d Ditto	Thomas Jones	Ditto	Ditto	Ditto
52d Ditto	Turner Shawbrooke	Lieut. Colonel		Colonel
42d Ditto	Norman Macleod	Ditto		Ditto
98th Ditto	William Fullarton	Ditto		Ditto
78th Ditto	F F M Humberston	Ditto		Ditto
102d Ditto	Gordon Forbes	Ditto		Ditto
101st Ditto	Andrew Gordon	Ditto		Ditto
23d L. Dragn.	John Floyd	Ditto		Ditto
73d Regt.	John Colquhoune	Major		Lieut. Colonel
73d Ditto	George Mackenzie	Ditto		Ditto
98th Ditto	Honble Chas. Cathcart	Ditto		Ditto
78th Ditto	George Mackenzie	Ditto		Ditto
23d L. Dragn.	Thomas Nash	Ditto		Ditto
36th Regt.	Honble John Knox	Ditto		Ditto
36th Ditto	M. C. Stirling	Captain		Ditto
52d Ditto	Henry Barry	Ditto		Ditto
100th Ditto	Alexr. Campbell	Ditto		Ditto
100th Ditto	John Gratton	Ditto		Major

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General Orders respecting the Conduct of the Honble Company's Troops during the War Referr'd to in the Memorial to the Honble Court of Directors

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G: O: By Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief in India

Fort St. George
5th January 1779

Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote on his Return to the Command of India felt himself particularly happy on the Recollection that he should have the Honor, once more, of leading those Troops, whose Military Firmness and Intrepidity he has been an Eye Witness of on so many Instances during former Wars: But on his Arrival here, he begs leave to address the Army on their Establishment with the Overflowings of an Heart, replete with gratitude to them as an Englishmen, a Kings, and a Companys Officer for the essential Services they have so lately rendered the English Nation, its Allies, and more particularly their Masters, the Honble the East India Company.

The Service they have been employed on during the Siege of Pondicherry required Leaders of approved Military abilities, and Soldiers in the highest sense of the Word, and as such, the Army on the Choromandel Coast, have signalized themselves to all the World. ——

N.2

Camp near Porto Novo 2d July 1781

G: O: Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote Commander in Chief in India

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The Commander in Chief takes the earliest Opportunity of returning his Thanks to the whole Army, he has the Honor to Command for their very Steady and Gallant Conduct throughout the action of yesterday, and which alone insured the Success attending the Operations of the Day: he desires that this order may be particularly explained to the Black Troops, whose Behavior on all occasions gives the greatest Satisfaction: the Spirited Conduct of our Troops must strike the Enemy with that Awe and Respect for our Arms, which cannot fail of being of essential Service to our National Cause, and it is hoped will eventually be the Means of shortening the Confinement and Sufferings of our Brother Soldiers, in the Enemy's Miserable Prisons — The Commander in Chief takes this opportunity also of mentioning that he shall set forth to His Majesty and the Company the very essential Services the Army has rendered.

N°3

Extract of General Orders

By the Right Honble the President and Select Committee of Fort St. George 24th. July 1783

The Select Committee are happy in this Opportunity of returning their Thanks to the Army in general for their uniform Steady and Gallant Conduct during the whole of this War, through a Variety of important and trying Services in which they have displayed a Zeal for the Interest of their Country, and an Intrepidity and Perseverance that must always reflect

reflect the highest Honor upon themv and the Select Committee will not fail to express to the Honble Company the high Sense they entertain of their Merit and Services —

The attention of the Committee is at present too much engaged by the Dispatch of the Belmont to take the above Papers into immediate Consideration, but it is agreed that they be transmitted a seperate Number in the Packet for the Judgment & disposal of the Honble the Court of Directors.

Read three Letters from His Highness the Nabob which were received on the 31st Ulto at Noon as entered in C.C. Nos 11.12.13.

In the first Letter dated the 25th of January — His Highness complains in his usual acrimonious stile of the Conduct of the President in returning the Assignment, states the reasons which operated with him in that Act, — but that instead of conveying it to the Company's Advantage, His Lordship had convinced the Government of his Country that engaged on several Instances the Agreement of the 2d December 1781 — complaining that the Orders from the Company & from the Governor General & Council for restoring to him his Country had not been complied with; & repeating his request that the Committee would interest themselves in the release of all his Subjects who are Prisoners with Tippoo Sultaun.

In the second Letter (which is without a date) His Highness demands to be informed of the particulars of the present Negociations with Tippoo Sultaun, complaining of the indignity offered him by concealing the object of the Deputation & of not advising with him on that subject, reprobates the conferences held with Tippoo Sultaun's Vackeels at Madras, — desires to be furnished with

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with Extracts from the Records of every matter in which his Interests are concerned. He accuses the President of disobedience of the Orders of the Court of Directors in not communicating to him the objects of the Deputation to Tippoo Sultaun.

In the third letter dated the 28th January His Highness warns the President not to destroy by separate Negociations the good effects to be derived from the Mahratta treaty, — animadverts on the mode of negociation, — complains of his not having been consulted, & encloses a translation of a letter, just received from Poonah, advising of the hostile designs of the Mahrattas against Tippoo

Minute of Committee February 4th 1784

The President's minute concerning the Nabobs animadversions on Govr. sends his letters for the packet very late Composed by English Secretaries - Necessity of keeping the despatches this day not being communicated to him Remarks on the Mahratta Treaty with the Intelligence concerning their Intentions sent by the Nabob

It was intended that the Packet, by the Bussorah, should be closed the 31st in the Evening, and notice of this Intention was circulated accordingly — at Noon of that day, and not before, the Nabob sends a Note to Mr. Freeman the Civil Secretary with three Letters to the Governor — The first dated the 25th January is in answer to a letter from the Governor to him of the 13th December — one of the other letters (without date) is in reply to one from the Governor dated 27th October last. —

This practice of sending letters at the very moment of closing our Packets, is not new — almost every Dispatch written by our Predecessors to the Court of Directors takes notice of this Conduct in the Nabob, and complains of it, as an attempt to take a very unfair advantage of the pressure of

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times and Business which frequently prevented them from consi-
=dering and making any Answers or even remarking upon such
Letters for the Information of their Employers

That such is the Design of the Nabob in the pre-
=sent case will hardly admit of a doubt. There was nothing in the Gover-
=nors Letters to the Highness of the 27th October or 18th December,
which required so long a time to reply to, and if we look to the Sub-
=stance of the Answers now received, we have still more reason
to complain of the delay. ——

It is a matter of real Concern to us, and we
hope will be a subject of serious Consideration with our Employ-
=ers that all the Nabobs Letters, are evidently dictated in Sentiment
Style and Language by other hands - the Composition is English
and they came to us in English — We are willing to believe in
Justice to the Nabob that he does not even understand the Force
or meaning of what he puts his Name to — This is certainly no
compliment to his Judgment, but it is the mildest Interpretation
We can put upon his Correspondence

To enter into a regular Discussion of the Letters now
before us would be giving them a degree of Importance which they do
not merit — either from the Composition — Argument, Language
or Source from whence they spring. If we wanted proofs of the
Necessity of the Measures, we have taken both in regard to the
Nabobs Assignment, and to the Arrangements for restoring Peace
to the Carnatic, We should be inclined to quote these Letters and
indeed the whole of the Nabobs Correspondence, as our strongest
Justification. While the Nabobs mind is under the entire In-
=fluence of Men, who are avowedly inimical to Government, and
who

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who feel for nothing but their own immediate Gratifications: it would be an unpardonable Breach of Trust in us to surrender into his hands the only means We have of preserving the Interests of the Company, and the Carnatic, or to allow by a Participation of Counsels, Designs, and Measures with this Highness, under such Circumstances, so important a Stake to be further hazarded than it is at present —

If our Honble Employers disapprove of this Caution, We shall bow with the utmost Submission to their Judgment. but while the smallest Discretion is left with us, We never can consent to place our Confidence where We have experienced in repeated Instances, a total want of ability, prudence, and even of common sincerity

With respect to every thing the Nabob has urged in these Letters on the subject of the Assignment We need only appeal to the plainest Facts for an Answer It is a fact that for 18 Months after Hyder entered the Country, we received no Relief from the Nabob, who had then the Management of it — that since the Collection came into our hands We have received very large Supplies for the publick Service — that We are indebted to those Supplies for the Preservation of the Country, and that since the Failure of Remittances from Bengal, We should, without the Assignment have been long ago at the end of all Resource, and reduced to a situation, which we cannot even think of, without Horror.

Tho We have collected from the Countries

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not actually in Possession of the Enemy a large Revenue
in the very height of the Invasion and amidst oppositions &
Embarrassment of every kind, than the Nabob, by his own
accounts, did in time of profound Peace, yet the Penner of
the Letters from His Highness is either so ignorant of this, or
so regardless of all truths, that he boldly asserts not only
that there have been Deficiencies, but even "a total Depreci-
=tion of all the Revenues" under our Management.—

As to the Reflections thrown upon our honor
& integrity, We are so accustomed to them from this quarter
that We have learnt to bear them with patience, they create
indeed no other Sensation in our minds than a sincere con-
=cern that the Nabob should have been so far wanted from
his natural Inclination, and Politeness, as to adopt such
unbecoming Expressions. Had the Nabob's Conduct and
Disposition towards the Company during this War been
such as to merit a friendly, and Confidential Communica-
=tion of Sentiments, and Measures, We should readily have
imparted to him as much of our negociations for Peace, as
it was proper for him to be acquainted with, but no one
surely will venture to assert that it would not have been
the Height of Imprudence, and even of Folly, to have made
any Communication whatever to him in the present temper
of his mind. It has in truth been our chief Aim to con-
=ceal our views, and determination from him, knowing
as We do that he would either counteract them, or make
them public, which would be equally pernicious — This

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Caution has been always observed by Government, even when the Nabob was much better disposed to cooperate with it than he is at present. If We are to take the Lead in the political Interests of the Carnatic, and to be responsible for their safety, We must pursue the means which appear to us the most conducive to that end ——

The Nabob in one of his letters mentions the plan formed by the Governor General in conjunction with the Marattas for the Peace and Tranquility of India; and entreats us not to destroy it by any seperate negociations — This Plan, We suppose, is included in the Treaty lately made by Mr. Anderson with Madajee Scindia; but so little confidence had Mr. Anderson himself in the Effect of that Plan, and so little did the Governor General and Council expect from it, that in the very letter which enclosed the Copy of Mr. Andersons Treaty they authorise, and empower us to carry on our negociations with Tippoo Sultaun, and to conclude peace with him, if it can be done on the terms specified in their said letter ——

With regard to the Paper of Intelligence from Poonah, We cannot regard the Facts contained in it as authentic, since We have no Information from Bengal of any such Change in the Plans of that Govern=ment, as this Paper would insinuate from the Language

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and Intentions which it has ascribed to Colonel Popham & Madajee Scindia

Ordered that Copies of the Nabobs Letters as likewise an Extract from these Minutes be transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors by the Ships now under Dispatch

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Gabriel Doveton.

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

From Lt. Doveton requesting permission to go home.

My Lord & Gentlemen

As the War is now drawing towards a happy conclusion, and as it is probable that in a short time Peace will reign throughout all our Settlements. I beg leave to represent to Your Lordship &c. Committee that having private Business of the utmost Consequence to myself, to transact in Europe, which absolutely requires my personal attendance, I now take the liberty to request, that the Honble Committee will grant me their Permission to proceed thither on that Purpose

Being informed that every Servant of the Company, who returns to Europe upon what Plan soever, is obliged agreeable to the Orders of the Court of Directors, to resign their Service here. — I beg leave to make this my request to your Lordship &c. Committee so to do — at the same time to hope that your Lordship &c. Select Committee will done the honor, (as my

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resignation is an act of necessity on my part, I to mention me in a favorable light to my Honble Masters at Home, & to recommend that I may be allowed to return to my rank in their service, so soon as I have accomplished the purpose of my Voyage—

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Gabriel Davelon

Fort St George
January 28th 1784

Agreed that Lt Davelon be permitted to resign the service, & to proceed to England and that favorable mention be made of him in the address to the Court of Directors.

The General letter by the Belmont is now read and approved. and the Packet is ordered to be closed.

Agreed that Bills on Masulipatam be granted in favor of Mr William Ross to the amount of 3000 Pagodas & to be carried to the head of Agent in the General Books and that Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Mr Bryan Lesbury to the amount of 5000 Pagodas on account of his Employ as Military Storekeeper — Also Bills to Mr Thomas Welch on Ganjam to the Amount of 1500 Pagodas to be carried to the Acct of the Army Paymaster — and to Mr Thomas Hingeate on Bengal to the Amount of 5000 Pagodas. to be carried to the head of Sepoy Agent.

Ordered that two thousand (2000 Star Pagodas

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Pagodas be advanced to Veerabirmanul Pillah on account of the Commission to the Nabob Tippoo Sultan - the Amount to be carried, as in the former advance for the same service, to the head of Second War with Hyder Ally"

Ordered that a Sett of Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Mr. James Ahnos for Arcot Rupees six hundred & sixty nine being the Amount of Freight for the Grenadier Company of the 102d. Regt. to Manulipatam on board of the Ship Tyrone

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4th Received the following Letters entered in M. B. —

From Capt. Cuppage Commaing at Vellore (N.o 2.) requesting to know, that as the Meat for his Garrison is nearly expended, in what manner he is to procure more —

From Capt. Cuppage at Vellore —

From Colonel Pearse (N.o 14) requesting permission for Lieut. Neish of the Bengal Artillery to go to Sea on account of ill health. —

From Col. Pearse

From Capt. Patterson Commanding at Chinglepat (N.o) enclosing a Return of Troops for the Month of January. —

From Capt. Patterson at Chinglepat. —

Dispatched the following Letters entered in M. B. —

To Capt. Patterson Commanding at Chinglepat (N.o 16) desiring him to deliver up the Command of that Garrison to Lieut. Colonel Alcock. —

From Capt. Patterson

To Capt. Robert Watts (N.o 18) & Lieutenant Gabriel Doveton (N.o 15) granting them permission to go to England. —

From Capt. Watts and Lieut. Doveton with Permission to go to England. —

To Capt. Garnage Commanding the Honble Company's Ship Belmont (N.o 19.) directing him to receive on board as Charter Party Passengers to England, the Persons specified in the List enclosed to him, and another Letter N.o 21) desiring him

To Captain Garnage of the Belmont —

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4th To Accomodate with a passage to England Lieutenant Doveton. —

To the Commissary & Paymaster to the Army. —

Dispatched a Letter to the Commissary to the Army, as likewise one to the Paymaster (entered in Mo. B. / N° 8 & N° 22,26) informing them of the Accounts of the Surgeons in the Field having been liquidated. —

5th Dispatched the following Letters

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

Gentlemen

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue The Permissions to Bommauze deferred till the Supplies Vellore, informing of Mr. Sandlis removal to Chingleput, & that the Petition from the Rajas of Palnaud shall be taken into Consideration. —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters to them of the 23d. & 27th. of last Month. —

With respect to Bommauze's application for a Remission of Peischush, — as that Polygar joined Hyders Arms on the Commencement of the War, & continued with him 'till the Month of September; the Select Committee do not imagine he could ever have received any Summons of Remission from the Nabob, tho' they know not what favor he may have received or expected from Sir Eyre Coote, but the presumption was a Cause of Security

to them

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5th when he returned to his Country which was all that the General had on his power to grant.

As Bom Rauze has lately been ordered to use every exertion in sending Grain to Vellore, — his Zeal in this Service will evince what indulgence it may be proper to shew him; — The Select Committee are pleased to consent, that the Amount of the Provisions supplied by Bomrauze agreeably to the report delivered in by Messrs. Holland & Moubray — shall be deducted from his Peiscush.

Lieut. Sundt having received Directions to return from Chettapet, & to allow the Amildar to come with him, — the Select Committee will not fail on their arrival to make further enquiries into their respective Conduct, — nor will they neglect the first Opportunity to take into consideration, the Petition from the Vackeel of the Desponda of Balmaud. —

The Mayors Court certainly have no kind of right whatsoever to interfere, in a matter of this sort. — —

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

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To Captain John Cuppage
Commanding at
Vellore —

Sir

It being necessary that a large Stock of Grain should be collected with all possible expedition within the Fort of Vellore, & the Crop being already far advanced; — We have directed Bommauze, & the Calestry & Vencatagurry Polygars; to furnish from their respective Countries; as large quantities of Grain as they may be able to collect. —

Our President has written on this Subject to the Paymaster Mr Ogilvie, to whom his Lordship has sent a Letter to be transmitted to Bommauze; — but for effecting this business, We principally depend upon the exertions of Capt.n Close, who now proceeds to the Westward in order to forward the collection of Grain; — & who is directed to correspond with You on that subject — Orders have been likewise sent to the Renter, who will We trust, be able considerably to assist you on this occasion, and We hope that the Mogrunt Polygars, & the people in the neighbourhood of

To Capt.n Cuppage
dep.d on Bommauze
& the Rajahs of
Calestry; and
Vencatagurry; for
supplying Vellore;
also upon Mr Closes
exertions — supplies
of Arrack &c.a
Ordered to be sent
by the Agent —

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5th of Chittoor, may be also useful. We wish you to apply to them, & assure them of the Company's protection, in proportion to their Exertions .... on this occasion —

The Agent has been directed to send you a supply of Arrack, & Salt Provisions; — With regard to fresh provisions — We hope you will be able to purchase in the neighbourhood. The Fort of Vellore a sufficient number of Bullocks & Sheep for that purpose, The Amuldar & the Chittoor Poligars upon proper Encouragement will probably be able to assist you —

We are &c
Signed Macartney
&c Select Committee

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the 5. Febry 1784.

To John Sullivan Esq.
Resident at
Sanjore —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter enclosing the Copy of one you had received from the Rev.d Mr. Swartz. —

As the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun in a Letter to the Commissioners dated the 29th December expressed himself in the following Words —

The Mr. Sullivan acquainting him of Mr. Swartz being again requested by the Committee to proceed to Tippoo. —

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5 Words, — "Agreeably to your desire I have sent
"orders to the Amuldars of Salemmungul to
"permit the Rev.d Mr. Swartz to go to your thro
"their Districts" — the Select Committee entertain
a hope that a second attempt to join the
Commissioners, might be attended with better
success, — more particularly if Mr. Swartz were
to take the route of Sollicherry; — The Select
Committee are thus earnest in this point, as they
are of opinion that great advantage might result
to the Negociations from Mr. Swartzs assistance,
his Knowledge of the Language, & his distinguished
Integrity. —

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) W. G. Wasey
Actng Secretary

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To Benjamin Sullivan Esqr.
Attorney General —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President & Select Committee to inclose to
You an authenticated Copy of His Majestys
Warrant, addressed to the late Lieut. General
Sir Eyre Coote K.B. &c &c &c. — authorizing
him to order General Courts Martial; —
— Which Copy was taken from the original
Warrant

To Mr. Sullivan
desiring his Opinion
whether General
Campbell can
legally call a
Court Martial —

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5th Warrant in the possession of Major General Stewart, & which was transmitted by him to Government, during his Confinement — expressly for that purpose; — The original Warrant was afterwards returned to General Stuart, who on his embarkation for England refused to deliver it to Major General Sir John Burgoyne — He accordingly applied to the Select Committee for an authenticated Copy of the Warrant, — with which he was furnished, & under the Sanction of it had actually convened a General Court Martial, at the time he was put under Arrest by the Orders of Govern.t

As Sir John Burgoyne has submitted to his Arrest, & as the Command of His Majesty's Troops in India has of course devolved upon Major General Allan Campbell, — I am directed by the Select Committee to desire you will be pleased to acquaint them, as soon as you conveniently can, — whether under the Circumstances above stated respecting the Warrant, & the present situation of Major General Campbell, — it is your opinion, that he (Major General Campbell) can legally and with safety to himself, act under the — Sanction

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5th Sanction of the enclosed Copy of the Warrant, & Order General Courts Martial for the trial & punishment of Military Offences Committed in the East Indies. —

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I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) W. G. Wasey
Acting Secry

To the Chief & Council of Masulipatam.

To the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, Mr Bowie has permission to come to the Presidency —

as entered in No. B, (No. 87) informing them that Mr Patrick Bowie has permission to come to the Presidency. —

To Mr Jackson Commissary to the Army.

To the Commissary to the Army Capt.n Edington entitled to Majors Batta. —

as entered in No. B. (No. 94) informing him that Capt.n Edington is intitled to Majors Batta from the time of Major Cotgraves death until the Army returned to the Mount, desiring him, that in order to prevent References being made to Government, to acquaint Gentlemen of the Company Regulations, and should they not be satisfied with these, they must themselves address Government. —

To the Paymaster at Ongole.

To the Paymaster at Ongole —

as entered in No B (No 96) desiring that Lieutenant James Mackay may furnish him with a particular account of his expences on his journey

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5th journey to Kummur ud dien Cawn, when the Committee will be able to judge of the Propriety of his Charge ——

To Lieut. Armston as entered in M. B. (N 79) granting him permission to resign the Service, and proceed to England for the recovery of his health. —

To Lieut. Armstrong with Permission to Resign the Service —

6th Received the following Letters. —

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

My Lord,

Yesterday, in the course of Conversation with the Marquis de Bussy, he was pleased to mention to me a request he had some time ago made to you, for the Release of some French Prisoners, in Number 17, at Tanjore & Trichinopoly; with which You had so far complied, as to give Orders for that Purpose; but that to his surprise, they had not yet been set at Liberty; That he was persuaded it was thro some Mistake, and would not therefore wish at present to complain to you of it. —

From Mr. Hoisgard Respecting the Release of Prisoners & Remission of Duties at Pondicherry

He also mentioned to me, the

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6th Custom you had been kind enough to remit, upon 1200 Bullock-loads of Grass coming into Pondicherry, for the supply of its Inhabitants — that as his Applications had been only for 1200, the real Numbers not being then known, which was 1600. he had paid the Duties upon the additional 400, not to trouble you a second time — That the Amildar conceiving himself entitled to the Customs upon the 1200, was now stopping the Property of Individuals coming into the Town, in order to inforce the Payment. which he observed, was so unjustifi= =able a proceeding, that he hardly knew how to Act, not wishing either to trouble you privately, or the Committee publickly, upon such a trifle, tho' too much to be submitted to.

As it struck me these Matters were mentioned, with a seeming desire that I would communicate them to you, which at all events I should not have omitted, I convey them to your Lordship as nearly as possible in the Marquiss Words. —

I am sorry to acquaint your Lordship, of the Death of Mr. Hopkey, after having given his Phisician the most flattering Hopes of his Recovery; but this an indiscretion he threw himself back, and expired yesterday. —

I have the honor to be &c
(signed) Geo. Js. Woodyard

Pondicherry
2d. Febry 1784. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Bombay intimating Mr. Hornby's departure

We have received your Letter dated the 9th of October by the Prince —

Our late President, Mr. Hornby, having embarked for Europe on the Raymond, he has been succeeded in the Government by the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqre to whom We request you will address your Letters in future. ——

We have the honor to be &c

R. H. Boddam

John Tozlelle
Robt. Sparks
C. Bourchier
Richd Church
Jas. Morley
A Kirkcallander
Jno. Beaumont

Bombay Castle
the 3d January 1784. —

(signed)

From Lieut. Lundt informing of his arrival at Chingleput — entered in M. B. (No 9)

From Lieutenant Lundt, as informing of his arrival at Chingleput and of the Aumildar of Chittapet having accompanied him thither ——

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From the Paymaster of Nellore with a Return of Stores for January. ——

From the Paymaster of Nellore, as entered in M. B. (No. 6) enclosing a return of Stores for the Month of January. ——

Dispatched the following Letter —

Capt. John Cuppage
Commanding at Vellore

Sir

To Capt. Cuppage informing of Mr. Close being dispatched to procure Grain. ——

I have received Your Letters informing me of the state of y. Provisions &c. in the Garrison & am now to acquaint, that we have determined to throw a large Stock of Grain into Vellore immediately, & for this purpose we have written to Bomrauze, & the Calastry & Vencatagherry Rajahs — Mr. Close, Genl. Langs Aid De Camp, proceeds this night to expedite the business, so that I hope in a little time we shall have from 15 to 20,000 bags in Store — This will be necessary in case it should be found expedient for the Army to march your way — You will therefore take particular care to husband it well. ——

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Signed Macartney

Dispatched the following Letters. —

To Colonel William Fullarton
Commanding the Southern Army —

Sir

Our President has laid before Us your

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To Colonel Fullarton acknowledge in the Receipt of his Letters of the 25th & 22d. Inst. are pleased to learn that in case of a renewal of Hostilities the Southern Countries will be sufficient for such Operations as may be rendered necessary. All Garrisons taken from the Enemy and not absolutely necessary for the Preservation of his Army, to be immediately destroyed.

Your Letter to his Lordship of the 22d. of January:— and We have likewise received those addressed to Us under date the 25th & 22d. of the same Month; — the former enclosing an application from Lieut.t Ormston for permission to resign the Service, & to proceed to England; — with which We have complied & have accordingly signified the same to Lieut.t Ormston.

It afforded Us great Satisfaction to learn from your Letters in the event of a renewal of Hostilities, that the Resources of the Southern Countries will be sufficient for such Operations as may be rendered necessary, & We doubt not that Mr. Sullivan & Mr. Irwin will use every exertion in their power, to enable you to act with the same success & effect, which have hitherto distinguished your Command. —

In our Letter of the 26th January, We desired you not only to retain possession of Palicautcherry should that Fort not have been yet delivered up, but likewise to hold fast every inch of ground of which you were then in possession, till you shall have received accounts of the result of the Negotiations at Mangalore, at which place We hope our Commissioners with those from Bombay, before this time will have arrived — We wait with great Impatience to hear from them — You will probably have

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y.r intelligence as early as we shall.

We approve of the prudent manner in which you have prepared, & provided, for the execution of your measures, without affording the Enemy any suspicion of your intentions; & We are persuaded that your Conduct in the adoption of such plans as the exigency of Affairs may require, will be guided by the strictest regard to Oeconomy, & the Regulations of the Company's Service, so as to ensure to you the continuance of that applause, confidence, & support, — which We are happy to give to your Zeal, and Abilities —

In order to enable you to act with full effect, We have ordered an Officer with thirty European Artillerymen to join your Army as soon as possible, & directions have been also given for your being supplied immediately with 4 Iron 18 Pounders and 6 Brass 6 Pounders with their Tumbrills complete, & such Stores and ammunition as may be necessary. —

With respect to Cavalry. It is not in our power to spare you any out of the very small Number we have, neither can Capt.n Moorehouse leave this Army, where his Services are absolutely necessary in several Departments. —

In case of a Renewal of the War, We beg leave to recommend that every Place which shall be taken, & which shall not be

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y.th judged absolutely necessary for the safety of
Your own Army,— be immediately destroyed,
as in all probability whenever Peace shall be
finally concluded,— We shall find it necessary to
restore them. The System recommended by the
Company for many Years past, has been rather
to Secure the Territories which they are already
in possession of, than to extend them.— No Expence
ought therefore to be incurred in fortifying and
strengthening such places as may be captured,
unless absolutely requisite, nor is it meant to be
at much charge even for the Fortifications of the
Carnatic, except a very few important places,
as it is the intention of Government in the event
of Peace, that the greatest part of the Army
should be cantoned in such situations, as will
admit in case of emergency of its acting at a
moments Warning.—

Whatever may be thought
indispensable in this point within Your command,
You have with You a very able Engineer
Capt.n Byres, to execute it, but nothing of any
considerable expence can be undertaken, without
a regular estimate being first laid before us—

We have the honor to be &c.

(signed) Macartney
&c. Select Committee

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To Mr. Sulivan

Tanjore

My dear Sir

To Mr. Sulivan informing him of the Marquis de Bussy request to Mr. Hoisgard's Information respecting the Nizam

Enclosed I send you the Copy of a Paragraph in a Letter to me from Mr. Hoisgard Resident at Pondicherry, & request of you will be so good as to enquire into the Matter – It must be some French Marchandize, I imagine, – There is a strong Report here of the Soubas preparing a large force for the field, some Gentlemen to the Northward are apprehensive for the Circars – We have been interdicted by the Government of Bengal from having any Correspondence with the Soubah, It is to be hoped that Peace with him, will be sufficient to secure us ——

We have just received an Account that the Com.rs were at Keelmangoody to the Westward of the Balabroy pass on the 30.th Ultimo proceeding to Sippoo at Mangalore. ——

Adieu,

Most truly yours

(Signed) Macartney

Copy of a Paragraph of Mr. Hoisgards Letter to Lord Macartney dated Pondicherry – Nov.r 2, 1784 –

Yesterday, in the course of conversation with the Marquis de Bussy, he was pleased to mention to me a request he had some time ago made

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made to you, for the release of some French Prisoners in Number 17 at Tanjore, & Trichinopoly, with which you had so far complied, as to give orders for that purpose, but that to his surprize, they had not yet been set at Liberty, that he was persuaded it was thro' some mistake, & would not therefore wish at present to complain to you of it. —

To Marquis de Bussy

Sir

I must request your Indulgence for my detaining your Hircarrahs so long, but the Dispatch of two Ships for Europe has so entirely engaged us for some time, that it was not in my Power to attend to any other Business for some Days — Mr. Floifsard has informed me, that the Prisoners at Tangore and Trichinopoly had not been yet released, which is a Circumstance that surprizes me much, and which I can by no means account for, as the orders for their release were sent long since, immediately after the first intimation given to me of there being such Persons in that situation. —

I have this day written again upon the subject and have no doubt of receiving a satisfactory Explanation of the Mistake if any such there should be — As to the

To the Marquis de Bussy respecting the prisoners, & the duties at Pondicherry —

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The other Matter mentioned by Mr Hoissard, relative to the Duties I shall enquire into it, but as I see the Discussing such a subject will be attended with a Discussion which so trifling a Matter can scarcely be thought to merit, and as the Object is so very small and can't occur a second time, I shall be disposed to make a Present of the Value to the Poor People out of my own Pocket — It will be the same thing to them whether they receive it from me or the Amuldar — I think the Whole did not amount to 60 Pagodas — I daily expect a Dispatch from England and as it will probably bring us authentic Official accounts of the Events in Europe & Instructions thereupon, it will make me happy to have it soon in my Power to make you the proper Communications thereupon —

I have the Honor to be with the most distinguished Consideration Sir Your most Obedient & most humble Servant (Signed) Macartney

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Mr Hoissard

Sir

To Mr Hoissard on the same subject —

I have received your Letter of the 2d Instant, and have in consequence written to Mr de Bussy upon the subject of it — With respect to

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7th to the Prisoners whom he mentions, I imagine there must be some Mistake; as Orders were sent long since to release all the French Ones in our Islands — Mr. de Bussy ought on his part to have obtained the Release of all ours which were put into Tippoo's hands independently of any negociation whatsoever that may be carrying on between Tippoo & the Company — But of this matter he will hear at another time — As to the Complaint of the Amuldar I wish you had enquired into it yourself — The whole Object was originally but 60 Pagodas, and I have written to Mr. de Bussy that rather than such a trifle should come into Discussion I would make the Poor People a Present of the value out of my own Pocket — I have not yet received the papers from Masulipatam as soon as they arrive I shall send them to you to enable you to renew your conference with Mr. Moneron —

I am with great truth &c

(signed) Macartney

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To Mr. Grant

Masulipatam

To Mr. Grant acquainting him of the information lately received concerning the Nizam. & requesting his Opinion of his Intentions. —

Sir

The interdiction from negociation with the Souba laid upon this Government by

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7th by the Gentlemen of Bengal, joined to a
wish of avoiding any occasion of giving the
slightest jealousy to them, has prevented me
from cultivating the honor of your Correspondence
as much as I wish, nor should I now venture
to break thro that constraint which I have
been obliged to lay upon my inclinations, if
the present appearance of things did not
appear to me to require it. —

I have received a variety of
Intelligence from different Quarters all agreeing
in the Soubah's preparations for War —

Some bodies of his Troops are said
to be already in motion, & their Intention
hostile, but whether towards us or towards any
other Neighboring power I have not yet been
able to learn —

From your Correspondence & the
Opportunities which you have of knowing
what passes at Hydrabad, you will be
able to obtain the best information & I shall be
much obliged to you for such communication
as you may think will be useful for us to
possess. —

By the last letters from our
Deputies, they were within a few days of

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7th To Tippoo's Camp near Mangalore — a very short time will enable us to judge of His sincerity, at all events our Southern Army will be able to act with Vigor & effect, before the end of this Month, in case of the renewal of Hostilities — our little Army near the Presidency is now assembled, and ready to proceed at a Moments Notice. ——

I have the Honor to be,

with great truth & regard &c

(Signed) Macartney

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To the Committee of Stores, as entered in M. B. (No 34) desiring them to give directions for 4 Iron 18 Pr & 6 Brass 6 Prs with Tumbrils & ammunition, to be got ready to be sent to Negapatam ——

To the Committee of Stores ordering Tumbrils and Ammunition to be got ready for Negapatam —

To Mr Jackson Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts, as entered in M. B. (No 36) enclosing to him an Extract from the Minutes relative to the Proportion that Paddy should bear to Rice, which is to be his guide in all future adjustments of Accounts ——

To Mr. Jackson Superintendant of the Army Grain Accounts enclosing an Extract from the Minutes —

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Ata Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B. Governor

Saturday the 7th Febry 1784. —

Alexander Davidson
Lt. General Ross Lang —

Anthony Sadleir & Morgan Williams absent on Service. —

Minutes of last Committee read and approved —

Read Letters as entered in C.C. Nos. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. & 20 —

From the Rajah of Travancore with an Account of his Journey to Ramisheuer. —

From the Rajah of Travancore (No 14) containing an account of his having performed his Journey to Ramisheuer, & of the attention he had received from Mr. Irvine, in consequence of the Governors Orders. —

From Meer Mohun and Dien Cawn, (No 15) acknowledging the receipt of a Letter from the President, & referring the disputes relative to the Prisoners, to be settled between his Master & the Commissioners; — desiring the President to urge them to expedite their

From Meer Mohun and Dien Cawn referring the Disputes relative to the Prisoners to be settled between his Master & the Commissioners —

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Journey &c. &c. promising that the Dispatches shall meet with no interruption.——

From Meer Mohun Ud Dien Cawn (N.o 16.) informing the President that the Strangers who had been seized, belonged to Tippoo Sultaun— That the Books in their possession, were forwarded to an Armenian Doctor at Madras to be translated into Persian, & promising to furnish with Letters any persons he may in future send to Madras.

From Meer Mohun Ud Dien Cawn promising to furnish with letters any persons he may send to Madras—

From Meer Mohun Ud Dien Cawn (N.o 17) mentioning his having dispatched people into the several Districts to prevent Tippoo's Subjects from committing any irregularities;— complaining that a Servant of the Company had committed some disorders, in consequence of which he had written to the Commanding Officer at Permacoil,—assigning his Reasons for not having evacuated the Carnatic, & that he had therefore sent Appaje Ram & Shrinowas Row with the Commissioners to Tippoo Sultaun.——

From Meer Mohun Ud Dien Cawn has dispatched People to prevent his Masters Subjects from committing any irregularities, & his sent Appaje Row and Shrinowas Row with the Commissions.——

From Kishen Row Shereshadar of Trichinopoly, (N.o 18) with intelligence that the Killadar of Gruemandah, had received Orders to march against Chundergurry, that the Enemy have Troops at the Gaut of Gottical, & should they attack him, expressing his hopes that the President will

From Trichinopoly with Intelligence that the Enemy have Troop's at the Gaut—

Gruemanda

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will order the Calestry Rajah to assist him: —

From Vencatarow Ghoursparrah (No. 19) containing professions of friendship, — complaining of the Enemy's Incursions, & offering his assistance against Tippoo Sultaun, in hopes of effecting the release of his Relations, & obtaining the restitution of Gutty. —

From Vencatarow Ghoursparrah with professions of friendship —

From the Vencataguerry Rajah (No. 20) advising that the Commandant of Combrum had sent people to take possession of Cottah, & to collect the Revenues in that District; — complaining that the Enemy continued their Depredations in his Country, and requesting the protection of Government —

From the Vencataguerry Raja complaining of the Enemy's continual Depredations in his Country. —

Read the following Letters from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam. —

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have been honored with the receipt of your Commands under date the 15th Instant — Communicate to us thro' your Actg Secretary. Copies of which we have transmitted to the Residents of Ingeram, and Maddepollam, and as soon as the necessary information can be obtained, it shall be communicated to your Lordship &c. —

From Masulipatam, transmitting Lists of the French & Dutch Prisoners of War, & the Sums advanced them. Request to have the Sense of the Committee on Major Chesthyre's application for Stationary —

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Agreeable to your Orders formerly received We herewith forward Lists of the French and Dutch Prisoners of War, with the sums which have been advanced to them. —

We beg leave to inform your Lordship &c that of the 1000 Troopers Saddles which you ordered to be made at that place 900 have been Completed, and the remainder have only been detained owing to the difficulty of Procuring Leather for making some of the principal Straps, and as it is probable it may be some time before a sufficiency of this Article can be procured, We beg to know whether We should go on with them at present, as the Contingent Expences / Superintending Officers Pay and Batta - House Rent &c / are considerable, and until the business be entirely concluded, these will continue a Source of Expence; even when no Work is doing. —

Major Shefsbyre having made another application for an allowance for Stationary, We request to be honored with your reply to our address under date the 20th Ultimo. —

We have the honor to be
very respectfully &c
James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos. Barnard
W Dobbyn

Masulipatam
28th January 84

(signed)

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Herewith we have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Major Cheshyre by which your Lordships &c. will perceive that he has applied to us for the Command of the Garrison of Ellore, which is at present the principal one in the District by reason of the Number of Europeans Stationed there, and that he founds his Claim on his being the Senior Officer in the District, and the only one of the Rank of Field Officer — We have at present delayed to comply with his Request, for the same reasons which have prevented us from nominating him to the Command of Ellore sooner, as he is not attached to any Corps in this Garrison, namely because we are ignorant what Orders may have passed respecting him, in consequence of his late promotion to the rank of Major. — We beg therefore you will be pleased to favor us with your reply to this Letter as soon as possible, informing us whether it is your pleasure that he should be

directed

From Masulipatam, accompanying Major Cheshyres Application for the Command of Ellore —

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directed to proceed to Ellore agreeable to this request —

We have the honor to be
very respectfully &c —

James Stodges
John Peter Boileau
(signed) Tho.s Barnard
W. Dobbyn

Masulipatam
2nd Febry 1784. —

To James Stodges Esq.r
Acting Chief &c. Council
at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I having been informed from good
Authority, that a Company of His Majesty's 102d
Regiment embarked on the 26th Ultimo at
Trivatore for this Place, and on its arrival here,
is to proceed to Ellore — I flatter myself Gentlemen
that you will not Judge it more than common
Justice to myself, that I take the liberty of representing
to your Board, the pretentions I think myself
possessed of for Soliciting your Appointment to
the Command of that Garrison. It is scarcely
necessary to particularize Gentlemen, what these
pertentions are, as I have had the Honor of
Serving in this District nine four years, Consequently
you are well acquainted with the different
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stations I have been in, during that period — Hlowever I shall take the liberty of observing that on my removal to Ellore in February 1781. from fourteen Months Duty, in the Garrison, I only enjoyed the Command of that Cantonment five Months, owing to the supercession of the late Major Lysaght who as Commanding Officer of the District, fixed on Ellore as the place of his Residence, and ordered me with my Battalion to Samulacottah. — Let me add to this Gentlemen, that being the Senior Officer of the District, attached to no particular Corps, and of the Rank of a Field Officer, I hope will appear to the acting Chief & Council, pretentions so much in my favor, that I may without presumption flatter myself my present application will not prove ineffectual. —

I have the Honor to remain with respect &c.

(signed) Robert Chefshyre

Masulipatam
9th February 1784. —

A true Copy

Alex. Scott
secry

Ordered that the Accounts for the Maintenance of French & Dutch Prisoners enclosed in the above Letter, — be sent to the

The Accounts for the Maintenance of the French & Dutch Prisoners at Masulipatam to be sent to the Accountant. ——

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Accountant, with directions to arrange them under their separate heads —

The Gentlemen at Masulipatam to suspend the further making up of Saddles —

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be desired to suspend the further making up of Saddles, that the Superintending Officers' Pay & Batta be discontinued; — that he be directed to return to his Corps; — & that all the contingent Charges incurred by this Business, — be now struck off.

Major Chesshyre to Command at Ellore & to draw an Allowance for Stationary —

As Major Chesshyre on his promotion to a Majority, obtained permission to remain some time in the Circars to settle his Affairs, — & as he is at present the senior Officer in the Masulipatam District, — / tho' not invested with any special appointment similar to that enjoyed by the late Major Lysaght, / the Committee are of opinion that Major Chesshyre should proceed to Ellore, & take the Command there till further orders, unless the board of Masulipatam should think his Services more necessary else where — Agreed likewise that Major Chesshyre be permitted to draw a reasonable allowance for Stationary, during such time as he shall remain to act as Senior Officer in the Masulipatam District. —

Read the following Letter from the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam, — enclosing a

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Return of Stores wanted to complete their former Establishment.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Vizagapatam enclosing a Return of Stores by a List of what is wanting to complete the Establishment

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Commands signified by Mr. Secretary Wasey, under date the 17th directing us to send an Account of the Deficiences of Military Stores wanting for this Garrison. —

When the Enemy's Fleet was on the Coast last year, our Guns & every thing else almost but what was necessary for the Battalion Service, were sent by your Lordship &c. Orders of the 5th Feby 6 Companys of Manufacture, Considered. Therefore as a Garrison, We are in want of every Article whatever as will appear by the enclosed Return of Stores, with a Column specifying what is wanting to complete us to our former Establishment. —

In the Indent lately transmitted, Copy of which agreeably to the form you have directed, is herewith enclosed, We confined our Wants merely to field Service, not thinking ourselves at

Liberty

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Liberty after the Orders of February, to extend them to the Garrison, which however in its present Situation, We beg leave to assure your Lordship &c. is much too exposed for its Importance. ——

We are very Respectfully &c.

Vizagapatam
29th January 1784. —

(Signed) Claud Russell
Chas Maxtone
F. W. Drake

Return entered in Mis: Book —

Agreed that the above Return be Referred to the Committee of Stores; — & that they be informed that the Select Committee are of Opinion that a supply of Stores should be sent to Vizagapatam, in order fully to enable it to repel any Country Power, that might venture to attack it, but as from its Situation & other circumstances, it is incapable of defence against any serious operations of an European Enemy — No greater quantity of Stores should be sent thither than are judged sufficient in the above presented purpose. —

To be referred to the Committee of Stores with a Recommendation from the Committee to complete the Establishment ——

for

Read likewise a Letter from the Storekeeper at Vellore enclosing an Account of deficiencies of the Military & Civil Stores &c. in

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That Garrison has lodged on the Office. —

To be referred to the Committee of Stores. —

Agreed also that the above Indents be referred to the Committee of Stores, & to the Garrison Storekeeper, — with directions to report their Opinion thereon, without delay; that the Committee may be able to form a Judgment of the Stores which are requisite for that Garrison; & to have them in consequence supplied with immediately —

From the Commander in Chief accompanying Letters from Capt. John Baillie & Lieut. Wilkens relative to Rank — also a List of the Staff of the Army appointed by him. —

Read the following Letter from the Commander in Chief, enclosing Letters from Capt. John Baillie & Lieut. Wilkens. —

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

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My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the Honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Captain John Baillie. —

I have made the following appointments, which I trust will meet the approbation of your Honble Committee, & that you will be pleased to confirm the same. —

Lieut. A. Dyce, of the Establishment Brigade Major
Lieut. Macdonald of the Bengal do. do.

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Lieut.t Beeston, of this Establishment
Cornet Maxwell, of the 23d. Regt. of Dragoons } Quarter Masters to the Army—

I have also enclosed a letter from Lieutenant Wickens of the Engineer Corps to your Honble Committee, Regarding his Promotion.—

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) R Lang

Head Quarters
Camp at the Mount
7th February 1784.—

Lieut.t General Lang
Commander in Chief &c. &c.

Sir

Observing in the General Orders of the 26th August and 22d. September last, that some of the Gentlemen who came out Cadets for the last year have received Commissions in the Artillery and Cavalry, of a date prior to those appointed to the Infantry, this occasions my taking the liberty to inform you that my Nephew Mr. Alexander Baillie being put at the top of the list by the Honble Court of Directors who were pleased to grant him this indulgence, in consideration of the Services of my unfortunate deceased Brother; I hope by your doing me the favor to remind the Right Honble President and Select Committee of this circumstance, they will think him justly entitled to rank above any of the Gentlemen appointed

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appointed last Season, and permit me further to add that as the Honble Court of Directors have been pleased to express their satisfaction of my Brother's Conduct, I flatter myself you will see no impropriety in my requesting that the Right Honble the President & Select Committee will be pleased to publish in General Orders the Honble the Court of Directors Sentiments on that head. —

I have the honor to be
respectfully &c —
(signed) John Baillie

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8th January 1784 —

A true Copy
Joseph Garrow
Secy to the Comm.r in Chief

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

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My Lord & Gentlemen —

I having accidentally heard of a letter signed by Lieutenants Mitchell, Close, Smart, Darly & Close, of the Infantry Corps. the purport of it tending to prevent my promotion to the rank of Captain by the vacancy now offering, I have ventured to intrude Myself on the Justice of

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This Honble Board, to intreat that if the petition is of that Nature, and contains arguments apparently strong enough to create a doubt of my claim to this Rank &. which I have regularly risen to in the course of the Service; that I may be indulged with a Copy of it, and be permitted in turn to oppose my case to theirs — here I beg most respectfully to assure the Right Honble Poresident & Committee, that it is from no doubt of their decision being guided by impartiallity, and the practice of the Service, that I address them, but a desire to prove that my rise to this Rank & thus early, is by no means so extraordinary as this petition would make it appear, nor the hardships complained of, in reallity existing. —

When I was permitted to quit the Infantry, I came into the Corps of Engineers youngest, and was on the supernumary list, at that time it can hardly be said that I stood even an equal chance for promotion with the Corps I had quitted, nor could my rise have been at all great, but for the casualties of service, falling particularly hard upon this Corps — As a proof of this I need only to refer your Lordships &c —

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to the List of Engineers who served at the Seige of Pondicherry, and to the Number of them employed since that Seige upon the Services, of which Number I have allways made one; A Moment will be Sufficient to explain what I would urge, which is, that had the Rate of Service fallen as hard in proportion upon the Infantry Officers as it has upon the Engineers, the Promotion in that Corps would have been equally great—

I am informed these Gentlemen have been very earnest in their address to be promoted with Rank superior to mine, this I leave totally in the hands of your Lordship &c., who I am fully persuaded will not do the smallest injustice to either Party.—

It is not unusual for Men pleading for themselves to be warm, and sometimes to suffer self interest to lead them beyond the Limits of strict Justice—had the promotion at the extremes of the Corps, come under their consideration at the same time, these Gentlemen would have had a very difficult task to prove that the Engineers possess any advantages over them—for instance Col. Roy has been fixed a Lieutenant

Colonel

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Colonel 13 Years, and has not, that I know of, any prospect of rising higher, and on the other hand should there continue a long Peace, and no new arrangement of the Corps take place — The youngest Practitioner now upon the List, cannot be promoted to a Lieutenancy untill two thirds of the Corps make way for him: let the prospects of the Officers at the Top, and bottom, of the Infantry establishment be compared with this, and I flatter myself all superiority of advantage will vanish. ——

I trust I shall stand excusable, for having taken up so much of the Honble Committees attention, in explaining a matter so important to my future prospects, and that what I have stated being but fair and undeniable, will be sufficient to establish my claim to Rank in the usual manner —— If there are any circumstances in the Petition, which (as I am ignorant of but from report) there may be, and not touched upon here, I shall be ready with the greatest pleasure to meet it, and have the warmest

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hopes of a favorable decision from the impartiality of my Judges — I have the honor to be &c

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2nd Febry 1784 —

(Signed) J. Wickens
Sub Engineer & Lieut.

The Committee approve of the Staff appointments communicated in the above Letter, & the Secretary is accordingly directed to signify the same to the Commissary with the Army — That those Gentlemen may enjoy the allowances usually annexed to those Offices, from the date of the G. O. notifying their appointments. —

The Appointments approved of. —

In consideration of the merits of the late Lieut. Colonel Baillie, — it is agreed that the Paragraphs of the Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors respecting that Officer, be published in G. O. — and the Secretary is directed to enquire into the cause of the error complained of by Capt. Baillie, & to rectify any mistake which may have taken place, to the prejudice of the rank to which Ensign Alexr Baillie has been expressly appointed by the Para. of the Letter

The Paragraph of the Letter from the Court of Directors respecting Col. Baillie to be published in G. O. —

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Letter from the Honble the Court of Directors dated the ——

Agreed that the Consideration of the Address from Lieut. Wickens enclosed in the above Commander in Chief of this date, be deferred till next Meeting. ——

The Consideration of Lieut. Wickens' Letter to be deferred till next Meeting.—

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Tho.s Lane.—

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney & the Members of the Select Committee.—

My Lord & Sirs/

From Captain Lane, requesting to be placed in the same Situation in the Vizagapatam, as Captain Bridges is in the Ganjam District—

I take the Liberty to request your Consideration of the following Representation which my particular Situation in the Station I am about to return to, induces me to lay before you.—

The Troops in the Districts of Vizagapatam, & Ganjam, are under similar Circumstances both in Point of Numbers, and of Arrangement— the Senior Officer in each District is a Captain— Capt.n Thomas Bridges in the latter, myself in the former— The Select Committee have deemed it proper to extend the Authority of Capt.n Bridges by an express—

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express - Appointment to the Command of the "Troops in the District of Ganjam" — giving him thereby a Weight and enabling him to enforce more effectually an Attention to Discipline thro' that Circar. — Not being honord with such a Nomination, I am considered only as a Captain of a Battalion of Sepoys, & my Authority in my own Line comparatively circumscribed —

I assure myself, my Lord and Gentlemen of the Committee, that you will not deem it unreasonable that I profess a Wish — that the Distinction should be removed by your doing me the Honor to place me in a similar Point of View with my Contemporary Officer in the adjacent Circar —

I am with Respect &c

(Signed) Tho. Lane
Capt. 1st Comm. Batn

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Janry 29. 1784. —

Ordered to lie for consideration.

Read the following Petition from the Non-Commissioned Officers & Private of His Majesty's 52d. Regiment. —

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

My Lord,

The entire body of Non Commissioned Officers,

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Petition from the Non Commissioned Officers & Privates of the 52d. Regiment soliating to be considered as Part of the Army in the Field & to enjoy the same Allowance.

Officers, & Privates of His Majesties fifty Second Regiment of Foot, (with the permission of their Commanding Officer) assume the Liberty of presenting this Memorial to your Lordships Consideration; We will not trouble your Lordship with a detail of the Inconveniencies we suffered during our passage; it is sufficient to say the allowances of every Article we received on board of Some ships, were Inferior to those promised us, on our Voluntarily entering the Honourable East India Company's Service; Yet anxious to avoid even the appearance of discontent, we were never heard to murmur, satisfied in the belief that from the day of our Landing, we should meet with no further subject of complaint; but your Lordship must allow we are greatly disappointed, sequestered from the Army and its advantages: in the Fort of Pondamalie, where we are diprivd of those considerable advantages, which our Country men in the field get, yet, altho this Immense difference is made, permit us humbly to assure you none with more anxiously to serve the Interests of the Company, or do we conceive any Regiment more adequate -

We then earnestly solicit of your Lordships Orders for the fifty Second Regiment to constitute a part of the acting

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acting Army: and our conduct there will convince You, we are not influenced by other than Honorable motives, nor actuated by any Spirit, but such as is strictly consistent with our profession, & ought to animate the breast of every British Soldier. —

Unacquainted with the formalities of an address; We rely on the Goodness of your Lordship in forgiving any Impropriety this Memorial may contain; it is by deeds, not by words the fifty Second Regiment wait an opportunity of manifesting to your Lordship &c the sincerity of their Zeal to the Service of which they are engaged. —

Sentiments of the Committee thereon —

Agreed that a Letter be written to Colonel Stranbenzee acquainting him with the receipt of the above Petition, & intimating to him the disagreeable Consequences to be apprehended from any Representations which might wear the slightest appearance of Soldiers preferring to dictate to Government the disposal of the Troops placed under its authority, — or even of Murmuring at such a disposition of them as might be judged necessary by Government for the public Service. — That the Committee are

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sensible of the benefit to be expected from so good a body of Men as the 52d. Regiment — but that as Military Arrangements are — Regulated by circumstances, — they are consequently subject to various alterations in the course of Service, —

Read the following Letter from Major Genl. Ogle enclosing a Letter from Colonel Floyd, & a Return of the strength of the Cantonment at St. Thome, ——

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

My Lord

All the Sepoys here being incapable of Duty, I request your Lordship will be pleased to order me a sufficient Number to do the necessary Duties of the Cantonment, the Heat of the Sun, being very prejudicial to the Health of the Europeans —

Inclosed I send your Lordship a Letter which I received from Colonel Floyd, and have the honor to be &c. — ——

(signed) Wm. Ogle
Major Genl.

St. Thome
7 February 1784 ——

From Genl. Ogle enclosing a Return of the Troops at St. Thome & a letter from Col. Floyd, desiring to know if the Part of the 23d. Dragoons there, are to receive Batta, with a Request to be allowed a separate Hospital for the Sick of that Regt. ——

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Regimental Monthly Return of the Troops at St. Thome under the Command of Major General William Ogle. February 1st 1784.

Return of his Majesty's 23d. Regt of Light Dragoons

	Colonel	Lt Colonel	Major	Captain	Lieutenant	Cornet	Captain Lieut.	Adjutant	Surgeon	Do. Mate	Do. Mate	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates	Horses	Sick in Hospital St. Thome	Sick in Quarters	Wanting to Compleat
Present fit for Duty	-	1	"	"	2	2	"	1	"	1	3	12	3	53	131	7	131	151	
Sick in Cantonment														11					
Dis.d Company's Hospital																			
On Command												2	"	39					
Absent with leave		1	"	1	2	1	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	"					
Not joined																			
Wanting to Compleat														1	122				
Total	-	1	1	1	4	5	6	1	1	1	2	6	24	6	330	131	7	131	151

Return of the Sick of his Majesty's 36th. Regiment

	Captain	Lieutenant	Surgeon	Chaplain	Adjutant	Surgeon	Do. Mate	Sergeants	Corporals	Drummers	Privates
Present fit for Duty	-	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sick in the Hospital St. Thome		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	35
Sick in Quarters		"	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	21
Invalids		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
On Duty		"	1	"	"	"	"	1	2	"	8
		"	2	"	"	"	"	1	4	1	64

Return of the Sick of His Majesty's 1st. Battalion 73d. Regiment

Present fit for Duty	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sick in Hospital	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	6	1	55
Dis in Quarters	"	2	1	"	"	"	"	"	3	1	45
On Duty	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	1	2	"	5
	"	4	2	"	"	"	"	1	5	2	100

Return of the Sick of His Majesty's 78th. Regiment

Present fit for Duty	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Convalescents	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	22
Invalids	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7
On Duty	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	1	1	"	1
	"	1	2	"	1	"	"	1	4	"	30

Return of the Sick of His Majesty's 101st. Regiment

Present fit for Duty	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4
Sick in Hospital	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	1	36
Invalids & Convalescents	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	"	43
	1	1	"	"	"	"	"	4	1	1	83

N. B. Ten of the above Men ordered to embark for Europe

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Return of the Native Troops sick in Charge of Lt. Thomas Price —

Infantry	Pioneers	Cavalry	Artillery	Drummers	Lascoys	Native Artillery	Gun Lascoys
4	3	27	15	2	139	2	192

(signed) W.m Ogle
Major Genl.

Majr. Genl. Ogle

Sir,

I beg to be informed whether the Remnant of the 23d. Light Dragoons at St. Thomé, is to receive Batta, in order that I may indent, if they are not, for the usual Allowances in Quarters. —

I also wish to withdraw the Sick that can be moved, from the Company's Hospital, & place them in a more favorable Air, under our own Surgeon at St. Thomé — & in order to remove them I wish to be supplyd with a Number of Dooleys.

I have the Honor to be &c
(signed) S. Floyd —
Col. —

San Thomé
31st January 1784—

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A Separate Hospital not Allowed —

As the Number of the Sick of the 23d. Regiment of Dragoons is very inconsiderable, the Committee do not conceive it necessary that any extraordinary Expence should be incurred, by establishing a separate Hospital; — With regard to Mr. Barter, as he is in the Company's service (as is imagined,) only acting as a Surgeons Mate to the 23d. Regiment of Dragoons: and as the Committee have received a letter from the Surgeon Major with the army (entered in the Mo: B: No —) applying for Mr. Barters assistance in the field, — the Commander in Chief of the Kings Troops to be acquainted with this circumstance, in consequence of which he will give orders for some person to act with the 23d. Regiment in Mr. Barters room —

A Surgeon to act with the 23d. Dragoons in the room of Mr. Barter who is to be employed in the Field. —

Agreed that General Ogle be informed that the Committee will order him an additional number of Sepoys for the duties of the cantonment at St. Thome, as soon as they can be spared from other services. —

An additional Number of Sepoys to be ordered to St. Thome for the Duties of the Cantonment —

A letter from Colonel Floyd to Major General Campbell, (which the latter has referred to the consideration of Government) is

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now Orade. —

To Major Genl Campbell
Commander in Chief of
H: M: Forces in India

Sir

From Col. Floyd to Genl Campbell requesting to be employed in the Field in any Capacity he may think fit. —

A Detachment from the Regiment, consisting of 2 Captains, 4 Subalterns, 2 Quarter Masters, 8 Serjeants 2 Trumpeters, & 100 Rank & File, & 1 Surgeon, or Mate being ordered to march to the Mount tomorrow Morning, in order to join the Army when they are compleated in Camp Equipage, what remains behind of the Regiment, consist chiefly of sick Men to whom the Surgeon's Presence seems much more necessary than mine, the Company's Surgeon General has ordered away the Surgeon's Mate, who has indeed been appointed assistant Surgeon on this Coast — so that when the Surgeon marches with the Detachment — We shall have none left to take care of the Sick — I therefore beg leave to apply to you that the Surgeon's Mate may be left with us, either for the Detachment, or to remain with the Sick P. —

For myself — I am about to ask a favour of You; but quite conditionally that

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The thing is perfectly agreable to you, & no ways inconvenient to you whatever — Relying therefore on your being so good as to speak your mind freely I will proceed —

As I cannot be of any great use here, I am very desirous of moving with the Army, & of volunteering my Service in any way that can be agreable to you — Either as a Supernumerary Aid de Camp, or simply as your Orderly Man — for as this Government does not think proper to employ me in my Rank, any other situation is perfectly equal to me, & I shall as soon be a private Volunteer, as an Aid de Camp, but should not choose to act as either to any but His Majesty's Commander in Chief — or at least to his principal Officer in the Field. — I might indeed attach myself to that part of my own Regt. serving in the Field — but I think it would be a degree of restraint on those officers —

In order to do this I imagine it will be necessary to have the consent of Government, which if my plan meets with your approbation, I request the favour of you to apply

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apply for — provided, however, that there is no intention of employing me otherwise. —

Please to favor me with your answer, & with perfect freedom — & if you are inclined to favour my desire — I will wait on you, & receive your further directions at any hour you chuse to appoint — I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) J. Floyd —

St. Thomé
30th January
1784 —

Sentiments of the Committee thereon —

Agreed that Major General Campbell be furnished with a Copy of the G: O: issued by Lt. Genl. Lang on the 19th of September last, appointing Colonel Floyd to the command of the left wing of the Army, as likewise with copies of the letters, which passed between that Officer and the Field Commissary; — from which Papers, and the sense expressed by the Committee of Colo. Floyds conduct Gen. Campbell may perceive that it cannot be agreeable to them to see Colo. Floyd accompany the army, as a Volunteer; where none, but examples of what is compatible to their ideas of obedience and discipline, should appear; — neither has it been usual in service here for

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an Officer of that Rank to join the Army in such a Capacity, except where the Commander in Chief shall particularly approve it. —

They therefore request Genl. Campbell will take the trouble of explaining to Colonel Floyd the impropriety of his request, and that the Committee are much concerned that Colonel Floyds frequent applications of various kinds should have given occasion to this saying so much upon the subject. —

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Edmonds commanding at Ongole. —

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

My Lord,

I do myself the honor to make known to your Lordship, intelligence received yesterday from Capt.n Lalor Commanding on the Palconda, that a large body of Cavalry, Infantry and some Guns were on their march from Hydrabad towards the Fords of the River Kistnah, Cading into the Palnad, & Guntoor Circar and that a party of 10000 horse had approached

From Capt.n Edmonds with the Intelligence of a large Body of the Nizam's Troops being in Motion. —

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approached near to the opposite side of the
River, that he could receive no certain
Accounts of the Service these troops were intended
for, and that the conjectures of the black People
were various — I conceive Capor Hope has been
deceived regarding the near approach of these Troops,
as from other information I learne the Nizam has
put a body of Troops in motion, and it was
supposed to watch the conduct of Meer Kummar
ul Deen Cawn, who has undertaken an expedition
against the Banganapillee Man, whose Country
joins the Adonie on one Side, & the Kannoul
on the other. This conduct of his, must appear
Strange, as the Banganapille Man has been
with Hyder the whole war, and only returned
since the Cessation of hostilities to his own Country,
and Meer Kummar ul Deen Cawn is married
to his Sister, all these circumstances considered
it appears to me the Nizam has sufficient cause
for the steps he is taking, and that they are only
meant as a check to Meer Kummar ul Deens
hostile intentions, I shall spare no pains to
inform myself of the truth, and as soon as
possible transmit it to your Lordship ——
The Phousdar of Combum has allarmd the
Managers

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Managers in the Venkatagherry Rajahs Country, by avowing Vengeance against their Persons and threatning to plunder and lay waste their whole Country, on this Account a number of their inhabitants are going off —

I have the honour to be with much Respect —

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most Obd.t Humble Servt.

(signed) Edwd. Edmonds

Ongole
30th January 1784 —

The Commander in Chief is requested to order a Captain a Captain Lieutenant and a Subaltern of Artillery to hold themselves in readiness to embark for the Southward at a moments warning —

Read the following letter from Capt.n Browne of his Majesty's 102d Regiment. —

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

My Lord, & Gentlemen /

Impressed with the highest sense of Gratitude, I beg leave to return your Lordship & the Gentlemen of the Select Committee my most sincere Acknowledgments for the very honorable reward you have been pleased to confer upon me

From Capt.n Browne 102d Regiment returning Thanks for the Sentiments expressed of his Conduct during the time he Commanded the Northern Army. —

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in your warm approbation of my conduct during my command of the Northern Army - as signified to me by Mr. Secretary Wasey: & assure you that I shall ever retain a most grateful sense of so distinguished a mark of your favor - and shall endeavour to merit your future countenance by an Active - and most diligent discharge of my duty. ——

I have the Honor to be &c

Ellore Camp
30th 1784 -

(signed) Geo: Browne
Capt. 102d Regt

Read the following letter from Genl Lang enclosing proceedings of a Court of Enquiry as lodged in the Office. ——

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

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My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to enclose the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held by my order on Subrah, a Jemidar in the 7th Carnatic Battalion, from which it appears that he has been guilty of the Crime laid to his charge; I would therefore recommend that he be dismissed the Service in consequence ——

Enclosed is the Report of a Committee appointed by me to examine into the State of the spare Horses of the 23d Regement of Dragoons —

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of the 37 returned — 15 are serviceable — 15 recoverables — and 7 Cast, the latter I have ordered to be delivered to the Commissary to be sold by Public Outcry, which I hope will meet with your approbation. —

I have the honor to be &c

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(Signed) Ross Lang

P.S. I have also enclosed a Letter from Lieutenant Gabriel Doveton containing his request to be permitted to resign the Service & return to Europe, which I recommend being complied with, and that favorable mention may be made of him to the Court of Directors. —

Soubria Semidar to be dismissed from the Company's Service

Resolved that Soubria Samidar of the 7th Carnatic Battalion who by a Court of Enquiry has been found guilty of the Crime exhibited against him be dismissed from the Company's Service, & that General Lang be desired to dismiss him accordingly. —

Approved of the General disposal of the spare Horses of the 23d Regt. of Dragoons —

In Consequence of the foregoing Bond of Indemnity, which the Committee have received from Capt. Goudand, respecting

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Bills on the Court of Directors to be granted to Capt.n Gowland in part of the Value of the Ship Prince William for A.R. 140000 —

The Ship Prince William, — it is agreed that Bills be granted on the Honble the Court of Directors — in favour of Captain William Gowland, or Order for One — hundred & forty thousand (1.40,000) Arcot Rupees, at 375 Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas and at 8 Shillings and Six pence ℔ Pag.a being the Amount Valuation of the Ship Prince William —

Ordered likewise that Bills on Bengal at 375 Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas be granted in favor of Captain William — Gowland for the Sum of Twenty thousand one hundred and thirty nine Arcot Rupees ten fanams forty four Cash (Rp. 20139.. 10.. 44 f. Cash) being the amount freight for sundry Articles to Negapatam on board of the Prince William, & of Captain Gowlands Expences &c as ℔ his Acct valuation &c entered in the Minutes of the Select Committee of the 8th November 1783 —

Bills on Bengal to the Amount of A.Rs. 20139. 10. 44 to be granted to the same for Freight of Sundry Articles to Negapatam. —

The amount of the above two Bills

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granted to Captain Gowland on the Petition
the Court of Directors & on the Governor
General & Council, to be carried to the Head
of Captain William Gowland, late Commander
of the Prince William Privateer. ——

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Received the following Letters.—

To William George Wasey Esqr.

Sir,

From Col. Brue mentioning that the French Prisoners lately confined in Trichinopoly were sent to Pondicherry, and explaining the circumstances relative to two Men whom he has been obliged to have condemned.

Indisposition with I hope in some Measure apologize for my not having acknowledged the Receipt of your Letter ere this, tho' it did not reach me till the Army was preparing to leave Coimbatour.— Having had repeated Assurances that a mutual exchange of Prisoners between us and the French had taken place, and as those confined at this Place, were both a Trouble and Expence to us, I sent them some time before I joined the Army to Tanjore, with every thing proper and necessary for them on the Road, and requested of the Officer commanding there to forward them to Pondicherry, which I believe was done as I wished.— With respect to those Persons I gave Permission to, to go to Madras to lay their Complaint before the Board, they have omitted in their Petition the most particular Circumstance, on which their Horses were detained Viz.t The following is the particulars of this Business which I request

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you'll make his Lordship &c.a acquainted with and favour me with their Directions on the Subject. In the latter end of April last I had Information that Said Sahib had received orders from Tippoo to march immediately with the Troops under his Command to join the French at Pondicherry: the last Day of the Month they joined Cuttore, and on the first attacked Cuddalore, the 2d on the Forenoon two Cavalry appeared on the Plain to the South of Trichinopoly making their way with many Spears of Cruelty Set burning the Villages & cutting the Inhabitants, and destroying every thing on their way, struggling Parties continued passing till late in the Evening, when a party of Sepoys posted on the South of the Plain towards the Garden-House, sent in four men and four Horses, which they cut from of the Enemy, on the Morning the Collector of one of the neighbouring Villages brought in four more, whom they found one they had taken in their Village, or near it, as they were returning to see in what Condition the Horse had left it the Day before, the Men of both parties declared they were not in the Enemies

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8th Service but were Horse — Merchants on their way to Madura to dispose of them; It is well known that one of the eight men was killed making an Attempt on one of Tondimans Villages the morning before; a Sepoy taken at Cuttalum and certain here a Prisoner assured me, he had long known the Men People, that they were intertained by the Order of Tippoo immediately after the death of Hyder, that they were always considered in Said Sahebs Camp as Horsemen in the Service of Tippoo; a Naigue of Captain Burrow's Regiment who was taken near Vellour, and had no Method of escaping till they came near this Place assured me that orders were issued by Tippoo to the different Detachments of his army to send all Dealers in Horses into the Mysore Country, this was done before Said Sahib left the Northward and he dared not have disobeyed them. That 8 Horses should have as many riders, and those Riders armed in the same manner as Horsemen in general are, is an unusual Mode for Merchants to travel in, nor do I see how it was possible for these people to continue so long in the Enemy's Camp, when their only business was to procure Horses for us; if they intended to go to Madura why did they not go from

horse

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Dindigull when they might have done it with ease in a Day or little more, or why go to Madura at all to sell their Horses, when there was no body there to buy them; That these People should find a Number of Acquaintances here, is not to be wonderd at, as in this Place there are a number of Moor Families, whose Sons and Relations, tall well known are now in the Service of Tippoo. Many Horses were taken by General Lange's Army in the neighbourhood of Dindigull, who immediately declared themselves Horse Merchants, but the Plea not being allowed them they were condemned.—

I request you will be so good as to make his Lordship &c.a acquainted with my Return to Trichinopoly, which I should have had the Honor of doing long ere this but since my Arrival have been very ill.—

I am Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Tho.s Bruce

Trichinopoly
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PS M.r Lewis not being allowed to go thro' the Country by Land, is I am informed on his Way to Trichinopoly.—

J.

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

From M.r B. Sutton reporting his opinion on the Subject of Court Martial —

M.r Wasey, your acting Secretary, has sent me an Authenticated copy of his Majesty's warrant directed to the late Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote as commander in Chief of his Forces in the East Indies, or to the officer Commanding his Forces in Chief for the time being, authorizing him to convene Courts Martial for the trial of mutiny, and Desertion, and other Military offences. He informs me that this Copy was taken from the Original Warrant in the possession of Major General Stuart, who during his Confinement had transmitted it to you, expressly for that purpose — that the Original having been afterwards returned to General Stuart, he was refused on his Embarkation for England to deliver it to Major General Sir John Burgoyne, And that Sir John Burgoyne, on his Application to your Lordship &c.a had been furnished with an authentic Copy of it, and had under the Sanction of that Copy actually convened —

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a General Court Martial, at the time he was put
under Arrest by the Orders of the Select Committee;
He further informs me that Sir John Burgoyne
having submitted to his arrest, and the Command
of his Majesty's Troops in India having in Conse-
quence devolved upon Major General Campbell
it was your Lordships &c.a desire that I should report
to you my opinion whether under these Circum-
stances and the present situation of Major General
Campbell he can legally, and with safety to
himself act under the Sanction of the Authentica-
ted Copy of the warrant, and order General Court
Martial for the Trial and punishment of
military offences committed in the East Indies

By the last clause in the General Act
of the 22d of his present Majesty for providing
Musters and duration, the officer Commanding
in Chief in any of his Dominions beyond the
Seas, to whom a warrant for convening Court
Martial may be directed, is authorized to proceed
and act by virtue of such warrant, from and
after the day on which he shall receive the same
from this - it would seem that an Actual Possession
of the warrant was previously necessary to the
convening General Court Martial under it.

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8 But when it is considered that the warrant is
calculated for the purpose of carrying the Act on
which it is founded into effectual execution, and
that the act itself must be construed as to attain
the end, and to remove the evil it was intended
to prevent, there can be little doubt that though an
actual profession be once necessary, yet that after it
being once published and submitted to, it becomes
so no longer; and that then a legal profession is
the only one absolutely requisite, as being the only
one guarded against the possibility of accident. The
Aim of the Act being the maintenance of order and
Discipline, by the punishment of Mutiny and
other Military crimes, a power must constantly
be vested in some person with the Troops, &c &
convene Courts Martial, for otherwise that end
could not be attained. it is attainable only by a
permanent not a fugitive an authority, and
therefore the warrant for holding these Courts &
must have been intended by the legislature, to
have legal force and existence until his Majesty
by granting a new one, should think proper
to revoke it. And this legal force must necessarily
continue, not only till the Signature of the new
one, but until its production: for until then
there can be no evidence of its being issued, nor no

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new Authority to supersede the old. Though the
actual production of a new warrant be deemed
necessary, it does not therefore follow that an
old one which has been sufficiently notified,
and publickly acted under should, by authorize
the execution of the persons it granted, become
Sanctly in the actual profession of the persons to
whom it was addressed, or by whom it was to be
discharged, the accidents of war would often
render it impossible. Was Sir Eyre Coote lost
his baggage in any of his Campaigns, and so
thereby lost the actual Possession of his warrant,
yet the legal profession would have still re-
mained with him and justified the
exercise of the Authority it conveyed. And so
though Major General Stuart received with
him the original warrant, Sir John H
Burgoyne, whilst he continued in the
Command of the army, being in Possession
of it by supposition and intendment of law,
though not in fact, was in like manner
authorized to convene Courts Martial, and
punish Military offences, so that Stuart
only to act what as the original Warrant to

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Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote, or the officer Commanding in Chief has been fully notified to the Army, the Copy of it attested by your Secretary is sufficient evidence of the powers granted by it, and that I conceive Major General Campbell, so long as he continues in the Chief Command, can act legally and with Safety to himself, under the sanction of an existing warrant, the legal posses-sion of which is for the time being, vested in him, order general Courts Martial, for the trial, and punishment, of military Offences committed in the East Indies. —

I have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Sert.
(Signed) Benjamin Sullivan

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From Masulipatam

From the Council of Masulipatam as entered in Miscellany Book (No 33) requesting that the General Orders relative to that district may be always sent to them, enclosing an Indent for Stores, and conforming of having given permission to Ensign Daly to come to the Presidency. —

From Capt. Patterson, as entered

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From Capt. Patteson

in Miscellany Book (No. 31) informing of his having, agreeably to the orders of the Select Committee, delivered over the Command of the Garrison of Chingleput to Lieutenant Col. Alcock.—

From the Paymaster of Vellore as entered in Miscellany Book (No. 30) transmitting an Account Current with the Committee of Assigned Revenue.—

From the Paymaster of Vellore

From the Deputy Storekeeper at Angalo as entered in Miscellany Book No. 32) transmitting a Return of Stores for the Month of January.—

From the Deputy Storekeeper at Angalo

Dispatched the following Letters.—

To. Major General Allan Campbell

Commanding his Majesty's Troops in India

Sir,

To Major Genl Campbell inclosing a Copy of his Expa Cooke Warrant authorizing him to hold Court Martial and Mr B. Sulivan's Opinion thereupon.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to furnish you with an authenticated Copy of his Majesty's Warrant to the late Lieutenant General Sir Eyre Coote K B. &c.; authorizing him to order General Courts Martial.—as likewise with the Copy of a Letter from the Company's Attorney General containing his Opinion with

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8th with respect to the legal powers and extent of the
inclosed authenticated Copy of that Warrant —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Wm G Wasey acting Secy

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To. Major General Ogle
Commanding the Cantonment at
St. Thome

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to
acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the
1st Instant with its inclosures. —

To. Major General Ogle informing him that an additional Number of Sepoys will be ordered to his Cantonment and that a Seperate Hospital cannot be allowed the 23d Regt of Dragoons

The Select Committee having
taken into Consideration the return of the
Strength of your Cantonment they desire me
to inform you, that they will order an additional
Number of Sepoys to St. Thome as soon as they
can be Spared from other Services

With Regard to Colonel Floyds
application for an Hospital for the Sick of the
23d Regiment; as their number being inconsidera-
ble, the Committee do not Conceive it necessary
that any extraordinary expence should be incurred

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by establishing a seperate Hospital on that account.

As Mr. Baxter is in the Company's
Service and the Committee believe only acted
as Surgeon's Mate for the 23d. Regiment of Dragoons
the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces will
be acquainted with these Circumstances in order that
some person may be appointed to act with that
Regiment in the room of Mr. Baxter, whose services
have been acquired by the Surgeon Major in the
Field.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Wm. Gl. Wasey acting Secy

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To James Daniell Esqr.
Chief & Co.s Council at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknow-
ledge the Receipt of your Letters to them of
the 23d. January & 2d. Instant.

To Masulipatam
ordering that no more
Saddles are to be made
up to old contingent
charge of the Ensuing
Musk off. Major to
Charge to command
in the District till
further Orders.

The Committee desire that you

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8 Officer (who must be directed to return his Corps, be discontinued, and that all the Contingent Charges incurred by this Business, be immediately struck off.

As Major Chefoyne on his promotion to a Majority, received permission to remain some time in the Circars to settle his Affairs,—and as he is at present the senior Officer in the Masulipatam District, tho' not invested not intended to be invested with a special Commission, similar to that at enjoyed by the late Major Lyoaglet;—the Committee are of opinion that Major Chefoyne should proceed to Ellore, and take the Command there until further orders, Unless you shall Judge his Services more necessary elsewhere.—

I am likewise directed to inform you that the Select Committee have been pleased to grant Major Chefoyne a reasonable allowance for Stationary during such time as he shall remain to act as Senior Officer in your District.—

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm Wasey. Acting Secy

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To Lieutenant General Lang as entered in the Miscellany Book (No.) inclosing the hirman Extract from

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To the Commander in Chief.

From the Minutes of the Select Committee.

To the Committee of Stores as entered in Misselany Book (N 39.) inclosing the Muster and Indent for Stores from Vizagapatam, also an account of Disbursements of Stores at Vellore.

To the Commissary to the Army, as entered in Misselany Book (N 38) conferring the Appointments of Lieutenant Dyce, and Mr. Macdonald, to be Major of Brigade and Lieutenant Beatson and Cornet Maxwell to be Quarter Masters to the Army, and directing that those Officers are accordingly to receive the proper Allowances.

Received the following Letters.

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c.a &c.a Select Committee

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My Lord and Gentlemen,

From the Committee of Assigned Revenue inclosing Letters from the Resident of Tellicherry & Gungeram Sengunty to Khans of the Nabob Revenues shall be continued to them.

We have the honor to lay before your Lordships &c.a for your consideration, copy of a letter from Vincent Rose, Renter of Vellore, and also Copy of a letter from Seyd Abbas Aly Cauzy Sagbundar of Pudgaur, inclosing an Account of the Valuation of the late Foreigdar of Cudapah.

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procured in consequence of your orders of the 2d October last. We beg to know whether it be your pleasure or not, to continue the Pensions granted by the Nabob to those People.—

We have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servants

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Charles Oakeley
(signed) David Halliburton
Geo: Moubray

Major General Ogle

Sir,

From Major Gen.l Ogle inclosing a Letter from Col.o Floyd about the Batta &c.a of the Remainder of his Majesty's 23d L.D.

Some Days ago I had the honor of applying to you for information relating to the remainder of His Majesty's 23d Regiment of Light Dragoons at Saint Thome — about their Batta — The Hospital and Dooleys, as far as I remember, having no Copy of my Letter — I beg leave to remind you of the uncertainty of our Situation and of the inconvenience arising from it.—

Dooleys

Saint Thome
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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed.t humble Serv.t
(signed) J. Floyd Col.o in Jpr.
Head

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Received the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

My Dear Lord

From the Resident at Tanjore with a Intelligence of the Tippoo Army and Account of Supplies & Grain with an Extract of a Letter from the Honble Captain Waitland on that Subject.—

Since your Lordships Letter of the 29th ult. we have no news from the Northward. Mr Swartz arrived this morning the day before he left Satimungalum, a Merchant came to that place from Mangalore and related that Canoo Sahib was in Arcot and that Mahomed Ally had poisoned himself the disgrace of the latter is said to have arisen from his having taken under his protection the Killidar who Surrendered Mangalore to General Matthews and also was doomed to punishment by Tippoo Mr Swartz will detail this circumstance to your Lordship.—

The Accompanying extract of another private letter from Captain Maitland will inform your Lordship that our prospects of Supply from the Baramahal &c. Countries to the Westward are encouraging. Colonel Forbes will take every possible measure to secure them.— Colonel Stuart will march Tomorrow for Cauvr in the Neighbourhood

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8 for the greater part of this Division, we will Supply from the Trichinopoly district what the Canara &c Country may be deficient in.—

Lieutenant Casper has informed me it was your Lordships desire he should be Supplied with provisions from this Country— he States his Month-ly Consumption at twelve hundred Parcadis, I have in Consequence ordered a Stock for Six &c Months to be sent from Nagore, with as much expedition as possible. Orders has been given by the Rajah for collecting the harvest in this &c Country, and every deligence shall be employed to fill our Magazine here— Stock with anxious impatience for News of the Commissioners and am uneasy that no late letters have Come from Tellichery or Cannanore.—

I have the honor to be with great respect and regard.—

My Dear Lord

Your Lordships faithfull

Obliged humble Servant.—

Tanjore
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(Signed) John Sullivan

Extract of a letter from the Honble Captain Maitland to John Sullivan Esqr. Dated at Condanore the 29th January 1784.—

I have been collecting grain into

Darapuram

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I Dana[illegible]ram and this place, and will respon-
sible to have a Stock in a few days Sufficient
to enable to Colonel Fullarton to Advance,
Comaloore is within a forced march of this ci-
vil, and it is another forced march thro the
the jungle to Paligatcherry, Should Hostilities
Recommence I can leave Garrisons in Dana[illegible]ram
and Comaloore Sufficient to Protect the grain till
the arrival of the Army, and proceed with the rest
of my Force instantly to Paligautcherry - this
move in the Possession of the Seamanio, who is
daily courting me to send him a battalion or
two - By the the march from this to Paligat
with a Detachment may appear hazardous
from the distance it removes you from the
body of the Army - yet in Reflecting that you
make this march thro a Country where
horse cannot act and to a place that will
afford you the most perfect protection against
Tippoos whole Army, and when you also
consider that by going there you will be able to
Secure grain for Fullarton on his arrival at
or near Coimbatore, I think the hazard will
be more than Compensated for by the Advantage
of the movement -

I have shewn a Correspondence

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I with the Samarins, but have been particularly
guarded on mentioning a Syllable Regarding his
having taken Possession of the Fort. Nawab Beg
who Commands in the Coimbetore country has sent
to me twice requesting me that instead of giving
up Palegaud, we had sold it to the Samarins. I have
returned him no Answer.

Dispatched the following Letters

To Colonel Turner Straubenzee
Commanding at Poonamallee

Sir,

We think proper to inform you that
We have received a Memorial addressed to the Right
Honble President by the Non Commissioned Officers
& Private of His Majesty's 52d Regiment under your
Command, to which Memorial we transmit you a Copy.
The slightest appearance of mutinous or disobedi-
ence in any particular duty to which a Corps
may happen to be stationed, is so unsoldierly &
unbecoming in those parts of the World, that we
confess our Surprize to see it come from the Non
Com.d Officers & Privates of a Regiment of such Reputa-
tion as the 52d. Military Arrangements are regulated
by

To Coll. Straubenzee
transmitting to him
a memorial of the
non commissioned
& Privates of his
Majesty's 52d Regt.
addressed to the
Board . . . . .

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9 by Examination, You are compleatly Subject to various
Alterations on the Course of Your Last of the
Regard your Command, as actually on the Sick
on the other Board, the Commander must take them
there take their Pass, & not on the equal Deal on both
they may happen to remain on Parade, or to be
called out of it, We Depend upon your Honor
Spirit & Gentleman for the maintenance of Discipline
& Decorum among them, which are the Principal
Points to be recommended them to practice and an Strict
& Distinguished Compliance

I Remain
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

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To Captain Lieutenant Commanding at
Bellona is ordered to Mr [illegible] Regiment
home of Mr Lennox of whom you will receive
Second Surgeon at that Garrison

To Lt Lennox
Mr Innes

Lieut Lennox Mackenzie
of His Majesty's 73d Regiment is ordered
[illegible] regarding him that a Passage to
England will be ordered for him on Board of
the Royal Sovereign

R. H.

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10th. Received a Letter from Captain Moor-
From Capt Moorhouse. house, Commissary General of Stores as entered in
Miscellany Book (No. 46) enclosing Returns of
Ordnance and Stores for the Months of November and
December 1783.

11th. Received the following Letters

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Genl. Burgoyne submits to the Board he has been put under, and demands Batta for Lt Floyd.

Though I have for certain Reasons submitted to the Arrest which you have taken upon you to put me under, I cannot think myself divested of the power to address you, on a subject which so nearly concerns me as that of my own Rgt, which in the person of my Lieutenant Colonel has received another insult from you — in his having been refused the usual field allowance called Batta, under a pretence that by his behaviour he has forfeited any right to such favor, or indulgence; I deny it to be either the one or the other. — it is his right established by Act of Parliament which orders all the Kings Troops imployed in India to have the same allowances as those of the Company. — therefore being Colonel of His Majestys 23d. Regiment of Light Dragoons, as such, I demand it of you for him. if he has

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11th done answ. he is ready to answer all your accusations,
he is on the spot, and prepared for his defence and
as you have found out powers whereby you can Arrest
the Kings Commander in Chief there can be little
doubt of their Extending to Rank so much below them
can be likewise no difficult in bringing him to a
Genral Court Martial, so many Superior Officers
to him are now with the Army, you cannot, nor dare
not plead the Excuse of its not being convinient to
assemble a Genral Court Martial, for its not true,
therefore if laying aside all Respect to Act of Parliament
as you have already done in any Case to many Pole
of the British Service, you shall refuse my Lieutenant
Colonel his Batta, or to bring him to a Genral Court
to answer for his supposed Crimes, I man this address
as a protest against the cruelty, and Injustice of your
proceedings directly in the face of the Act of Parliament
the Common Law of Justice, and the British Constitution,
which preclude the very Idea of punishment before
guilt is proved, I therefore again call on you My
Lord and Gentlemen either to order Colonel Floyd
the allowance given to Officers of the Rank in
your own Service, or bring him before a Genral Court
Martial, where he may prove himself innocent, or
deserving punishment, which by the Bye, Guilty or not

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Thanks God, it is not Vested in your power to inflict.

I am

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your Most obedient Servt

J Burgoyne.

Cuddalore

29th January 1784.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K B

&c &c &c

My Lord

From major Genl Campbell declaring that the Surgeons Mate of the 98th Regt of Light Dragoons cannot be removed from the Regt without resigning Genl Burgoynes Commission . . . and enclosing a Copy of a Letr from Lieut Floyd & Copy of that from the acting Military Secry on the Subject

I have the honor of enclosing your Lordships Copy of a Letter which I received last night from Colonel Floyd, as likewise Extract of a Letter from the Acting Secretary to the Select Committee to Major General Ogle, enclosed in Colonel Floyds Letter. I beg leave to observe to your Lordship, that I find Mr. Barker was appointed a Surgeons Mate, to the 23d Regt of Light Dragoons by a Warrant from Sir John Burgoyne, at the time it was raised, and that in my opinion Mr. Barker cannot be taken from his duty in the Regiment, without the resignation of his Warrant being accepted of by Sir John Burgoyne as Colonel of that Regiment.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most

obd & most humble Servt

Allan Campbell M G

Camp near the Mound

11th Feby 1784

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St Thomé 9 February 1784

Major General Coyle has just shown me a Letter, from the Select Committee on which I beg leave to enclose to you.—

With regard to the Hospital we have upwards of forty Men in the Company's — a pretty considerable proportion I think of 237 besides convalescents and slight cases — So many Men die in that Hospital, that I send our people there with the utmost reluctance. — As far the expence, I am not able to answer, that the treating our Sick in St Thomé will make any difference — the same Allowance will do I suppose.—

Mr Baxter a Surgeons Mate to the Regiment and that Gun we once mentioned — His Majesty's Service will suffer by his absence, and so that I shall not consent to his leaving the Regiment on any pretence.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed[t] Hble Servant

Major Gen[l] Campbell

Commander in Chief

of His Majesty's Troops &c

P. Floyd Col[o] in India

A true Copy

Jas[s] Campbell

Aide de Camp to Major Gen[l] Campbell

Fort St

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Extract of a Letter from the Acting Secretary to the Select Committee to Major General Ogle dated 8th February 1784.

With regard to Colonel Floyd's application for an hospital for the Sick of the 23d Regiment, as their Numbers being very inconsiderable, the Committee do not conceive it necessary that any extraordinary expence should be incurred, by establishing a Separate Hospital on that account.

As Mr Barker is in the Company's Service, and as the Committee believe only acting as Surgeons Mate to the 23d Regiment of Dragoons, the Commander in Chief of His Majestys Forces will be acquainted with this circumstance, in order that some person may be appointed to act with that Regiment in the room of Mr Barker, whose Services have been required by the Surgeon Major in the field

W. G. Wasey
Acting Secretary

A true Copy
Thos Campbell
Secry to Major Genl Campbell

12th Dispatched the following Letters —

To the Honble Warren Hastings
Govr General &c Council
Fort William

Gentlemen

To the Govr Genl & Council respectg

In Mr Hollands Letters to the

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The ignorance whilst this Govern.t is kept in, from a want of Intercourse with the Soubah of the Paraltas, on account of the Commissions to Expedg ordrg Ltr from Rabel to the President

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of the 10th July and 19th August 1771 be informed Us, that the Souba had expressly recommended to him as a measure Expedient and useful towards a final adjustment of the various matters in Contest to proceed to Bengal to communicate with the Government there and that he was under express engagement with his Highness to do it, but as have never been made Acquainted with the least Jarg part of that because, & tho' we presume it must have fully comprehended the depending Interest of this Presidency.

In your Letter to us of the 12th Decr 1772, - You interdicted us from all Negociation with the Soubah, and we have strictly followed your directions. - We cannot however but regret the want of Information to be depended on of the disposition and Views of that Court.

It is confirmed on all hands that he is now making great preparations for War, and that a Considerable body of his Troops are already in Motion; - but whether his intentions are to attack Us or any other Neighbouring Power, We are from the Circumstances a Communicated, unable to ascertain - it is however generally thought that he entertains no Dark of hostility for us - We understand that he

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two or three French Officers have lately been at Hydrabad, and that one of them still remains there.

We have avoided Authorizing any person to proceed on our part to Poonah, from an apprehension that the same Motives, which led you to disapprove of our Corresponding with the Soubah, might equally operate with respect to the Peishwah. — But If the Government of Poonah is supposed to act in Conjunction with Scindia, in Consequence of the Mahratta Treaty, and your Negociation — it were to be wished — that some one in whom you could place a confidence had been sent them, to Correspond with us, as We find great inconvenience from the want of such a Channel, and We are fearful of incurring your disapprobation Should We open one ourselves before We know your Sentiments

The last accounts We had of our Commissioners were dated the 30.th of January at Nuttcantgoody, and We hope the next will inform us, of their being actually arrived in Tippoos Camp. —

Altho the Communication between them and us is now open, yet a variety of Circumstances induced us to entertain strong doubts of Tippoos Sincerity; We are therefore using every precaution, and employing every means that we can devise to enable us to sustain a

annual

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In renewal of the War, in Case our Negociations should
prove abortive; but whatever be the event, We shall
especially stand in need of your assistance because even
if Peace were established tomorrow it will take some
time before We can bring down our Military Expence
to the Level. We could wish, and before the Country
shall sufficiently recover from its present distress
So as to Supply its former resources.

Enclosed we have the Honor to transmit to
you Copies of those Letters which this Morning the
Nabob thought fit to send to our President on the
day before the Boadicea sailed for England — We
leave you to judge of the authenticity of this Intelligence
of the Enemy with which it is communicated, and of
the Contradiction we cannot suffer whenever it is in the
power of his Highness or his Agents to interfere —

We are &c

C Morarthey &c

To the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam Esqr.
President and Govr. &c Select Committee
Gentlemen —
at Bombay

Sir Edward Hughes having communicated to us his Intention of returning to this
Coast in the Month of April next — We have

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Court of cooperate with the Land forces should the found expedient . . . .

addressed a Letter to him requesting him to defer his Departure from the Malabar Coast, as long as he conceives his Majesty's Ships can with safety remain there.

We have been induced to make this application to the Admiral, from the hopes that the presence of his Majesty's Squadron on your side of the Peninsula, may greatly facilitate and influence the present Negociations at Mangalore, where We imagine our Commissioners will before this time have arrived.

We have likewise requested Sir Edward Hughes to comply with any Requisitions he may receive from your Government, Should the Co-operation of the Squadron with the Land Forces be thought necessary.

Inclosed we send you a Copy of an Letter to him.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obed.t Servants

Macartney &c

Fort St. George
17.th Feby 1784

&c

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To Sir Edward Hughes K.B

Vice Admiral of the Blue and

Commander in Chief of his Majestys Ships

in

India

Our President has communicated to us your intention of returning to this Coast on the Month of April next.

As in the event of a renewal of Hostilities, the most important Operations will in all probability be undertaken on the Malabar Coast. We beg leave to express our hope that you will comply with any requisitions you may receive from the Bombay Government, and afford it every assistance in your power Should the Cooperation of the Squadron be judged necessary.

As the Commissioners deputed from hence to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun by the last accounts were within a very Short distance of Mangalore where they expected to meet that Chief. We are of opinion that the presence of His Majestys Squadron on the Malabar Coast may have great weight and influence upon their Negociations. From these considerations We

we

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12 are induced to request you will defer your return
to this Coast till the last Moment that you conceive
His Majestys Ships can with safety remain on the
other side of the Peninsula

We have the honor to be &c
Macartney &c

Fort St George
12 Febry 1784 —

To Colonel Pearse, as entered in M. B.

( ) granting permission for Lieutenant
Nesbit to go to Bengal. —

Received a Letter from Captain Armstrong of his Majestys 102d Regiment as entered in
M. B. ( ) informing of the Detachment
under his Command having safe arrived at Masulipatam

Received a Letter from the Chief
and Council of Masulipatam on the same Subject
as entered in M. B. ( ) as likewise another
from them as entered in M. B. ( ) requesting
permission for Lieutenant Baillie to proceed to
the Presidency. —

Dispatched the following Letter. —

To John Sullivan Esq.
President at Tanjore
Sir.

Lord Macartney being very much
indisposed

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I am directed by the Governor to forward to you without delay the enclosed Letter which his Lordship has this moment received covering two Letters from Tippoo Sultaun which papers you will be pleased to transmit without loss of time to Colonel Fullarton who will speedily hear from the Select Committee. They are at present under some degree of Anxiety from the silence of Gool Mahed, from whom no Letters have been received of so late date than the 9th of last Month. and you may Naturally suppose on the present State of uncertitude that the enclosed papers afford us pleasing prospect

The place from whence the enclosed Letter is dated I am informed is not 20 Miles from Tippoo's Camp.

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
13 February 1786

W. G. Wasny
Lieut

Received the following Letters

Fort Pondamalee 12 February 1786

My Lord and Sirs

I have the honor to inform you that immediately on the receipt of your Letter in answer to a Memorial from the Nairs mentioned in my last, and

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and Privates of the 52d Regiment. I assembled the four Companies under my Command and made them acquainted with the contents. I must beg leave to mention that the Regiment are perfectly sensible of the impropriety of their application, and have given me the strongest assurance of concern for their past behaviour.

I am My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obd! Servant
(signed) Turner Straubenzee

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to lay before your Lordships &c. Extract from our Minutes of the 9th Instant, and to request that we may be speedily informed of your Commands on the subject therein referred for your Consideration.

We have the honor to be &c.
Fort St George
13th Febry 1784.
(signed) Chas Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo Moubray

16th Dispatched the following Letters. —

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The Honble Rawson Hart Boddam

President and Governor &c &c

Sir. Bombay Castle

Just as I was going to dispatch
the Palamcotta Peon with the enclosed Letter from Mr
Staunton one of the Commissioners conveying the
Letters from Tippoo to them, communicating to them
an Event of which I have yet received no other
particulars. By the last Accounts of the 3d Inst.
the Commissioners were at then 3 Cos of Sepoys
Head Quarters and were to see him the next day

I have the honor to be &c

Fort St George
4th February 1784

Macaulay &c

Major Genl Campbell

Commanding his Majesty Forces in India

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
your Letter of the 11th Instant, enclosing a Letter to
you from Colonel Floyd with an request from the
Acting Secretary of the Select Committee to Major
General Cyclers

With respect to Mr Barbe I am
desired to acquaint you that when he was appointed

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an Assistant Surgeon in the Company's Service, It was imagined that he was then only acting Mate of the 23d. Dragoons, and had permission from his Colonel for otherwise you may rest assured the Committee would not have appointed him — As it would appear from Col. Floyd's Letter that the Committee had been misinformed with respect to Mr Barter They can have no idea of calling him from his Regiment and it is requested, on the Company Service can be immediately filled by the appointment of another. — As to the Hospital which Colonel Floyd desires to have established at St Thome for the sick of the 23 Regiment the Committee have no objection, if it can be thought more conducive to the Recovery of the people, than to send them to the General hospital which being long established amply provided with all Necessary and attended by the most ancient and experienced Surgeons had been supposed better calculated for the purpose than any temporary Infirmary that could be settled up at St Thome. — However if it be still desired that particular Separate Hospital should be settled at St Thome the Select Committee will acquiesce in the Requisition their principal reason

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reason for preserving the General Hospital was an opinion that Soldiers would have more assistance there and that it would save his Majesty's Troops in the Charge of their Hospitals for his Majesty's Troops is to be carried to a Separate distinct account and to be paid by the King. It will then appear by comparison which plan is the most economical.

carried

Fort St George
14th February 1786.

I have the honor to be &c
Macartney

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

&c. 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 to them of yesterdays date enclosing an Extract from your Minutes, and to inform you that in consequence of your Recommendation and for the Reasons you have assigned they are pleased to accept of the proposal made by Bambrow for renting the Pettah Division of the Choultry Ground and they accordingly direct that he may immediately be

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue Expressing that the Select Committee have been pleased to comply with their Recommendation

directed

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15th directed to proceed and take possession of his Saron
- and special care must be taken that Bandarow do
fulfill his Engagements as the Committee depend
upon his promised supply of Cash at Villore

Shown the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obd.t Servant
/signed/ W.G. Wasey
Actg Secy

From the Resident at Tanjore

Received a Letter from the President at
Tanjore, as entered in St. B./ No) inclosing an
Account of the Disbursements made for French and
Dutch Prisoners at Negapatam &c.

15th

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We last had the honor of addressing

From the Select Committee of Bombay giving Intelligence of the change of Government &c of his Majestys Ships having left Bombay for Europe, of General Macleod at Mangalore and of their Commissioners about to proceed thither

you under the 26th Ultimo; on the 1st Instant the late President Sailed out of this Harbour on Board of the Raymond and the present Governor took immediate Charge, and Yesterday the Monmouth, Isis, Crocodile Chaser and Combustion left this Place for Great Britain.

We have the pleasure to acquaint you that We are advised on the 9th Instant from General Macleod, that notwithstanding his Capture of the

Billy

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Sir

The Duty of Commanders, Our Family and our Country the Noble Typoo had not daird to foment Ins again excecuating Mangalore and Onor, on which Service Ins was employed when he sent off his last Dispatches to the dated on Board of the Ranger Snow in Mangalore Roads under the 24th Ultimo, and which he was likely to effect without opposition in deffiance of Us — The magnitude of the object of their Mission and other intervening Accidents have hitherto prevented the departure of our Commissioners, and the last hoard being dear to their Instructions, however we hope they will proceed in a few days on Board of the Hannit Store Ships offered by the Admiral for this particulare Service, on his declining to allow any of his Majesties Ships to proceed down the Coast to cooperate with General Macleod in the again excecuating Mangalore, on this Account as well as others we are very happy to find this Service has been effected without having been obliged to have Recourse to Force of Arms —

Our Commissioners will be furnished with the Companies large Cypher Letter N. and We request when occasion Requires, and you be Shown the honor of Corresponding with them, you will be pleased to make use of that Cypher as they will have no other —

The General acquaints us that the Works of Peace is going on under your Commissioners, but, We have had no Letters

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Respecting their motions

Our Cutter the Viper is now hourly
expected from Bussorah, We have had no News
from that Quarter since our last address, altho'
We have reason to suppose Intelligence of impor-
tance cannot be now far from hence.

We have the honor to be
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obed.t humble
Servants
R. H. Boddam
R. Gambier
John Dorfey &c.

Bombay Castle
14th January 1784.

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

On the 20th instant the Viper Cutter
imported dispatched by the President at Bussora, with
two Extracts from the definitive Treaty, and preliminary
Articles with the States of Holland Copies of which
We have now the honor to inclose.

We have no Intelligence of any
very material nature by this Vessel, as We have not
a Line from the Honble the Court of Directors, but
have the pleasure to acquaint you our President
Prudent was on the 11th of September unani-
mously

From the Select Committee of Bombay relative to their new President, their Commissioners General Marlborough and inclosing Copy of an Extract from the Preliminary Articles with the Dutch and Definitive Treaty with France also List of Ships taken up by the Company for 1783

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mously appointed to this Government and that his nomination had been since confirmed by the Directors of his Majesty's Ministers.

Private Letters say the Ennedon & Swallow were still under dispatch the middle of Sept and that the Parliament had been prorogued to the end of October, when they were to meet to do business. The Company have taken up 13 Ships for this Season.

On the 9th instant and not before we received dispatches from the Governor General and Council dated the 24th of November, giving Over to Copy of their Instructions to you under the 15th of the same month and the first information we had Received of the full powers vested in you by the Supreme Council to treat of and conclude a Treaty of Peace with Tippoo Sultaun

Those Dispatches of course put an End to our intended Commission to Messrs Call[illegible]under and Ravenscroft, and all that remained for us to do on this trying occasion where so presented a neglect has been shown by the Superintending Power to the great commercial interest of this Presidency was to transmit a Copy of the Instructions intended for the above Gentlemen to your Commissioners accompanied by several other papers meant to illustrate them.

To evince our ardent desire to facilitate

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facilitate and forward the good work of Peace
We on the 18th instant issued our Orders to
Brigadier General Macleod to in future obey the
Requisitions of your Committee or the Commissioners
authorized by you under the Orders from the Gov.r
General and Council above mentioned.

We have the Honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your humble and most
obedient Servants.
(signed) R. H. Boddam
John Gorlose
Robt Sharkes

Bombay Castle
22d January 1784.

(Copy)

Chairman and Deputy Chairman
of the East India Company

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acquaint you
that Captain Warner is just arrived with the
Preliminary Articles between His Majesty and
the States General signed at Paris on the 2d inst.
as also the Definitive Treaties with France and
Spain, signed at Versailles the 3d instant by the
Duke of Manchester, His Majesty's Embassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the respective
Plenipotentiaries of the said Courts & States.

The Definitive Treaty with the United
States of America was also signed at Paris the
3d

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3d instant by David Hartley Esqr His Majestys
Plenipotentiary and the Plenipotentiaries of those
States, and will be brought over by Mr Hartley
himself.

St James's
6th September 1783

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) C. J. Fox

Buffora 24th December 1783
a true Copy
(signed) Wm Digges Latouche

Translation Extracts from the
Preliminary Articles with the States General
signed at Paris 2d September

Article 4th

cede

The States General of the United Provinces
cede and guarantee in full Right to His Britan-
nic Majesty the Town of Negapatam, and the
Dependencies of the same, but eyeing the Importance
which the States General of the United Provinces
attach to the Possession of the abovementioned
Town, the King of Great Britain, in order to make
his good Disposition towards the aforenamed States,
promises Notwithstanding the said Cession, to
restore and treat with them for the Restitution
of the said Town in case the States shall in future
have

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15th. have any Equivalent to offer to them.

Article 5th

The King of Great Britain shall restore to the State General of the United Provinces, Trincomale together with all the other Towns Forts, Harbours and Settlements, which in the course of the present War have been conquered in any part of the World whatsoever by the Arms of their Britannic Majesty, or by those of the English East India Company, and of which they may be in possession, the whole in the State wherein they shall be found.

Article 6th

The States General of the United Provinces promise and engage not to obstruct the Navigation of British Subjects in the Eastern Seas.

Article 7th

As it is necessary to settle a fixed Epoch for the Restitutions and Evacuations to take place, it is agreed that the King of Great Britain shall cause Trincomale to be evacuated together with all the Towns, Places, and Territories which his Arms may have taken, and of which he shall be in possession excepting what is ceded by these Articles to his Britannic Majesty, at the same Epoch wherein the Restitutions and Evacuations between Great Britain and France shall be made. The States General shall at the same Epoch restore the Towns and Territories which their Arms

shall

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15th shall have taken from the English on the Coromandel
in consequence whereof the necessary Orders shall be
sent by each of the High Contracting Parties
with respective Passports for the Ships which
shall carry them immediately after the Ratification
of these Preliminary Articles

Extracts from the Definitive Treaty
with France.

Article 16th

Orders having been sent to India by the
High Contracting Parties, in Conformity to the 16th
Article of the Preliminaries it is agreed anew
that if within the Term of four months the
respective Allies of their Britannic and Most
Christian Majesties have not acceded to the present
Pacification or made their separate Accommoda-
tion, their said Majesties shall not give any
Assistance directly or indirectly against the
British or French Possessions, or against the
ancient Possessions of their respective Allies such
as they were in the Year 1776

Article 17th

All the Countries and Territories which
shall have been or may be conquered in any part
of the World whatsoever by the Arms of his
Britannic Majesty, or vice versa by those of
his

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15th Six. Most Christian Majesty, which are not comprehended in the present Treaty, neither under the Title of Cessions nor under the Title of Restitutions, shall be restored without Difficulty and without exacting a Compensation.

Article 20

France shall be put in possession of the Towns and Factories, which are restored to her in the East Indies, and of the Territories which are procured to them as Dependencies around Pondichery and Karrical, six Months after the Ratification of the present Treaty or sooner if it can be done. France hath at the End of the same term of six Months restore the Towns and Territories which her Arms have taken from the English, or from their Allies in the East Indies

Before the 24th December 1783

A true Copy

(signed) William Digges Latouche

Bombay Castle

23d January 1784.

A true Copy

(signed) John Morris Dy Sy L.C.

(Copy)

Translation of Extract from the Declaration signed by the Duke of Manchester, and the fourth Declaration signed by Count Vergennes at Versailles the 3d September 1783.

Declara-

serve

N.B. Articles 13. 14. and 15. are the same as in the Preliminary Articles.

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Declaration

In regard to the Indian Grand Bankers having granted to Lewis & Shakespear and confirm the commerce which the latter demands to carry on their Hes Majesty expects Confidence on the repeated Assurances of the Court of Versailles that the Power of surrounding Chandernagore with a Ditch for carrying off the Water shall not be executed in such a manner as to become a Subject of Umbrage.

Counter Declaration

The Desire of the King to maintain the Peace comprehends India as well as the other parts of the World therefore His Britannic Majesty may be assured that His Majesty will never permit that an Object so insignificant as innocent as the Ditch with which it is intended to surround Chandernagore, should give Umbrage to the Court of London.

Bombay Castle
23d January 1784

Bussora 24th December 1783
A true Copy
Will. Biggs Labouchere

A true Copy
John Morris
Dy Sec. S.C.

List of Company's Ships taken up and Stationed for 1783.

Pondicherry — Madras Bengal & China
Seahorse
Egmont — Coast and China
Contractor
Royal Charlotte — S.C. Malabar Madras & Bengal

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15th Valentine
Grenville
Hillsbro
Barrington
} Madras and Bengal

Mansfield — Madras & Bengal to Bitavia to Madras

Neptune
D. Camden
} Bombay

Royal Admiral — St Helena Bombay & China

4 Bengal
4 China
3 Bombay
1 Bencoolen
1 Madras
13 Ships

A true Copy
John Moores
Dy. Secy. F.C.

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

My Lord.

From Lieut. Barry Close to the President concerning his march towards Nagpory to meet Mooreajee Bunsuaje Dulawar Dewan

I do myself the honor to inform your Lordship that I arrached this place this Morning, Accompanied by all my Attendants and baggage, the people whom the Vackeels promised to and with me having joined me during the Night I start by times tomorrow and shall be at Nagpory on the 12th where from the manner in which I have conducted matters I expect to meet Maharaj Bunsuaje Dullawa or Dewan. — I have the honor to be Respectfully

Your Lordships Most obedient most humble Servant
(signed) B. Close

Vellore Choultry
9th February 1786
at Night

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From the Resident at Tanjore

From the Resident at Tanjore as entered in a Miscellany Book of 1784 / containing a Letter from him to Lieut. Capper with his answer, & respecting the providing a supply of Grain for the Garrison of Chellumbrum

16th

Received the following Letter

My Lord

From the Commanding Officer at Nellore / enclosing a Letter from Captain Montgomery Prisoner with Tippoo Sultaun with many Recommendations of Barbarity upon himself and others,

I have the honor to transmit your Lordship the enclosed which I received Saturday I have sent Captain Montgomery the aid he required, which I hope he may receive time to some alleviation to him in his distressful Situation

I am with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordships most

obed! and very hble Servt

Geo. Campbell

Nellore

11th Feby 1784.

Dear Campbell

I have with much importunity and with the promise of a Reward of five Pagodas prevailed on a person to transmit this Letter for me to you, whom I have informed will receive the Money from you, and must in lieu of your's send by him to my own use, twenty Pagodas which I will with many thanks repay you on my Releasement. My situation is very disagreable

Yours

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16th From the barbarous treatment I have met with as well as those other Europeans who have fallen into this Nabobs hands I have with me Mr. Martin and a disabled Soldier, the others Mr. Baillie Mr. Stuart four of the Companys Soldiers and eight of his Majestys were by the most inhuman treatment forced into his Service, not to last respect was paid to the two former but the whole bound in chains and obliged to carry earth and was severely beaten by the Guard over them till Nature could not support them longer when they were necessitated to comply hoping that I would use my utmost with government to obtain their releasement from his Service. This happened at Cadapah at Christmas last a few days after myself Martain and the Soldier were brought here and were under very strict confinement, the two latter in Irons. We have not the least Account of which is going forward and Wonder at our not being released since we understand peace was established some time since. We are apprehensive the Nabob may cause it to be reported that we have entered his service except of our suspicion if possibly you can and inform us the motive for our detention. For this rascal has threatned us with perpetual confinement and Death unless we enter his service either of the former is preferable. By mails we have given Bye Common are Abonded his Country thus

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for we have no Guarantee for our retirement and he will never grant it voluntarily. I shall be very Anxious for your Answer therefore immediately on the receipt of this be so kind to return an answer and you will oblige

Your Servant
2 Febry 1784

Your very Sincerely
Montgomery

To the Right Honble Lord Geo Macartney KB
Governor &c &c &c

My Lord

I had the honor of addressing a few lines to your Lordship from Vellout Choultry on the 9th Instant intimating that I had fixed on this place for a meeting with Makanay Boitmongy. Dewan found the Rajah was hastening at hand and had stationed some of his people in the Village to receive me amongst whom was a Harcarrah who presented the Rajahs respects to acquaint me that he would be at the principal Pagodas of the Village about noon. — I desired the Harcarrah to return my Compliments, and that as my business was of a very Secret Nature I should wait upon him at Ten the Evening. — He then cleared a Lighted when some Harcarrahs whom

From Lieut Colo Harry Stone to the President intimating his having had an Interview with Makanay about the Ending of the Pondicherry Letter of Mackanays styling and the arrival of Monsieur which cannot likely to produce favorable consequences that the Peace of the Carnatic may get with Permission but that it was much doubted throughout the Nation and will be soon carried on as long as

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16th I had dispatched Yesterday to make enquiries here particularly concerning the price of grain came in, and informed me that Paddy was selling in the Village at the exorbetant rate of 16 Measures for the Rupee, and that they understood it was their diaire towards the heart of the Pollum. — about this time I was accosted by Mr Iqy Louis Dubash who on examination acquainted me that his Master had sent him to Makaraz in the hope of procuring some Grain for Yellore. That he had delivered your Lordships Letter / of which your Lordship gave me a Copy / and that after waiting four days an answer was at last preparing to say, that the Pollum contained no Paddy except the small quantity on the ground which would not be fit to cut in less than twenty days. — That he would indeavour to set apart a proportion of it for the Company but that it would be impossible for him to procure But Lochs to remove it. That he was sensible of the present exigency and out of consideration. thereof would depose the Company two hundred Collams of Paddy the larger share of what he payed for the maintenance of himself and family. I asked the Dubash if he had made particular inquiry about the state of the Country and the price of Grain, and into whose

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16th whose hand he had first delivered Lordships letter,
to which he replied that as Business himself
never introduced on business of any kind but left
the entire management of it to the Dubash,
He had given the letter to Muckaney who held
that Office. That he had made no enquiries
concerning the Country having received no instructions
on that head, but was told by the Dubash that
there was selling at the Rate of six Pagodas
for the Rupee. That his Master had desired
him to return if he did not succeed and that
therefore as he expected his answer soon, he
meant to set out for Vellore in the Evening.

After some Mussulmen had passed
between Muckaney and me, I proceeded to wait
upon him at the hour appointed. — On seeing
me approach the Pagoda he came out and
handed me into the Place in a very polite &
cordial manner. — When the usual Compli-
ments were over I presented him with your
Lordships Letter, observing that from what your
Lordship and I had explained to his Vackul
I doubted not but he was well acquainted with
its Contents. — The place where we were sitting
being surrounded by the Pagoda people, I
begged we might withdraw, as I might have
some thing to say privately to him — He
accordingly retired to an inner apartment

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16th whom having read the letter I began by explaining
to him the high opinion your Lordships entertained
of his regard and Zeal for the Company interests
from whom he might expect the most certain
protection. — That this together with the repeated
assurances of his Vackeel had induced your Lordships
to apply to him first for assistance at a Juncture
of time so pressing to your other Friends,
and that from the vicinity of his Pollum to
Vellore and the resources it contained your Lordships
doubted not but your Requisitions would meet
with an immediate and hearty compliance
— He pleaded that he would attempt to
procrastinate and put me off like the Dubash
I proceeded by demanding to know for your Lordships
information the largest quantity of Grain he was
willing to supply the Company with immediately,
the present exigence being such as to admit of
no delay — He listened to this with much
seeming attention, and observed that while the
means were in his power he had never failed
to evince his attachment to the Company and
their Servants — That when Sir Eyre Coote entered
his Pollum / that was then in a state of prosperity /
he chearfully supplied him with provisions
both for his Army and Vellore, Vellore, but
that since Hyder had laid it waste in consequence

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16th. it never contained a weeded house or an inhabitant
That he was obliged to fly himself at Boat time
and only Ventured to return to his usual Residence
Two Months ago that the little Crop upon the
ground had been entirely destroyed without
that upon in consequence of his appearance and
certain, and that under such distressed
circumstances such as all was the Company
should be welcome to all that could be spared
if it when called. — To this I opposed that
if them had been originally a Stock of Paddy
in Pollore equal to the customary Sir Eyre instead of entering the Pollam — as
to draw it would have operated on the outside
for its defence as that when Your Lordship
desired him to furnish his quota towards the
Establishment of a Magazine at Pollore you
were proceeding in the direct manner for
his future Safety and protection at the
cheapest rate he would expect being willing to
give him credit for the whole of his supplies in
the Amount of his Pushcush. That as he will
acquainted with the quantity of Grain that
had been sown and the prospects of its growth
he would find no difficulty to ascertain what
the produce could reasonably amount to and
that therefore he would have no good reason
to

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16th to delay mentioning the exact quantity he want for the Company and the particular time at which he was to furnish it. In short finding after an expostulation of five hours that he still endeavoured to put me off I once more peremptorily demanded to have a satisfactory answer on the above points adding that as Lordships demands were always just and reasonable you were determined on the ground to have them implicitly obeyed.— Moreover that as your Lordships expectations were in great measure founded upon the assurance of his Vackeel, he should have reason to dread the effects of sudden disappointment, and be Cautious how by such trifling he ventured to incur your Lordships displeasure— This threat seemed some what to confound for after a long silence he employed in the last resource to have time given him tomorrow Morning when after he had investigated matters I should certainly have a decided Answer. The Night being well advanced I thought proper to grant his request and accordingly withdrew Exhall in course home and then meeting in the Morning I and do myself the honor of making your Lordship acquainted as soon as possible with

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My Lord

Your Lordship will perceive that I have not yet endeavoured to negotiate with respect to the price of the grain that is to be furnished on the cost of conveying it from hence to Vellore being desirous amongst so many difficulties of having the principal point settled before I touch on the Other—

I have dispatched two people to the different districts of the Pollams ordering on their return to have the terms of transmitting their Reports by the earliest occasion I am sorry to inform Your Lordship that from what I have heard from every Quarter I do not expect any assistance that the supply from the Pollams will be very scanty both as to quantity and what is still worse from bad Roads we are hardly a Bullock Cart in the Country I hope to give your Lordship certain information on this head hereafter

I have the honor to be Dependently

Your Lordships

Most obedient and

Most humble Servt

(signed) B Elliot

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To the Right Honble Lord Geo. Macartney &c

Governor &c &c

My Lord

From Lieut Barry Close to the President informing him that his threats had been productive of good Consequences, that the Rajah had promised 5 Thousand Collums of Paddy at the Bazar price but that no Cattle must be had. Mr Close requests to know when it is to be collected, and declares his intention of proceeding to the Pencalagurry & Calastry Countries without loss of time &c

I have the honor to add accompanying a Duplicate of Yesterday address Upon visiting the Rajah this Morning I had the pleasure to find the manner in which I expressed myself last Night at parting began to operate upon him I commenced the business again by telling him that as I had orders to correspond with your Lordship upon all occasions I had not failed to communicate faithfully the particulars of what had passed between us Yesterday, and Repeated that if he wished to preserve Your Lordships good opinion and the protection of Government he should think seriously of what I had recommended to him. He answered that being thoroughly sensible of his situation and how much he owed to the Company protection, he would not help being Seriously alarmed at the abrupt manner in which I left him last meeting. — That in consequence he had sat up all night devising way and means to comply with your Lordships demands to the utmost of his ability, and in a manner that might be most conducive to your Lordships satisfaction

and

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My Lord

I am very Sorry that I am reduced the
Necessity of the multiplying Letters
to Lordships Correspondence however I am that Lordships
Generosity will not Censure me at the end of
Having the Honr and Intire Direction of his
Majesty's Troops as soon as I found it to be
possible — That impressed by these Sentiments
I was going Peremptorily to declare that
I would positively Countenance no
Expedition —, Surely that as
Reasonably be Construed to be as Peremptorily Refusing
to Lead on Every Occasion that on the Ground
Especially on that occasion I Must Disapprove
Lordships Intentions — That upon the Immediate
Communication and Intervention of the Presidency
Council of Fortifications Engineers &c
Company Force at such more than Five Hundred
Gallons of Paddy to be delivered at the Bazar
Three Thousand Pounds of Rice to be
Thousand Pounds Flour which I would be
Answered to have collected in one or more Place
in the Carnatic that Orders Issued out by
the end of the present Madras Month three
days of which are elapsed — That withstanding
Doing this Command I Hope to merit the Honour of
Your Lordships Approbation and the Continuance
Lordships as my Lord

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of carriage he found himself obliged to declare it to be utterly out of his power to convey the above quantity of Grain to Pollore his Country being left without a Bullock for the purpose and that the most the poor inhabetants that remained could do would be to collect the Grain in the Towns specified & remove it to the plunder places in his Pollum I should think proper to Mention.— That as a proof of the truth of these assertions and his want of further ability in the above Respects he was willing for your Lordships Satisfaction to accompany me to every Village or Cultivated spot in the his Pollum in order that with the assistance of any Servants I might be able to acquire an exact knowledge of the Resources it may be capable of yeilding in its present deplorable Situation.— That after making the above asser-tions he had earnestly to implore your Lordships acceptance of his offer as being the greatest extents of his efforts towards a willful obedience to your Lordships Requisitions.

Finding after Settling with him the Most that the above offers were the utmost that could be obtained from him. I told him at length that if he would Answer Your

Lordship

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16th Sendships Letter to the above effect and sent it to me before Night I went home at 8 a Clock then with an account of what he had declared That Your Lordships had good information and that if his assertions were found to be well grounded I doubted not but his offer would be accepted. — He reply'd to that he said the answer should be prepared with out delay and sent to me, on which I departed. —

I desired Your Lordship to do me the favor to declare my opinion with respect to the amount of what should be rendered by this Pollam, I should say that how what I have seen and learned particularly concerning the scarcity and high price of grain as it now at was plundered by Hyder, there is not little room to hope that more can be procured for the Company from the Poligars Coppa than what the Rajah has now promised and that altho' it is impossible he might be worked upon by further menaces to make larger promises yet the performance of them would be by no means certain and could not be brought about without much delay and difficulty

For preventing to expostulate with him about what he likely apprehensive that after what had passed Mahlet refused this offer and

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and continued to threaten, he would begin to dread the appearance of an Armed force which might probably lead him to Sacrifice even the quantity he has promised to supply — I had moreover an Eye to the advantage of having the business here brought Speedily to a conclusion whereby I should be at liberty to proceed in good time agreeably to your Lordships intentions / before the Crop could be disposed of / to the Salsette and Tinnivelly Pollams the former of which having Remained in tranquility during the War and the latter in a tolerable state compa-ratively with this may be supposed to contain more considerable Resources.

Could I receive the honor of your Lordships sentiments and approbation with respect to what I have already transacted I might proceed to settle the Spots on which the Grain is to be collected so as to be most Secure and conveniently Situated for being Removed hence after in the manner Your Lordships may think proper to devise — should it be all collected at Pollepet as being nearest to Vellore it is probable in case of a Renewal of Hostilities the distractions of it might prove an object worthy of the Enemys Notice as in

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The Cyprus Lunar — is known by having the Bright or those different districts towards the centre of the Pollam it might be another Collector Landschap called for it under the Rajahs or protection. The Rajahs answer to your Landschap Letter being at length received I have the honor and it enclosed.

I have most your Landschaps Commands, and — I have the honor to be

Respected Sirs. Your Landschaps most obedient and Most Humble Servants

Vaugeny 13th July 1784. B. Torin

at Nights

Signed

From the Chief and Council of Tegapatam

From the Chief and Council of Tegapatam entered on Miscellany Book relating Monthly Returns for

January — Dispatched the following Letter

Major General Campbell

Commander in Chief of his Majesty

Troops &c in India.

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble President and Select Committee to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant and to request that they may know what surprized

to the Commander in Chief of his Majesty Troops respecting the Surprize of the Select Committee at receipt having been given on the Evening of

it.

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Their having exhibited a Specific Charge at Colonel Floyd which I do not must have originated in Mis-apprehension - that there were four Letters received from Colonel Floyd relative to his Regiment which I answered an entire explanation is sent of the Business and likewise the whole of the Correspondence that has been between the Committee and Col. Floyd to the Genl Satisfaction

The Report given to you, of their having exhibited a direct charge against Colonel Floyd, as they do not recollect the fact, and indeed it would seem very unaccountable, for at whatever time this Government should be disposed to prefer a Complaint against any Officer, it would be a matter of course in order to bring him to a trial that you should receive proper Notice of it. But your desiring a Copy of the charge supposed to have been made against Colonel Floyd, It would appear that you had not received such Notice, and that therefore the idea must have arisen from some Misunderstanding or Misapprehension.—

The Committee do remember to have had before them at different times within these few Weeks a Number of Letters from Colonel Floyd upon various Subjects Four of them was about the 23d Regiment of Dragoons being ready to go to the Field, another was about the Quarter Masters Batta, a third about his own and a fourth, I believe about his being convicted and a sentence passed against him of Stoppage of Pay — As Secretary of the Committee I was directed to answer his Letters, and I shall send you the whole correspondence, for your perusal should you think it necessary to read it, but to save you trouble I am desired just to mention shortly

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shortly that with respect to the Quarter Masters Salary, It was ordered to be paid monthly according to the Companys Regulations — As to the regard to the default of Colonel Floyds own Letter: It was accounted for by my informing him in the Letter dated the 27th January last that on consequence of his having quitted Camp without leave &c his Batta and field allowances ceased of course — That not having an answer to his inquiry about his Batta, but supposing for Arguments sake, that the Colonel were both ays as a plea, that he quitted camp with leave, and that the Leave would be granted it without Leave, was consequently useless, It would make no sort of difference, for it would not entitle him to Batta — For answer to the Colonels Letter about the 23d Dragoons being ready for service, The Committee informed him that « Military Arrangements depended on Circumstances, and that they were sensible of the merit of that Regiment. — That I believe is a Short Summary of the Answers which I was directed to write to Colonel Floyds several Epistles, but if I have omitted any thing material Reference may be had to the whole Correspondence which is now enclosed to you, from whence you will perceive the Colonels Mistake in supposing

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16th a charge to have been there exhibited against him

Shown the honor to be &c

Fort St George

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(signed) W. G Casey

Capt Lieut

17th Received the following Letters from Governor

General &c Council of Bengal

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President &c Council

of Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have the honor to acknowledge

our Receipt of two Letters from you of the 11th and

12 December with the several Papers which

accompanied the Letter available to the List

enclosed, and we enclose duplicate to the 5th January

We have referred to the Judges of the

Adawlut Court the enclosures in your Letter

of the 12th December and Requested to be furnished

with their Opinion on the Subject of them, which

we shall transmit to you as soon as Received —

In our Letter of the 15th Ultimo, we

acquainted you of the Necessity we had been under

of laying an Embargo on the Exportation of all Grain

from these Provinces with the Steps we had taken

to obviate as far as possible the inconveniences

which you must suffer from this unavoidable

of your expected Supplies, that you did not receive

earlier

From the Governor General and Council mentioning that they had received Letters from this Government with the enclosures of the 11th & 12th December but that they have the enclosures before the Judges, signifying also that they had put an Embargo upon Grain and desiring that the Bengal Detachment might be sent round immediately if possible for which purpose they had sent money which was to be appropriated to that Service only —

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My last earliest information of their Circumstances was an Official Address Communicated by the Changes which have lately taken place in our Offices

We are happy to find by advices lately Received although of a private Nature that this delay has not been productive of any prejudicial Consequence to your Settlement as notwithstanding the Embargo the price of Rice at Fort St George is considerably lower than when the Embargo was laid

By an Estimate transmitted to us by the Paymaster to the Troops of this Establishment serving in the Carnatic, We find that there would be due at the close of this month about 16 Lacs of Current Rupees the Accumulation of a Months estimated expence of about 180 000 Current Rupees —

It has long been the object of our most Anxious wishes to free the Company from this very heavy expence and thereby enable ourselves to provide for the Relief of your more immediate Wants, and with this View we have Repeatedly Requested that you would make early preparations for the Return of that Detachment to these Provinces

We wish to obviate any misconceptions of this Allusion to our former Representations on

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17th this Subject as proceeding from a Sense of disapprobation as we are willing to attribute our disappointment to the State of Suspence in which your Negociation with Sippoo Sahib have so long Continued, and we Repeat our Ernest Request on the Same Subject with a Reservation of the like Necessity compelling you Still to withhold your Acquiescence

The Season is now Arrived in which the Return of the Detachment may be effected both with the greatest facility of dispatch and with the least Expences.

If therefore a Peace with Sippoo, shall have been finally concluded, or if on the Event of it's being protracted the force which you possess in the Carnatic of your own Establishment and of the Kings Troops Serving under your Authority shall be Sufficient for the maintenance of your political Influence and for the mutual Renewal of Hostilities it is our desire that you will immediately issue Orders for the Return of your detachment to Bengal the three Companys of European Artillery and all Supernumerary Commissioned and Non commissioned Officers should be sent by Sea as opportunities occur either by the Ships of the Company or Country Ships and the Rest of the Detachment by Land.

To enable you to Comply with this

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87.

This Request we have sent you Bills of Exchange to the Amount of 3,00,000 Rupees Copies only and Solely for the purpose of praying to the Troops such of their Arrears as will enable them to march and in addition to this Sum and for the same purpose we shall also send Bills of Exchange to the Chief and Council at Masulipatam for 2,00,000 of Rupees and we must Request in any event that the distribution of these Sums may be prescribed by a third to, that is for the Payment of the Troops belonging to this Establishment serving in the Carnatic.

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servants
(signed) Warren Hastings
Edw.d Wheler

Fort St George
24.th January 1784

Received the following Letter
To the Right Honble Geo.a Lord Macartney
K. B. President &c. Select Committee
Fort St George

My Lord and Gentlemen

We beg leave to enclose you a Copy of a Letter from the Rajah of Ramnad a person by which you will perceive the

From the Committee of Fifteen Nairmar relating a Letter from the Rajah of Ramnad a person whom he requests to be relieved from the interference of Tribunals in the Management of his Country. The Committee refer the Board to that

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Their former Minute and recommend them to their attention —

17th. the State of that province and the earnest request of the Rajah to be relieved from the Interference of Individuals in the Managements of his Country On this occasion we have only to refer to our former Minutes and observations which have been communicated to you and to recommend them to your early attention. —

We have the honor to be
My Lord and Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Charles Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo Moubray

Fort St. George
17th February 1784.

(signed)

18th. Dispatched the following Letter

To Lieut. Genl. Ross Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir,

To the Commander in Chief informing him of the arrival of the Swallow from England and desiring him to proceed to the Ho. leaving the Army in Command of the next Senior Officer as the Dispatches may require his constant attendance in Committee —

As the Hon.ble Company's Packets the Swallow is this moment arrived from England, and as the Select Committee conceive the may bring Dispatches of such importance as to require their constant attendance in Committee I am directed to request that you will be pleased for the better dispatch of Business to repair to the Fort for a few Days leaving the Command of the Army to the next Senior

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Sir

I have the honor to be

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Your Obt Servant
W J Wasey
Secretary

To Captain Barry Close

Sir

The Right Honble the President has laid before the Select Committee your Letters to his Lordship of the 9th 12th and 13th of this Month and they have also perused your Letter to the Commander in Chief of the 16th Instant—

The Committee much approve of your Transactions with Muckwaze and of the engagement he has entered into to supply 3000 Cullums of Paddy — but they are concerned to understand from your Letter, that the Scarcity of Cattle is so great in the Polams as to render it doubtfull whether sufficient Carriage can be procured to convey to Vellore the supply of Grain promised by Muckwaze — The Committee trust however from your representations and perseverance with that Polygar that a sufficient number of Cattle and Bullocks may be collected — and as you will of course correspond with Captain Cuppage

To Captain Barry Close
requesting him that the
President had laid before
the Committee his Secret
Letters and that his Conduct
were approved they are happy
to find that Muckwaze
has promised 3000 Cullums
of Paddy but are concerned
to observe the scarcity of
Bullocks. Captain Close
is directed to use every
means in his power in
getting the grain to Vellore
and to be particularly
careful not to risk the Cattle

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he may be able to afford you some assistance from his Garrison with respect to Carriage should your applications to Muckwanzy prove ineffectual to whom if occasion shall become Requisite you will not fail to intimate the necessity of appointing another Dewan should Government be dissatisfied with his conduct on the present occasion.

In all Points the Committee relying on your prudence and Oeconomy empower you to take such measures as you shall think proper for conveying the Grain to Vellore but till such means shall offer they desire you will be particularly careful that it be lodged in some dry place where it may be secured from the possibility of being damaged by the Weather or any other cause.

I am Sir

Your most obd. Servants

Fort St George
18th February 1780

H. G. Wasey
Actg Secy

19th Dispatched the following Letter

To the Honble Warren Hastings
Governor General &c Council

Fort William

Gentlemen

Since our Secretarys Letter of the 31st Ultimo Communication between this Presidency and our Deputies has continued free and uninterrupted

to the Governor General and Council enclosing a letter from Mr Hyder to the Right Honble President

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19th

Resolved in forming the Establishments for the Garrisons of Bombay Fort St George and Bengal that the Commander in Chief be allowed Contingencies at the Rate of Pagodas 1000 per Annum each

Resolved that Major Gowdie be appointed Commandant of the Garrison of Bombay

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19th Hose & Rosallas, and 8 Small Guns & Rosallas with some large Guns at no great Distance on their way to join them and that he Captain Maitland had intelligence of a much more Considerable Force so disposed in case of the Commencement of Hostilities, as to be brought to act against our Troops in the Combatore and Southern Provinces

You will observe that tho' the Communication betwixt this Presidency and Mongalore has been open, Yet it appear by Mr Hudlestons Letter that the Dispatches from the Commissioners to Tellichery had not been forwarded according to Agreement — indeed from the whole of Tippoos Conduct and that of those in authority under him — We have seen so many instances of Chicanery and low cunning not to mention matter of More Serious concern as yet unexplained to our Satisfaction joined to his general Character that its with very Little confidence in him, that We enter upon the Negociation at present — The necessity of his own Affairs will probably be the grand Wheel of his political Machinery the motions of which from our ignorance of the Intentions of the Mahrattas and the Nizam — We may be liable to many Mistakes in attempting to direct or derange. — the Object however is Peace upon honorable Terms — Our Commissioners will do every thing in their power to conclud such a one according to the Rights and instructions with which they are

furnished

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My Lord that should unhappy Circumstances put
that out of their power — Nothing Remains but
to prosecute this War by the exertion of all the
Vigor and Resources that yet Remain to us
Had we adequate Ships we to Atchieve great things
you are already but low we ill approved We will
flatter ourselves with hopes of their being speedily
by that assistance from you which We have so
long and so often implored — At all Events We shall
endeavor to obtain Success by shewing that We are
not unworthy of it — Hyder Aly Khan Sultan Dawfauw
who commands Tippoo Sahibs Troops in the Carnatic is
still in the Neighborhood of Arnee — There are
frequent petty Complaints of Irregularities on
both sides, but no Actual Hostilities are
Committed Our Little Army at the Mountains
be able to proceed if necessary in a few Days —
The want of Carriage which was formerly so
complained of, is no longer the principal of
grievance that want of Rice — the Material
to be carried is now more severely felt than the
means to carry it — We flatter ourselves that
the Hopes conveyed to us by some late private
Letters from Bengal will be realized and that
We shall soon hear of your embargo being taken
off under public Authority —

Lt Sullivan at Tanjore informs
us that Sr Eyre Coutts our Southern Army will be
collected and in Motion act offensively about

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19th the end of this Month

By Letters from Bombay of the 22d January. We find that they had revoked their appointment of the Messrs Cullender and Ravenscroft to be Commissioners for the Affairs of the Presidency of Bombay in the Negociations with Scyndia and that they do not mean to Name any others in their room. — We have not received any Letters from Gen! Macleod for Col. Fullarton since those We had the Honor of Sending to you under Cover of our Dispatch of the 26th Ultimo. —

We enclose to you Copy of the Letter from Bombay of the 22d January enclosing Intelligence recd by the Viper Cutter from Bombay. —

We are

Gentlemen &c

Fort St George
19th February 1784 —

/signed/ Macartney

P.S.

This Morning the Swallow packet landed the Dispatches from England here & the 1st Falmouth the 7 Oct. We shall forward your Letter as soon as possible. —

To Chief Engineer

To the Chief Engineer as entered in M B / 1 / informing him of Captain Banke being ordered to join the Army. —

From the Chief and Council at Ganjam —

Received Letter from the Chief and Council of Ganjam as entered in M Book / 2 / enclosing a List of Deficiencies of Stores

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19th

At a Select Committee Held

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The Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney K.B Gov.t

Alexander Davidson

Lieut Col Ross — Dep.

Anthony Sadleir & Morgan

Members of Cont Committee Read

and approved. —

Thursday the 19th Feby 1784

St Hierome Esqr absent on Service

The Honble Company's Ship Swallow being arrived from England and the Swallow Packets arrived. —

several Packets brought by her from the Honble the Court of Directors being landed the Committee now proceed to open the Papers therein contained agreeably to the following List. —

List of the Packet p Swallow.

List of the Company's Packets to Fort St George by the Ship Swallow. —

No 1 The Company's General Letter to Fort St George dated 10 Sept 1783

2 Dupt Company's General Letter to Fort St George dated 29th March 1783

3 Printed Narrative of the Loss of the Company's Ship Granville

4 Copy of another Narrative of the Loss of the said Ship received from Mrs Limrick Commd at Cannar —

5 List of the Officers of his Majesty's Sea

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Forces having Local Rank in the East Indies
6 List of Cadets for Fort St George of the Season
1782 with their order of Rank
7 List of Persons permitted to proceed to India
on board the Swallow.
8th List of the Arrival and Departure of Ship-
-ping since the advice from York.—
9 List and discription of 52 Artillery Men
embarked on board the Swallow
10 Letter from the Secretary at War, addressed to
Lieut. Gen.l Sir Eyre Coote or the Officer command-
-ing His Majestys Forces in the East Indies
11 Acts passed in the last Session of Parliament
Not yet published—will be sent by a future
conveyance
12 Reports of the Select Committee of the Honble
House of Commons.—
13 Minutes of Evidence relative to Sir Thomas
Rumbold / the two last Articles in the
Box part.—
14 Copy of Captain Gabriel Mullers Memorial
15 Captain Philip Sharps Accounts of Disbur-
-sments for the Company's Ship Rose
16 List of the Swallow Ships Company with
an Account of their Wages and Impress
17 Copies of Lord N. to the Letter and Instructions
from the Secretary at War respecting the four
additional Companies and of the four Younger
Regiments serving in India.—

Copy.

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No

18 Copy of the Agreement between the Company and Captain Richard Bundy Commander of the Swallow

19 Copy of Ditto between the Company and Mr. Francis Hall the Chief Mate of Ditto

20 Copy of Ditto between the Company and Mr. Kingsborough the Second Mate of Ditto

21 Copy of Do between the Company and Mr. Gilbert Town Beckett third Mate of Ditto

22 Account of the Contents of a Chest of Silver for Swallow

23 Account of the Swallows Outfit

24 Inventory of the Swallows Stores and Provisions apart She is last to be forwarded with the Ships to her last consigned Port.

25 The Companys General Letter to Fort St George dated 26th September 1783.

26 Packet directed to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee at Fort St George. See the Box apart.

27 Packet directed "to the Honble the President & Council for all the Forces and Affairs of the English Nation at Fort Marlbo' on the Coast of Sumatra" This Packet must be forwarded by the earliest Conveyance.

Nomina Rerum

It appears the Committee great pleasure to understand from the above Dispatches that the definitive Treaties with France & Spain were signed at Paris on the 3d of September

France

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September last and the President is requested to communicate this pleasing Intelligence to the Marquis de Bussy, and to furnish him at the same time with an authenticated Copy of his Majesty's Proclamation in consequence as also to enquire of him whether he received any similar account from his own Court.—

The Committee now proceed to take into Consideration the Dispatches which have been received from the Honble the Court of Directors by the Swallow.—

The Committee take into Consideration the Dispatches per Swallow and make their observation thereupon

Extracts from the Letter from the Court of Directors of the 10th September 1782

8th The Excellency Count de Suffrein Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty has made a Representation to us on behalf of a Mr Gabriel Muller a Subject of Prussia formerly a Captain in the Service of the Nabob of Arcot, and to enable them to inspecting some Magazines fulfill the Instructions of Mr which Mr Muller of the Company regarding alleges were taken from that Gentleman Him by the Company's Troops at the Restoration of the Rajah of Tanjore

Observation of the Committee thereon.—

8th There are some Letters and Papers on the Consultations relative to Mr Mullers Claim. Ordered that the Secretary do extract what has passed on the subject for the Information of the Committee

but

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but not having sufficient
Information on the subject
to enable us to Judge of
Mr Mc Ellen's pretensions
We hereby direct you to
investigate that Matter
and, Cause such further
to be done to the Parties
concerned and inform us
of your proceedings
therein —

4th We have received a Letter
from the Right Hon.
ble Lord North one of His Majesty's
Principal Secretarys of
State enclosing Extract of
a Letter from Sir John
Burgoyne to the Earl of
Shelburne, complaining
that on his arrival at
Fort St George he was not
put on the Staff, and
given out on Genl Orders
as a Major General and
having taken the same
into Consideration, We
hereby Order and Direct
that Sir John Burgoyne
be given out on General
Orders

4th We Received acquainted
the Committee that a Letter
dated the 26th Instant was
received from Sir John
Burgoyne which was
read in Circulation and
to which an Answer was
returned by their the
Committees Directions
from the Secretary enclosing the
Paragraphs 14 and 15
of the Letter from the Court
of Directors of the 10th of
September 1784

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Orders agreeable to his
Plans of which you were
advised in our General Letter
dated the 25th January 1782.

15th We perfectly agree in
opinion with Sir Eyre Coote
as expressed in his letter
of the 23d September 1782
that upon most considerable
Military Commands should
fall under the Charge of
Men whose knowledge of
the Country, as well as of
the Manners and Customs
of the Natives, has been
matured by Experience and
We most earnestly hope and
trust that you have duely
attended to our Orders contained
in the 31st Paragraph of the
General Letter to Fort St
George dated the 2d Feby.
1781. for granting such
Commissions as will preserve
the Command of the Army
in our own Officers and
We hereby repeat and
inforce those Orders.—

15th The Committee are
happy to observe the
Sentiments of the Honble
Court in this Paragraph.
The Steps which the
Committee have taken
to preserve the Command
of the Army in the Company's
own Officers are conformable
to the Honble Courts opinion
and their Orders on the
Subject shall be strictly
observed in future.——

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12th Charles Webley Esqr 18th Upon a Reference to the late Captain of his Majestys Accounts of the Bolton Ship Magnanime having Cuthbert Sergeant for the Representation to us, That Mary dated the 15th Augt a Sum of 1 Money was due 1703 the Committee find to him for the Allowance that all the Commanders the Company make to the of His Majestys Ships Captains of His Majestys including Capt Webley Ships serving on Indies that been paid the full We direct that you pay Amount of the usual the Allowance that may appear Allowance granted by the to be due to Captain Webley Company. —

on the above Accounts in the

usual manner. —

26 Since writing the 2d 26th and 27th Further Paragraph of that Letter Orders Relative to Mr Mullers We have received a further Claim as soon as we are Representation from His Master of the Subject Excellency the Portuguese from the Cabinets thereof Ambassador Transmitting to be made the Report of a Memorial from Mr Gabriel Muller Copy of Payson shall be written which is inclosed / and to and from whatever may having Examined Mr Coll the advance of 36 Louis Patie and Mr Charles by the Portuguese Court to Edward Jones on the Subject Mr Muller to be deducted of Mr Mullers Claim

for Restitution on Account

491 Fort St. George 19th February 1792.

If Rice, We have reason
to believe those claims to
be well founded, but are
of opinion that they can
only be on the Rajah of
Tanjore.—
By We therefore hereby
Order and direct you to
make a Representation
in the strongest manner
to the Rajah of the Justice
of Mr. Mullers Claims
with a Request that he
will make him ample
Compensation and We
further Direct that out
of the Money that may
be recovered from the
Rajah on this Account
you deduct the Sum of
£50 Cent Mr Muller
in the Year 1773 with Interest
thereon.—
28th In Consequence of 25 and 29 Resolved that
the enormous amount of as soon as a peace shall
your Military Expences be established application
and the absolute Necessity be made to His Majesty's
forwarding very Reduction Commander in Chief to
thereon accomplish the Reduction
proper

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Sheweth and observing the preservation and to inform
Deficiency of the several Items of the Company's
Agreements now Lying Contemplation are respectfully to
on London, We have made Recommendation of the
application to his Majesty Consent of the reduced
Numbers that each of Regiments.—
the Kings Regiments
as shall consist of the
fewest Numbers may be
draughted into the other
Regiments in Order to
Complete them, and that
the Officers of such Reduced
Regiment may be enabled
to Return to Europe by
which means the Company
will be saved a very
considerable expence on
Account of the said Officers.
2d We have no doubt
that the necessary Orders
will be accordingly issued
and We understand that
four of the Regiments
will be incorporated into
the other five.— We therefore
Direct that you make
the necessary application

to

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To the Commander in Chief
of his Majesty's Forces in
India for the accomplishment
of the Measure and that
the Affairs of the Revived
Regiments be afforded every
necessary Accommodation
on their Passage to Europe
on board the first Ships
that may be dispatched
from Bengal.—

30 It gave us great 30 31 and 32. We equally
concern to observe by your regret with the Hostile
advices by the Dutch the Court that any Differences
differences which have should have arisen between
Brown between the Select us, and the Commanders
Committee and the Comman-in Chief by Land and
-ders in Chief by Land Sea— It is some Consolation
and by Sea, At a time to us however and We hope
when almost they very it will prove Satisfactory
existence of the Company to our Hostile Employers
was at Stake, and when to find that our opinion
the most Cordial Coopera have in almost every Case
-tion of every Department been justified by the Events
in Government was so necessary— The Charge of the
So the preservation of the Company's Possessions in
Public Interests be this Coast being upon only
cannot but lament that committed to us. We
your Thought

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that your Honble Board bought Pow, and still
exhibit so much wealth to think that it is incumbent
of Compliment on the one on the Government to take
hand and Recommendation the lead in all Operations
on the other Neither could Commence on for the Security
We are without the assistance of their Possessions - We
Regret the want of harmony have struggled only
between the Nighbours to preserve the Company
Credit, and your Right Right and having nothing
to the Contrary. — in view but our honour &
31st. From the Column - Discharge of the least
consequence of your Presidency Reposed in us, for Post
-dings and the shortness with confidence on the
of the time they have been Judgment of our Employers -
before us it is impossible In respect to the
for us now to give a Public Argument, their own
decided opinion upon the points that the Hon'ble
Various points which have Court have taken time
engrossed as much of your to deliberate maturely
attention, We however upon our proceedings and
think it necessary to inform the sincerely hope that on
you that having given Resolutions may have been
directions for Selecting under formed on this important
different heads such parts Subject, until the Receipt
of the Records and papers of our Dispatches by the
received from your Presidency Pondichery & Mirza Land
as appears from a perusal the Subject could be by
of the Letters which are meant perused for
accompanied them, to consideration before that
claim -
time

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claim our particular notice — Time, since the extraordinary
=gation We have made some Complaints of the Nabob
for progress in the examination which induced the
Governor General to resolve
32 In making the Selection upon examining the
spoken of in the preceding Arrangement had not
Paragraph the following Item occurred to us by
Heads of enquiry naturally that Board for Reply
Claims Arrears, indu or Vindication of any kind
almost the whole of your and our Answers to these
various Proceedings as your Complaints and to the
to have Some Relative to Resolution of the Gov.
one or other of them — General and Council
went home by the Pondicherry
and Medea

1st Your Requisitions to
Admiral Sir Edward Hughes
to attack the French Fleet
in Negapatam Road not
to proceed with the Squadron
to Bombay —
2d Your Proceedings Relative
to the Southern Troops —
3d The instructions to the
Resident at Tanjore, and
his Conduct in consequence
4 The Representations
of Sir Eyre Coote concer-

ing

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to be delivered to such Officers as have distributed any Sums of Money or other Supplies on Account of French Prisoners during the late War with the Secret Expenditure.

For preparing the Account and Vouchers thereon required with all possible Expedition in order that they may be transmitted to England by the first Ships

Letter from the Secret Committee of the 9th with a Postscript of the 19th Sept. 1783

Observations of the Committee thereon

The Committee will not fail to observe the Orders contained in this Letter, by keeping a Watchfull Eye upon the Motions of the French and sending home every possible Intelligence concerning them. It is evident from the Schemes suggested by

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by them during the War
and from the Strength of
the Military Force which
they seem determined to
maintain upon this Coast
that their primary Views
are to establish themselves
firmly in the Carnatic &
that upon any new Rupture
their first Efforts will
be made here — It is on
the Peninsula only that
they expect powerful
Allies and without such
Allies in the beginning of
a War they can hardly
hope for Success — The
Committee are therefore
clearly of opinion that
the Power of the Company
in the Carnatic should
be strong effectual and
closely united — that no
Military Force should
be kept up but by them-
-selves, and that they
should have constant &
ample Funds both of
Money

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Henry and Lawrence to
enable them to guard any
sudden Invasion. That the
Trench fortified at the
Commencement of the War, the
same Force that they now have
in India or Can they compute
that Force to join Hyder
when he first entered the
Carnatic — The Company's
Interests would have
been unthinkably Ruind.
Having escaped that
danger and being enabled
by the misfortunes they
have undergone during their
former warlike Capt &
behaviour the Company to
adopted a different System
and by a vigilant Administ-
=ration to guard against
future mischief —

Read the following Letter
from Mr Richard Lewin who was appointed
during Mr Whitehills Government to be Resident
at the Cape of Good Hope —

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B

President and Governor & Members of the Select

Committee at Fort St George.

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Lumm complaining of the severe usage he has met with & requesting permission to return to England —

I avail myself of the earliest Opportunity to inform the Honble Committee that after having experienced the Mortification of a Rigorous Confinement for near two Years and an half Permission has been granted me to return from the Country to this Place. —

On the Arrival of the News of the Peace between Great Britain and the States of Holland, I made Application for leave to quit this Colony as I was then no longer in a Situation to accomplish the object of my Mission and Applied several times afterwards but to no purpose, until

The Governor of St Helena dispatched the Honble Companys Ship Spy to this Colony in August last in order to convey such of his Britannick Majestys Subjects to that Island as she might find on her Arrival, the Spy arrived on the 5th Instant, on the 6th I obtained Leave to come to the Cape Town and waited upon the Governor who told me that I might imbark on the Spy of Sth Inst.

I should most assuredly have quitted a Place when almost from the hour of my Arrival I have experienced a continued Scene of Vexation & oppression, but as there is not the smallest

reason

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it

I Know

Please to inform you that the War will be continued,
& that thought is entertained before me to procure
at the Cape until we shall have any Hostile Enterprize
have any further Occasion for any Service for which
it be the Inclination of the Honble Committee of Fort
St George to have a Resident at the Cape of Good
Hope give me leave to inform you my Lord and
Gentlemen that I shall at all times faithfully and
zealously employ my utmost Endeavours on the Affair-
ment of any object or Pursuit which they may
think proper to entrust to my Charge in that
Character.

And now my Lord and Gentlemen
permit me to request that I may be honoured
with the Sentiments of the Honble Committee
on that Head by the earliest Occasion, as their
Determination will guide my Conduct with
Regard to quitting the Colony.

I have directed my Attorneys at Fort
St George to apply for the Allowance which was
annexed to my Appointment by the Honorable
the Select Committee on 9th Oct. and let me entreat
the Favor of You My Lord and Gentlemen to
order the same to be discharged on their Application

I have the honor to be with the most
profound Deference and Consideration
My Lord & Gentlemen
Your very faithful and obt.
humble Servant
Richd Lawson

Cape of Good Hope
30th September 1763

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Mr Swinton with Intelligence about the Dutch at the Cape mentions the arrival and departure of the Medea and Pondichery and the arrival of the Fleet under Commodore Stirling demands payment of his Allowance and Requests permission to return to England

It is with very sincere Joy that I have the honor to congratulate You on the Re establishment of Peace between Great Britain and the States of Holland, the News of this important Event having been brought by the Honorable Companys Packet the Swallow to this Place on the 11th Instant.

I shall not think myself authorized to quit this Colony until I have the honor to receive your further Instructions which I hope to be favored with in a Short time

The peace being established I conceive it to be scarcely necessary to trouble Your Honors with what is taking at this Settlement, as Intelligence of that nature can now no longer be of material Consequence, however as it may afford You some private Satisfaction I have thought it my Duty to acquaint you that.—

The Dutch Fleet consisting of two Ships of 68 Guns, two of 56, and two Frigates of 40 Guns under the Command of Commodore Van Braa sailed from hence for Ceylon on the 29th Ultimo His Majestys Ships Pondichery and Medea sailed hence the end of October last and the Fleet

Bra

under

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under the Command of Commodore King around
here on the 9th Instant, most of the Ships are leaky
and the Fleet is very Sickly. There is no other
Intelligence which is worth mentioning or
I would do myself the honor to inform your Honor
I must however say that Ceylon is not the
certain destination of the Dutch Fleet as has.
kept secret here, but I have every reason to
suppose that they are waited there
I have now to request My Lord and
Gentlemen that You will favor me with your
Instructions concerning my further Stay at this
Cape, and if Your Honors should not have
any further Occasion for my Services I beg to be
permitted to return to England.

I accompanying this is a well
attested Copy of a Certificate from the Dutch
Government of this Colony by which Your
Honors will perceive that during the War
with Holland I was for Political Reasons
detained a Prisoner by them and not suffered
to go away.

I have directed my Attorneys
at Batavia to apply for the Allowances annexed
to my Appointments, and beg leave to solicit,
the favor of You My Lord and Gentlemen to
Order the same to be paid.

I shall always be
extremely

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extremely happy to be honored with the Commands
of the Honorable the Select Committee and to prove
myself in the most respectful manner

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your very faithfull &
obedient Servant
(signed) Rich.d Lewin

Cape of Good Hope
15 December 1763

My Joachim van Plettenberg Raad
Extra Ordinair van Nederlandsch Indiä
Gouverneur en Directeur van Cabo de
goede hoop, met den Resorte van dien
&a &a &a

Certificeeren hiermede
dat de heer Richard Lewin in the Maand Decem.r
des Jaars 1763 van Madras alhier is aangelanden
en mits de ontstane Rupture tusschen Zyne Groot
Brittannische Majesteyt en de Republieq
der Vereenigde Nederlanden om politicque
Redenen alhier is aangehouden tot date
dezes, aat op de ontfangene teyding der geslooten
Vredens preliminaires tusschen hoog gem.d Zyne
Majesteyt en onse Republieq aangaen heer Lewin
Wederom de vryheyd is gegeeven om te gaan
Waarnaar het hem goed Zal dunken.—

Sr

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Is ons kende Hobbemy aezen Eggenhandy
en dienhebbend en met S.E. Comp. Cachet dezen
Zegelen.

/ondertek./

Pet Castrol de gedr. Hoop Ven 13 Dem.
1783.

/was gedaechmerk/

J. V. Plettenberg.

/ Stond't Zegelvaerk comp.
/en daeronder/
Ter ordonnantie van wel
gemelde heer gouverneur
/gedaechmerk/ C. M. Bengal
2de Secretaris. —

Na gedane perfecte
Collatie is dezen met
Syn originell, my
Gezwore Clerq Ter
Secretarye van Justitie
des Casteels de Goede
Hoop alhier Vert.
en alle delen accorde-
rende becommen Cabo
de Goede Hoop den 16
December 1783
H. Plettenberg
Gezw. Clerq —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

From Genl Campbell acquainting the Committee of his having given leave to Captain Maitland Lieut Young and Ensign Patterson to Return to Europe

Colonel William Fullarton in his Letter to me from Covanore dated February 23d 1784 applies for Permission for Captain Maitland of the 78th Regiment, Lieutenant Young and Ensign William Patterson of the 98 Regiment to proceed to Europe for different reasons to which I give my consent and request that you will be pleased to grant them the usual allowance to carry them to Europe

I have the honor to be

My Lord and Gentlemen

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Alan Campbell
Major General Com.d
his Majestys Forces
in India for the
time being

Signed

St. James's 11th February 1784

The Officers mentioned in the General Letter to proceed to England

Agreed that the several Officers mentioned in the General Letter be permitted to proceed to England and that the usual allowance be granted to them provided they come under the description alluded to in the Minutes of the

on the Subject of Passage Money to His Majesty's Officers returning through Europe.—