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Received the following Letter from

Captain Cuppage Commanding at Vellore —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George;

From Captain Cuppage informing of Sam Row Tippoo Saibs Jemadar at Caut Chur, has committed some disorders at Pollycondah in consequence of which the renter of Vellore had written to Sam Row inclosing Letter from the latter;

My Lord & Gentlemen,

On the 4th Instant in the evening Sam Row, Tippoo Sultaun's Jemidar at — Satgur sent a party of Horse and foot to — Pollycondah, and took away by force a Naig and nine Sepoys belonging to the Company which the Renters Manager, Venket Row had there for the encouragement of Cultivators and he now detains them Prisoners —

For these several Months Past Venket Row has had an Amuldar at Pollycondah upon his first going there Sam Row made some objections to his taking possession of that Country, on which I advised Venket Row to write Sam Row on the Subject; He returned him the Letter, of which I have the honor to enclose your Lordship and Select Committee a Copy —

I am confident the Sepoys could

not

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19th not have given any offence, as they had positive orders from me, not to molest or interfere in the least with any of Tippoo Sultaun's people, but remain at Pollycondah, in order to encourage the Inhabitants to return and cultivate the Lands.

I have the honour to be &c.

Vellore 13th February 1784

(Signed) John Cuppage

Translation of a Letter from Sam Row to Vencata Row Amuldar of Vellore —

Sir,

I have received your favor and observe the contents thereof, and, according to the order you received from your Master you may get possession of those places where my Circar people are not posted, and encourage the Inhabitants to cultivate the Grounds as far as Pollycondah and Arnigeveram Countries, but Gorriattam and the Countries dependent are still possessed by my Circar People, to which I cannot permit you to do, till such time as I should receive an order from my Master, which I hope will be soon; ——

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K B

President &c. &c. Select Committee

of Fort St. George

From Captain Cuppage complaining of the conduct of Sam Row and enclosing two letters from the latter

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I had the honor to address your Lordships and Select Committee the 11th Instant, informing you that Sam Row, one of Tippoo Sultaun's Jemadar at Cautgur, had sent a party of Horse and foot to Pollycondah, and carried away by force one Naig and nine Sepoys belonging to the Company, and detained them Prisoners.

I have now the honor to enclose to your Lordships and Select Committee two Letters, which I have since received from Sam Row; and beg leave to observe that the Renters People has been in possession of Pollycondah and Bringeveram for these four Months Past, without was being molested before. That the Renters manager Venket Row has advanced the Inhabitants both Money and Seed to a considerable amount, to make them to cultivate the Lands; and now

that

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19th that the Crop is Sown (Viz. near four hundred Comny under Paddy) Sam Row lays claim to it, and desires I will withdraw the Companys Sepoys from both these places.

If Tippoo Sultaun's people are allowed to take possession of these Countries, it will be a great loss to this Garrison, as the Lowar Share of the Crop will amount to near four thousand Collums of Paddy.

I have the honor to be &c.

Vellore 16th February 1784

(Signed) John Cuppage

Translation of a Letter from Sham Row to Captain Cuppage, Commanding at Vellore, Dated 21st Ruby ul Cowel, or 13th February 1784

A party of Sepoys was lately sent by your Aumut to take possession of Colly-:condah, on hearing which, I sent some of my people who made them retire, and I informed you of the circumstance, and desired your Sepoys not to come there again without orders. I understand that another party of Sepoys is now come to take possession of the abovementioned district, but I suppose, it is without your

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19th Knowledge, but these two people, viz.t the Arrnials, behave in this unbecoming manner. ——

While there is a peace negotiating + between my Master and You, our people will not do any thing that is improper, but I will obey my masters Orders — Your people should not act in this manner without your + Knowledge. — Depoys have been sent from this to that District, and I will order them to act as may be expedient, when I receive your answer, you should give positive + orders to your people not to do any thing of this kind in future, and not to go either to Polecondeh or Berengepoor. —

I have sent this letter by a Depoy and a white Flag, as soon as I receive + your answer your people will be sent to you. ——————

Letter from the same to Capt.n Cuppage

Dated 14th February 1784

I have received your letter and understand the Contents — You say

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19th that there are no Troops of the Circar in the districts of Golconda & Beringepoor, and, on that account, you had wrote to my Aumil not to interrupt your people in the cultivation — that I had afterwards sent Sepoys and horsemen, who had seized your people, which was very improper, and you desire that your Sepoys may be sent back. —

There have been people of the Circar from the beginning in the Districts of Golconda, Berengepoor and Cuttyerry, and no cultivation, by your people, can be allowed there until a Purwanah to that effect is received from the Presence — You say that you have wrote to the Governor on the Subject What is then? I am under the orders of my master — If you listen to such wretches, and act improperly, our friendship will be interrupted. I have wrote you this as a friend, and it is incumbent on you to give such Orders as nothing of the kind may happen in future. your Sepoys are now sent to you, and I hope you

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19th you will write me frequently — I write to you whenever I want any thing of you, but you do not answer my letters; I hope you will do it in future. —

Received from the Adjutant General a List of the Prisoners with the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun as entered in the Miscellany Book No.

Received the following Letters. —

My Lord,

I was duly honor'd with your favor of the 26th Ultimo — since which the Grenadier Company have landed and marched to Ellore. I have, that I might be able to answer your Lordship's Question regarding the irregular Cavalry at Nellore, informed myself on the Subject — I consulted with Mr. Daniell on the occasion also. — and the Insult is the same. — As your Lordship expresses that they will not be, all circumstances considered, of much use; for, as it is not advisable to pursue our enemies farther than the Borders of our own Country, their operations would be too

From Mr. Hodges & acting Chief of Masulipatam giving his & opinion, that the irregular Cavalry at Nellore will not be of advantage to be kept up — is afraid there will be no possibility of apprehending apparow, mentioning of having heard the report of a Plan having been laid for burning the Pettah at Masulipatam — but had been defeated — one house only had been burnt — giving on acct of the reason for the lowness of their Treasury

confined

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19. confined to be of essential Service — and, tho' they would certainly be of as much use as a Battalion of Sepoys, in keeping the Country clear at present from opperows Coons — yet, from their irregular conduct (which Mr. Daniell informs me was great at the Southward) the Inhabitants might be nearly as apprehensive of them (and with some reason too) as they are of our present invaders; There will, I fear, be no Possibility of bribing any Man or Set of Men to deliver up opperow, — it is so repugnant to their Principles — I learn that the Guntoor Zemindar, when the Soubah expostulated with their Vackeels for shewing protection to Opperow, should answer him that he was one of their own cast — and that they are bound, by an indispensable duty, to conceal him —

Mr. Daniell has furnished us with a copy of a letter to him from the Soubah, and another from the Manager of the Guntoor Circar, wherein they declare that positive Orders are sent to expell him; and Mr. Daniell seems

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19. to think he is on the Eve of flying beyond the Chicacole District

Soon after Mr. Daniell left this place, we had accounts from several parts of the Country, with the names of the Sardars ordered for the Service, that attempts were to be made to burn Masulipatam Pettah; we, immediately, Stationed an Officer with as many Sepoys as could possibly be spared from this Garrison, consisting of about one Company and an half, for its protection, then added to injunctions to our cutwall to be active with all his Peons thro' the night, and Guards patroling constantly have had the wished for effect hitherto — for, altho', notwithstanding these precautions, more thatched houses have been fired, they were all extinguished but one, whose value was very inconsiderable. — Every Stranger has been since stopd at the out Chokkies and no suspicious person let

Sage

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19th last in the night — and, since, no more attempts have been made. —

I wish, with sincerety, your Lordships expectations may be answered, and that large and speedy supplies may come in — I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the business goes on with the utmost harmony between Mr Daniell and the board — and that every measure he proposes is immediately and vigorously adopted against opperow and his adherents; and, I assure your Lordship, it shall not be my fault if this harmony does not continue. —

Our Disbursements last month are immense — Mr Gardiner, for arrears due to the northern Army, demanded thirty thousand Pagodas, — the Paymaster at Ellore, seventeen thousand, — and the demands here for Freight of rice, the years pay you allowed to the Civil Servants, — with Surgeons Bills and current Military Disbursements, amount to fourteen thousand Pagodas. I just touch on these matters

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19th to your Lordship to account for the lowness
of our Treasury. ——

Sam.l Hea

Masulipatam
the 8.th Feby. 1784

/Signed/ James Hodges.

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

In the late regulations your + +
Lordships &ca have been pleased to publish, +
respecting Surgeons, it is ordered that, in future
no Bills are to be made for Country medicine
and, in Lieu of any Emolument that +
might arise to the Surgeon from such +
Bills, he should in future draw Captains
Subsistence and Lieutenant Colonels full +
Batta in the Field — I have, pursuant thereto,
paid Messrs.s Mallet & Weston their subsistence
& Batta as above from the receipt of the
above regulation, notwithstanding which, Mr.s
Mallet has sent me in Bills for Hospital +

From Mr.s Gardiner
late Paymaster to the
Northern Army —
Messrs.s Mallet & Weston
having sent him in
Bills for Articles which
are forbid by the late
Regulation, questing
directions about it —
Mr.s Weston, having
presented him in Bills
likewise for supplying
the 102.d Regt with
Medicines, requesting
directions about it —

Servants

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19th Servants, & Mr. Weston has sent me in Bills for Country medicines, Cloth for Dressings &c. representing to me that the Articles were charged at prime cost, and that it was at a time that no medicines could be sent him from the Superintendant of Medical Stores — I believe his representations to have been very just; but as I cannot find from an attentive Perusal of the above Regulation, that I have any discretionary Power of discharging such Bills, I beg to be favored with your Lordships &c Orders hereon.

Mr. Weston has also a Contract for the supplying the 102d Regiment with Medicines & those Contract Bills have been presented to me. I must, therefore, request of your Lordship &c to instruct me how those Contract Bills are effected by the late Regulation.

I have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ Robert Gardiner

late Paymr. to the Northn Army

Received the following Letter from the Commander in Chief.

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney &c &c

President & Governor &c &c Select Committee

Fort St. George.

From the Commander in Chief being informed of the arrival of the Swallow's Packet will issue a General Order appointing General Campbell to the Command of the Army and repair to the Fort to attend the Committee,

My Lords & Gentlemen,

I have received Mr. Secretary Macey's letter of this date, informing me of the arrival of the Swallow Packet, and that a constant attendance in the Fort may become necessary for a few days — I have, in consequence, issued a General Order appointing Major General Campbell to the Command of the Army during my absence, he being the next Senior Officer in Camp, and shall immediately repair to the Presidency, that I may be ready to attend in Committee, whenever your Lordships &c may call upon me so to do. —

I have the honor to be &c

Camp at the Mount

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(Signed) Ross Lang

From the Resident at Tanjore

Received two letters from the Resident at Tanjore (as entered in Mr. B. &c) acknowledging the Receipt of letters with Intelligence from the Commissioners

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19th and enclosing an Indent of Stores ——

From the Paymaster at Calamecottah

Received letter from Mr. Light Cas-
entered in M. B. No / with returns of
Stores and Troops at Pallamcottah ——

From Lieutenant James Mackay

Received from Lieutenant James
Mackay an Account (as entered in Miscellany
Book No / of the expences incurred by his
Journey to Kummur ud dien Cawn. ——

20th Received a letter from the Resident
at Tanjore (as entered in Miscellany Book
No / with a list of letters written by him
to the Committee and which he had received
from them. ——

From the Resident at Tanjore,

Received the following letter from
Bengal ——

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

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From the Governor General & Council expressing their opinion on the letter of the 5th September 1782 from the Honble Court of Directors to this Presidency containing the order for the application to

My Lord and Gentlemen

We have been honord with your
letter of the 11th of last Month and our Secretary
has laid before us five letters from your acting
Secretary dated the 2d 12th 14th and December
and 3d Ultims with the several Papers enclosed

to the Nabob relative to the Assignment — expressing their Surprize that there appears to have been no notice taken of Maratta Treaty in the conferences with Tippoo's Vackeels or in the instructions to the Commissioners — which, they think, ought to be one of the principal Grounds on which the Treaty of Peace should be negociated. requesting Copies of all letters that may be received from the Commissioners,

26th in them. It is proper for us to observe that we imagine that one of your Packets to us has miscarryd, & forwarded by Land, as your Secretary mentions, in his letter of the 3.d Ultimo, a Dispatch sent on the Night proceeding which has not yet come to hand.

Your Lordships &ca have done us the honor of transmitting to us, with your letter of the 11.th Ultimo, a Copy of that which you received from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors under date the 5.th of September 1782; and, with it, an Extract of your dispatch to us of the 18.th of February + following, in which your Lordships &ca observe + that we shall find that you had very early communi= =cated to us the Contents of the former ——

We have long had before us the Letter from the Honble Court of Directors to your Lordships &ca dated 12.th July 1782 and sent by the Greyhound Packet, as well as that to ourselves under the same Date, but, as your address to us of the 18.th of Febuary, did not mention the Date of the Letter which you had received from the Secret Committee as we had received no Letter from that Committee to the effect which you mentioned — and, as the Import of the Committee's Orders to your Lordships &ca differed from those which we had received from the Honble Court of Directors, we think that we were

warranted

20th warranted in observing that we had not seen any
Copy of the Letter from the Committee nor any
intimation of such Letter having been written —
Indeed we beg leave to remark, after an attentive
perusal of that Letter which is at length before us,
that it has not been accurately quoted. The Honble
Court of Directors are pleased to Order in it, that the
most pressing application should be made to the
Nabob of Arcot for rendering the Assignment of
the Revenues of the Carnatic effectual, they did not
direct that you should make the Assignment
effectual without such application, nor that of,
on its being made, the Nabob should not think
proper to comply with it, you should render the
Assignment effectual without his Highness's
acquiescence. The remonstrance indeed against
the use, which he represents to have been made
of the Assignment, as conveyed to us by his Order that
his Minister at Saun and transmitted to
you with our Letter of January 1783, which you
had received before that from the Committee of
Secrecy arrived, sufficiently manifested his wishes in
respect to the Assignment, and his desire, that, so far from
its being rendered effectual, it should be totally given
up and a new System adopted by which the Company
would

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20. would receive greater advantages with respect to Income than the Assignment afforded them; and his Highness's Sovereignty and Rights would at the same time be preserved to him. ——

We have read with attention your &c Right Honble President's Letter to Tippoo Sultaun bearing date the 9th of December last, in which the requisition contained in the 9th Article of the Treaty of Salbey is urged as a Ground for concluding that which was, in the course of Negotiation between him and the Company; but we beg leave to observe that our Complaint of your having omitted to mention that Article, or allude to it in your Negociation with Tippoo's Vackeel, was made on the 4th of November, which was three weeks prior to the Date of your Right Honble President's Letter; and that we are warranted in supposing such Letter to have been sent in &c consequence of ours to your Lordship &c of the 14th October, with which we had the honor of transmitting to you a copy of a letter which the Governor General had received from Mr. Anderson, mentioning that Tippoo had acceded to the Terms of Peace stipulated for him in the &c Marratta Treaty and signified his determination accordingly

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20 accordingly, both to the Paithun and Madagne Sindiae.

Your Lordships Jrs Proceedings, from the Period when the Negociation with Tippoo first commenced, and in particular your Commissions and instructions to your Deputies, appear to us to have disregarded the Maratta Treaty; the latter, indeed, do in no place mention it; and we deem ourselves unauthorized to conclude it was over looked; as we observe in your proceedings of the 7th of October, that one of your members and that Member appointed afterwards one of your Deputies also, delivered an opinion that the Marratta Treaty ought to be one of the Grounds on which Peace should be concluded with Tippoo Sahel, and his opinion was not attended to.

We are not surprized that Tippoo has not taken notice of the Marratta Treaty in his reply to your Right Honble Presidents letter of the 9th December, He knew that the Marattas were determined to enforce a compliance with that Article of it, in which he was required to make Peace with the Company, and, in consequence of the preparations making for that purpose, had

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20th recalled his Vackeel from Poona, having previously written to the Vackeel acknowledging the Letters sent him by Nana Furnavese and Madagee Sindiee, but expressing an indifference with respect to the Part which the Marrattas might take in the general Question, as he had nearly concluded a lasting Peace with the English, If your Lordship &ca had thought proper to make the Treaty of Salbey a principal Ground of your Negociations with Tippoo, the distur=bances which may follow would, in all probability, not have happened, and we should not have had to encounter the Embarrasments which we suffer from the differences between Tippoo and the Marrattas.

We request that you will do us the honor of transmitting to us, from time to time, Copies of all letters and accounts which may be received from your Commissioners or others in any respect relative to the Negociation with Tippoo, we should have been well pleased if your Lordship &ca had done

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2d. so in respect to those dated the 2d. Instant from Malcherry; for, by the substance of them which you have communicated to us, and by your intimation to us, of your endeavours to get our Army into the Field as fast as possible, so as to be prepared for any Event, we are led to apprehend that you have some doubts of the successful Issue of your Negociations.

We do not wish to give any opinion of the propriety of General Macleod's Conduct in respect to the Rannee of Canara as we have not sufficient materials before us to enable us to Judge of it, but we are concerned that the slightest occasion should have been furnished to Tippoo to charge us with the Breach of the convention between him and the Company.

We have the honor to be &c

Fort William
Secret Department
2d February 1784

Warren Hastings
(Signed) Edward Wheler
John Stables

Read the following Letter from

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20th the Resident at Tanjore ——

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward dispatches from Colonel Campbell, explaining the reasons which compelled him to withdraw his Garrison from Mangalore, and deliver up that place to Tippoo Sultaun —— I will, without delay, forward an express to Colonel Fullarton to communicate this intelligence to him —— By letters, received this moment from Colonel Stuart, I am informed that Colonel Forbes expected to be attacked at Daraporam, and that Colonel Stuart had detached a battalion of Europeans to reinforce him ——

I hope to send your Lordship more satisfactory information in the course of this day ——

I have the honor to be with great Respect &c.

Signed T. Sullivan

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to forward

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing a letter from Angengo & Tellicherry and one from Colonel Campbell explaining the reasons which compelled him to give up Mangalore;

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20th to your Lordships &ca The Enclosure just received from the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry Informing you of the surrender of Mangalore.—

We have the honor to be with the greatest Respect &c.a—

Anjengo
11th February 1784

John Hutchinson
/Signed/ Arthur King
I. Sasiouze

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

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

On the 26th Ultimo we received & Lapwing your several Dispatches addressed to the Honble the President and Select Committee of Bombay, which we forwarded by that Vessel the 29th following; after having taken Copies of the whole, to enable us to communicate the Contents to Brigadier General Macleod agreeable to your honors &c.a desire.—

The Garrison of Mangalore has been withdrawn by Capitulation and Colonel Campbell who is now at this place writes you on that Head; We cannot ourselves give your hono.

&c.

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20. &c. any further information as We have not been officially acquainted of the particulars. ——

The Honble the President and Council of Bombay, having thought proper to re-establish this place, as a Chiefship, and to appoint Mr. Richard Church Chief, he has taken charge of the Settlement in the usual manner. ——

We are with the greatest Respect. &c.

Richard Church
M. Firth
Willm Page
G. Paterson

Tellicherry 4th Feby. 1784

P.S.

We have received via Anjengo a small Packet from your honor &c. containing Duplicates of your addresses to the Honble the President and Select Committee of Bombay one Dated 29th December, & two the 6th Ultimo. ——

My Lord and Gentlemen

With pain I have the cruel Mortification of acquainting you that on the 29th of last month, I found myself from the distress of the Garrison in every respect under the disagreeable necessity of

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the 20th delivering up the Fort of Mangalore to the Nabob under Articles the most beneficial I could ask for the Garrison, and which the Nabob has most honorably and strictly adhered to — I am sorry their absence of my Secretary puts it out of my Power to enclose you a Copy of the Articles, but one Article specifys that the Fort is given up, for whatever Fort in the Carnatic is stipulated for it by the Commissioners; so that I flatter myself the giving it up at this time may not be attended with the disagreeable consequences that at first strikes the Idea upon hearing of it; and, what confirms me in this opinion, is that I am convinced the Nabob intends making Peace; but, conceiving his Honor much hurt (with his own nation) at being foiled in his attempt against the Place, he had formed a determined resolution to get possession of it by some means or other before Peace took place this I was early informed of from the best authority the late Mahomed ally his first Jeneral / My health being much impaired from the long confinement and the anxiety of mind naturally attending such a situation puts it out of my power to enter so minutely into

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the 20th into particulars as I could wish, and, therefore, request your goodness will excuse my saying anything farther, than, that the Hospitals were filled with near two thirds of the Garrison burying from Twelve to Fifteen every day. Many of those doing duty + + growing blind from living upon Dry Rice without Salt, Doll, or Ghee, neither of which Articles the Nabob would allow us to bring in, nor would he furnish them himself; from this poor food the Sepoys were so weak that they dropped down upon Parade. Add to this a Violent Scurvey had long raged among the Sepoys and at last spread thro almost the + whole of the Europeans who from their sufferings on boardship were impressed with the most dreadfull + apprehensions of it. All these and many other + + distressing circumstances combined struck each Individual, I mean among the Soldiers and Sepoys, with the disagreeable supicions of their soon adding to the number of the miserable Sick, and that their only chance of escaping was that of making their Peace with the Nabob by Desertion, which many did and the evil was daily increasing + All this, however, did not induce me to give up the place till I discovered a resolution the Nabob

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20. had formed of admitting no more provisions to be brought to the Fort. This I put to the trial at his + + Durbar on the evening of the 25th January where I went to solicite a supply of Provisions to which I received no answers but such as amounted to a refusal which the Nabob finished by saying that, to please us, he had twice admitted Provisions to be brought by Water / that these two last words + + were not inserted in the Articles, but that in future he would strictly adhere to the very words of the + Articles, which did not entitle us to receive any thing by Water; as I mentioned above, being + + acquainted with his intentions on this head, + the evasion he made use of did not surprise me but finally satisfy'd me, that, attempting to hold the place any longer, was only forcing brave good Troops into his Service or burying them in Mangalore: finding myself thus circum-stanced, I took the opinion of my principal officers who gave it as their opinion that it was highly + improudent to attempt maintaining the Place any longer, the articles were thereupon drawn up, they stipulated that the Garrison with all the Stores originally belonging to the Company, all the

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20th and followers of the Army should be sent to Tellicherry
Lieutenant Colonel Gordon in the absence of Brigadier
General Macleod who is gone to Bombay, fortunately
appeared on the 27th with a supply of Provisions;—
the Vessels he brought greatly facilitated our Embarkation
which the Nabob, for want of Boats, could not have
effected at one Trip.—

My Duty to my King my Country and
the Honble the East India Company, as well as
my anxious Zeal for the Service, bound me under
every hardship to maintain that important Post
as long as possible; but, when I found that attempt
prove vain as Commanding Officer, I considered
it my indispensible duty to the small, but
valuable, remains of the Troops that composed
the Garrison, to endeavour to prevent their at last
falling a victim to the worst of Captivity; in
which I have succeeded to my most sanguine wish
and flatter myself with the hopes of your through
approbation of the Steps I have taken;— I can also
assure you for a fact that, while Mangalore
was in our possession, the Commissioners would
never have reached the Nabob's Camp.—

I have the honor to be &c.

/Signed/ Jo. Campbell Lt. Col.

Tellicherry
6th Feby 1784

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20th P.D.

Whatever letters you have honord me with since the Hanoverians arrived, I have never received, I dispatched a letter in October - acquainting you of the Steps I had taken with Mahomed Ally which + secured one half of the Nabobs Army to our side + and bid fair for overturning the previent Govern= =ment, but, his unfortunate fate, put a stop to my sanguine expectations of rendering so Essential a service to the Company; ——

Write the following Letter to the Committee of Stores; ——

To Lieutenant General Lang President
& the Members of the Committee
of Stores

Gentlemen,

To the Committee of Stores enclosing to them an Indent for Stores from Tanjore and desiring their + report upon it; —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to transmit to you the enclosed Return of Stores in Tanjore for the Month of January, together with an Indent for Stores for the use of that Garrison for which they desire you will consider and report Upon, in Order that such supplies, as shall be judged + + necessary, may be sent thither without loss of time.

I am also directed to furnish you with

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20th with the enclosed Extract of a letter from Mr. Sullivan the Gorkeeper at Tanjore, to the Right Honble the President, for your further information on this Subject.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen &c.a

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/Signed/ Wm. George Macey
Acting Secry

Sent Letter to Lieut. Godfrey (as entered in Miscellany Book No.o / accepting of his Resignation and granting him permission to go home.

To Lieut. Godfrey

Received the following Letter

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Macartney Governor &c. Madras

My Lord.

From the Dutch Governor at Malacca expressing his Satisfaction at the Cessation of Arms between Great Britain & Holland, and his hopes for a speedy peace,

I am much obliged to your Lordship for your attention in communicating to me the agreeable intelligence of the Cessation of Arms, which has taken place between Great Britain & the States General, & I trust, that a Peace will soon be effected & that the friendships which formerly subsisted between the two Nations

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21th will thereby be perfectly reestablished.—

A few days after I had the honor to receive your Lordships Letter an opportunity offered of transmitting to the Right Honble the Governor General of Batavia a Copy thereof, accompanied by a Letter from myself; It has likewise given me great pleasure to have had it in my power to afford the Captains of the English Ships, which have lately arrived here, every assistance and refreshment which they required—

I have the honor to subscribe &
Mallacca Castle my self with the greatest respect &ca
24th December 1783

/Signed/ De Bruyn

A true Translation

/Signed/ William George Wasey
Dutch Translator

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At a Select Committee, Present,

The Rt. Honble G. Lord Macartney K.B. President

Alexander Davidson

Saturday the 21st of Feby 1784

Lieut. Genl. Ross Lang.

Anthony Sadleir & Morgan Williams Esqres absent on Service.

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

From Mr. Staunton to the Right Honble the President,

Read Letters from Mr. Staunton to the Right Honble the President of the 8th 9th & 10th Instant, the latter enclosing the Capitulation for Mangalore as entered in the Book containing the Correspondence with the Commissioners to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun.

From Mr. Hudleston to Do.

Read likewise a letter to his Lordship from Mr. Hudleston the 3d Commissioner, dated the 8th Instant, giving an account of the Subject of a conference which the Commissioners had with Tippoo's Ministers, the day before, and mentioning the material parts of Colonel Campbell's Capitulation of Mangalore,

Read the following Letters from Captn. George

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George Campbell Commanding at Nellore;

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President and Governor &c. &c. Select Committee

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From Captain George Campbell Commanding at Nellore informing of his having apprehended two men, who had taken Coole from the Cuddapa Nabob and had agreed to furnish him with 4000 Men from the Nellore Country- had apprehended likewise four other supposed to be concerned with the other two Men;

My Lord and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Committee that I have secured two principal Men in this place / Meeram Saib Brother in law to the Fouzedahr, and Ball Kistnah formerly Commandt of the Nabobs / who, from the best information I could collect, had taken Coul of Meer Saib the Cudapah Nabob, and proposed to furnish him with 4000 Men from the Nellore District

I have besides four others in confinement who have been at different times privy to the Correspondence between Meer Saib and Meeram Saib, one of whom was entertained by the latter and afterwards employed as a Harcarrah to Meer Saib, and, whose evidence will / I imagine / be useful in bringing this matter to light, as he seems, from the Conversation

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I have had with him, to be acquainted with a great part of the Negociation,

The enclosed are Letters from Meer Saib to Meeram Saib, which I have just received from the latter, but I can't get him to produce a single Copy of his to the former, he declares they were destroyd sometime ago.

As I have the men who wrote his Letters together with others strongly connected with him confirmed, I hope in a few days to be able to furnish your Lordship & Sea with a full account of this busineſs; as yet it don't appear they have sent any recruits to Cudapah nor that they have been tampering with the Honble Company's Troops. The Prisoners are seperately confined and shall remain so till I am honord with Instructions from your Lordship & the Gentlemen of the Committee,

I have the honor to be &ca

Signed George Campbell

Vellore
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The Right Honble Lord Macartney &c

President & Governor &c.

Select Committee

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From Captain George Campbell enclosing intercepted Letters on the above Subject

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I had the honor to address your Lordship and Gentlemen of the Committee in a letter of the 17th, Communicating the Prisoners I had made, and the Correspondence between Meer Saib and Meeran Saib. The enclosed are the letters mentioned, and I have to request your Lordship &c will pardon the neglect, as it was intirely thro' mistake they were left out.

I have the honor to be &c

Nellore 18. Feby 1784

(Signed) George Campbell

Minute thereon

Agreed that Captain Campbell be desired to Keep Meeran Saheb & Balla Rustum under close confinement, & to transmit to the Committee any further Intelligence he may be able to collect on the Subject of their Correspondence with Runmer Ud Deen Cawn.

Read the following letter from

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Captain Simonds Commanding at Cuyole
enclosing Letters from two of the Cummum and
Cuddapah Polygars.

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

Fort St. George

From the Commanding Officer at Cuyole giving an account of the Services rendered to the Northern Army by two of the Cumbum Polygars and enclosing letters from them,

My Lord and Gentlemen

I am honord with a letter dated the 10th Instant from Mr. Secretary Wasey by your directions in answer to mine of the 1st; and desiring I would inform you what are the merits of Duram Riddy and Barkar Naig two of the Combum Polygars, and wherein your Services can be usefull to them — I did myself the honor to lay before the Honble President and Select Committee part of my correspondence with those people, long before the expedetion into that Country took place, and on my marching thither, I was agreeable to promise, immediately joined by their two Poligars, and received every afsistance to be expected from Men in their oppressed situation and, from every information since I left the Army, I find they continued firm to our interest notwithstanding the retreat of our Army from

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Commandt, left the little they were in possession of exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy, and I am well assured, that the then situation of our Northern Army and a dread that any exertion of theirs, might involve them in greater difficulties was the principle reason of their submitting so tamely to be plundered, to relinquish their possession and to follow our Army quite destitute of all support; the Venkatgerry people have forbid them to seek an Asylum in their districts, and say it is by their Rajahs orders; this treatment seems to hurt them much — I desired them to signify how you could be of service to them and commit the same to paper which they have done — herewith I have the honor to enclose their letters, and am with the greatest Respect.

Ongole
19th Jany 1784

My Lord & Gentlemen &ca

/Signed/ Edward Edmonds

Capt. Comdt

From Chetchelmoo and Soy Ram Reddy Polygars of Cuddapah to the Governor

Dated 21 Suffer or 15 January 1784

Received 21 — 26 —

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From the time that the English Army arrived in the Cummum district until this, we have served with the greatest fidelity under Captain Edmonds, General Jones and Major Lysaught, of which you will be particularly informed by them & Captain Browne ——

When the Army marched from Ongole for Masulipatam Captain Browne told us that Captain Edmonds would give us the same pay as had been settled by Major Lysaught. we accordingly applied to him for it and he answered that he should represent it to the Committee and pay as when he received their Orders. —— We consider ourselves to be + + under the Company's protection and have already transmitted an address to Your + Excellency by the Tappie, which was forwarded by Major Lysaught, and hope you have received it altho we have not been yet honored with any answer; + We have put ourselves under the protection of the Company's Cowle and your favor is necessary for our support — Major Lysaught had settled 100 Pagodas P Month for our Pay and said that he would write to + the

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the Committee for additional Pay for us — Captain Browne has told us the same, and, we hope, you will be pleased to order Captain Edmonds to pay it to us — an account goes enclosed of the subsistence money which will be necessary for us. — When the enemys horse surrounded the Army at Cannanore there was a scarcity of Salt, pepper &c. in Camp, but, we excited ourselves in bringing those Articles even from the enemy's Camp, as you will be particularly informed by Captain Edmonds. ——

Daily Subsistence 1/4 Pagoda or Monthly ... 37½
Monthly Pay to eight of our relations
at 2 Pagodas P Month ... 16 —
For feeding 8 horses at 3/4 Pag.s P Month 22½
Servants Wages viz.t
7 Palankeen bearers with Batta ... 10 —
7 Servants ... 7½
2 Mussalgees ... 2½
2 Harcarrahs ... 2½
2 Chubdars ... 2½
2 Deplayets ... 2½
1 Terath ... 2½
6 Horse keepers ... 11¼
7½
132½

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Brought 132 1/4

N.B. 100 Peons at 1 Pagoda each Pr. month 100

232 1/4

The allowance of 100 Pagodas has been settled by Major Lysaught and has been paid; Answer is necessary for the other allowance of 132 1/4

From Bhasker naig Polygar of Cummum to the Governor. No Date

received 23d. January 1784

Where I was in my own district I had the honor of receiving a letter from your Excellency through Captain Edmonds at Ongole, on the subject of commencing hostilities against the enemy in that quarter; which I accordingly did. The enemy upon this, sent a large Force into my district and I was forced to come to Ongole, from whence I wrote to your Excellency and received order from you to raise a body of peons and join the Army when it marched to Cummum. I accordingly joined the Army with 2000 Peons, and, in two days after our arrival in the Enemy's Country, the Fort of Cummum

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and many others were taken by us — Captain Edmonds gave orders for the continuation of the Ryfoorums and previleges, I had formerly enyoyed and I was receiving the revenue of them when Orders were received by the Commanding Officer of the Army to quit the Cummum — district and return to Ongole — Having put myself under the Company's protection I hope that, if the Cuddapa District came into their possession, I should recover the inheritance which had belonged to my forefathers — the enemy believed it was owing to me, that the Company's Troops had marched so far into their Country, and, therefore, when they laid hold of any of my people, they never spared them, but immediately hanged them —

I have now dismissed my sibbendy excepting a few attendants and my own relations, who are with me here; but, I am distressed for want of money to support me and I, therefore, hope that, since I am a dependent of the Company, that your Excellency will allow me pay, untill Peace is made with

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the enemy, or that the Army marched to the Balaghaut, or else that you will give me a district in rent for which I will pay the rent regularly. Captain Edmonds will inform your Excellency more particularly of my situation. Enclosed is an account of the allowances which, I hope, will be given me,——

Monthly Subsistence for myself	150 Pags
Do. Do. for my relations	75 —
Additional allowance	25 —
Pay to my Peshcar	15 —
Do to a Writer	10 —
Do. to four Servants	60 —
Do to ten Bearers	20 —
Do to eight Harcarrahs	12 —
Feeding 10 Horses	30 —
Ten Horsekeepers	10 —
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Minute thereon,

Captain Edmonds must be informed that, from the mention made by him of the above Polygars, the Committee would be willing to confer on them any reasonable mark of their favor; but that, as the Allowance

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demanded by them, appear too exorbitant on the present exhausted State of the Companys Treasury, — the Committee desire Captain Edmonds will acquaint them what sum he supposes to be adequate to their Expences during the time they attended the Northern Army; —

Read the following Letter from Captain Close. —

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

From Captain Close informing of his arrival at Naggary — and giving an account of the reports of the different People whom he had sent to make enquiries concerning the State of the Pollams & of the Chundergurry district, —

My Lord,

I have had the honor to address your Lordship on the 12th and 13th Instant communicating the particulars of what had passed from the hour of my arrival here, and requesting to be honored with your Lordships instructions with regard to the steps I should pursue in future. —

The Harcarrahs, whom I dispatched in different directions to make further enquiry concerning the State of the Pollam, returned in the course of yesterday and this day: and I cannot help being concerned to inform your Lord

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Lordship that their reports but merely confirm the information I have already transmitted, namely, that the Districts which, from situation were most exposed, are but just beginning to recover from the Severity of Hyder's ravages, a Village here and there possessing a few Inhabitants who, having lately returned to their habitations, are industriously employed in turning up the ground, and managing their scanty crops that will not be fit to cut these three Months, that the interior parts of the Pollam, having been less desolated, wear a better appearance, most of the villages being, to a certain degree, inhabited, and the grounds adjoining in a tolerable State of Cultivation; but the whole of it so young except a few thousand Cullums that will be fit to cut in the course of this and next month, as to require at least three Months to ripen — That Rice, where it is to be had, sells from six to eight seers for the Rupee — Likewise that they can perceive there has been a Lumber Crop in some places, the remains of which amounting to a small

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quantity the owners are cutting and removing daily.

The Person whom I sent in the direction of Chundergherry informs me that the place is garrisoned by about 300 of Callasteree Coons, and that the neighbourhood is in perfect tranquility: the enemy having no people nearer than the other side of the side of the Cafe-where a few of the Sautghur Amuldars Coons are stationed, who permit our Polligars to approach and purchase what they want from the neighper Country.

I have the pleasure to inform your Lordship that I received a polite and friendly letter on the 16th instant from the Callasteree Rajah, acquainting of his having had a letter from his Vakeel, intimating my intention of leaving Madras on this business; and desiring to hear from me without delay I, therefore, answered him immediately requesting earnestly to have matters in forwardness by the time of my arrival. I have written likewise to the Vencatagherry Rajah to the same effect.

Makaraz is desirous of succeeding

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to another part of the Pollam upon business; however, I have prevailed upon him to remain here, till I shall have the honor to receive your Lordship's Commands.

I have the honor to be &ca.

Naggery
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(Signed.) B. Close.

The Committee are happy to understand from Captain Close's Letter that the greater part of the Callasteree Country is in a state of perfect Tranquility; but, as the Sumiba Crop is now on the ground, it is agreed that Captain Close be desired to proceed to the Callastery Country without delay, and that Captain Cuppage be directed to order an Officer from his garrison to put himself under the orders of Captain Close, and to remain with Mackaraze till he shall have performed his Engagements;

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Colonel Stuart

From Colonel Stuart of his Majesty's 78th. Regt.

My Lord,

In a letter which I had th

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Regiment, requesting the allowance of Aid de Camp may be paid to Lieut Marshall to whom he had given that appointment when he acted as Second in Command with the Army in the Carnatic,

honor to address to the Select Committee of the 28th. July last, which I have never been honored with an answer to, Amongst other things I requested their approbation of Lieut. Marshalls appointment as my Aidecamp when second in Command to the Army serving in the Carnatic, in order that he might receive his pay &c as Mr. Welch, the field Paymaster, informed him, without such approbation of appointments, he had orders from the Board to issue no Pay or other allowance to the Staff or aidecamps — I flattered myself upon my application to the Honble Board that they would have granted my request especially as I pointed out a precedent where an officer of inferior Rank, holding an inferior Command, then Lieut. Col. Macleod, in the same Army some time before, had been allowed an aidecamp who received his Pay and other allowances without any objection or difficulties being made about it; but by a letter Captain Marshall has lately received from our Regimental Paymaster at Madras

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he informs him that Mr. Welch still refuses to pay his Chitts, not having received orders from the Honble Board for that purpose, — which occasions my now troubling your Lordship, who, I am convinced, will readily see the justness of Mr. Marshall's Claim; as your Lordship must know that, when an Officer is appointed an aidecamp, he is put to a very considerable Expence for Horses &ca and it is unnecessary for me to observe to your Lordship — that in that Army, as well as most others, the active and Drudgery part of Service falls to the lot of the second in Com= =mand, and that it would be impossible for him to carry it on without the assistance of an aidecamp. ——

I have no doubt but your Lordship will have the goodness to give the necessary directions to Mr. Welch the field Paymaster to pay Captain Marshall's allowances as aidecamp while with me in the Carnatick Army and to forgive the length of time I have taken the liberty of now mentioning

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on your patience.

Camp Trichinopoly
plain 20th June 1784

I have the honor most respectfully to be &c.

/ Signed / James Guart Col.
77th Regiment

Agreed that Colonel Guarts Claim to an Aid de Camp be admitted during the time he acted as second in Command of the Carnatic Army and that Orders be accordingly issued to the Field Commissary.

The above requisition complied with

The President lays before the Committee the following Return of Recruits for the Artillery arrived from England in the Swallow.

Return of Recruits for the Corps of Artillery arrived from England in the Swallow Packet the 18th Instant

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Return of Recruits for the Corps of Artillery arrived in the Southward from England.

	Sergeants	Corporals	Bombardiers	Gunners	Matrosses	Drummers
Present & fit for Duty	3	3	4	12	27	1
	3	3	4	12	27	1

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N.B. two Matrosses Died on the passage not included

/ Signed / W. Sydenham
Town Major

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Read the following Letter from

Captain Cudmore ——

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

Sea Committee

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From Capta. John Cudmore complaining of the distress of the 4 Independent Companies of Sepoys, which he Commands, for Cloaths, and hoping that he may have a proportion of the same allowances as are given to Captains who Command Battalions,

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I beg leave to lay before you that five companies of Independant Sepoys, which have been under my Command since August 1783, and which, by an Order Issued by General Lang when he commanded the Southern Army, were to be on the same footing with the established Battalions, are in a State of nakedness almost beyond description, by the conversation I had with Mr Falk our Paymaster on that head, I understood there was a deduction of 10 pagodas for the time they have been paid, and, from the long arrear due to them, they are Virtually under 10 pagodas for the whole year. If they are to be draughted to fill up regular Battalions, any Clothing given will bring them nearer to that Corps than the Shabby tattered Jackets they now were. I further, with great

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with great deference, beg leave to shew your honor & ye Committee that, after the trouble I have been at in preparing them by good discipline for higher Services, without the aid of any other European whatsoever, I shall feel myself + much disappointed if I should be excluded from a Share of proportional Allowances given to Captains who Command Battalions on which footing I considered myself to be from General Langs Order. ——

I submit the above to the + consideration of this honorable Board, and am, with the deepest respect Honble Sirs & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servt.

Trichinopoly the 26. Jany 1784

/Signed/ Jno Cudmore Captn

Minute thereon

+ It was not the intention of + Government that the five Companies of + Independent Sepoys commanded by Captn Cudmore, should be considered on the footing of regular Battns but only to supply Drafts for other Corps, whenever they might be wanted and it was therefore, meant that they should be only commanded by Subalterns. When they

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shall be drafted into Battalions they will
receive Cloathing in common with the
other Sepoys, but, till that time, they ought
to receive the amount of Boppages, as they
are not included among the Corps for which
the Sepoy Agent provides Clothing. ——

Read the following Petition
from Vencata Row Son of Doorlet Row. ——

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

Petition of Vencata Row in favor of Morarie Row; ——

The humble Representation
of Vencata Row the Son and
Doorlet Row the Brother of
Morarery Row Hindoo Row
Goorpado by means of their
Vackeels. Nuraeegee Pundeth
& Colinga Row. ——

Altho' the Company had been
pleased formerly to promise Morarery Row
(when he was at Madras) to render him
every assistance in Case Hyder should
make any attempt against his Country, yet
they did not perform their promise, and

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took possession of Gooty Gayandrapadam &c. a District
and carried Moraury Row to his Country and
put him under confinement, therefore, we most
earnestly request your Lordship will be so good
as to procure his Engagement and put him
in possession of his Country, as before, which
will gain your Lordship a great and everlasting
Reputation. We further take the Liberty to
observe to your Lordship that it is necessary
we should come to Madras with a large
body of Troops, and to proceed from thence to the
Enemys Country, inorder to reduce him to
obedience, by Committing all kind of
Hostilities in his Country. On which case
the Company is to pay the Expence of our
Troops and to present the principal Sirdars
with Elephants, Horses, Dresses &c. Suitable
to their Rank and Dignity — We beg
leave to assure your Lordship that we always
make it our Duty to merit the Increase of
the Friendship which subsists between the
Company and us, from a long time).

Minute on the Petitions

Agreed that a Copy of the above

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Petition be forwarded to the Commissioners and that they be acquainted that Morare + Row is still alive; — With respect to that + part of the Petition in which Vencata row offers to join the English Arms, — it is impossible to return any answer to it 'till the result of the present Negotiations shall be determined —

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee the following Letter to him from Lt. Colonel Alcock Commanding at Chingleput. —

To Lieutenant General Ross Lang

Commander in Chief &c.

From Lieut Colonel Alcock Commanding at Chengulput to the Commander in Chief acquainting of a great number of the 52d Regt having been taken sick and + informing that the Amuldar had assumed to himself leaving + Customs from a Bazar which Capt. Patterson had established there —

and

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that since the arrival of the Detachment of his Majestys 52d. Regt in this Garrison they have behaved themselves to my entire + satisfaction, but, am sorry to observe, many have fallen sick, — and, in case of their + removal, will require a large supply of Doolies: they have twenty eight sick. —

As you were pleased to + +

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requesting the directions of the Committee about it

intimate to me the wish of the Committee that I should not interfere with the Emoluments of Captain Patterson. I think it incumbent on me to support him therein, — in consequence, am to inform you that the day after his Departure, the Amuldar assumed to himself, buying Customs, from a small Bazar Captain Patterson had establish'd, from that belonging to the Army; — and, till then, had been exempt. —

I have permitted the Renter to retain the Customs 'till the pleasure of the Committee shall be known, and the which I am to request of you to obtain; —

I have the honor to be &c

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13. Feby 1784

(Signed) Hugh Alcock
Lt. Col. Commanding

Whenever the Committee shall think proper to remove the sick of the Minute thereon; 52d Regt a sufficient number of Doolies will be ordered thither for that purpose; —

Bombay

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Agreed that an Extract from the foregoing Letter respecting the Duties Levied at Chinglepat, be sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue, who must be desired to ascertain the terms of the Renters Cowle, & whether he is thereby entitled to exact any Duties and upon what Articles.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Weston.

To the Rt. Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c.a Select Committee

of Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

Having lately had the Charge of all the sick and wounded of the Army in the Commum Circars, I drew my Charges for them according to the established Custom of the Service, untill your General Order of 2d. September fixed the Surgeons Batta and Subsistence in the Field on a different Footing, in view of contingent Bills

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This Pay and Batta I drew agree-
able to those orders and applied to General
Jones and Major Lysaught to know how to
act respecting the mode of furnishing the
Sick and wounded of the Company's Troops
with Medicines & Necessaries, on that
Emergency, while, the Situation we were in
respecting the Enemy, and the time required
to obtain them, prevented my receiving them
by Indent to the Surgeon superintending
the Medical Stores. ——

I was directed in Consequence
thereof to furnish them, as I had before done
untill I could be supplied from the Presi-
dency; and to charge them at their Prime
Cost, not being supplied from thence till
the Beginning of last December, I was
under the necessity, both from the Direction
of my superiors and the Wants of a great
Number of Miserable Sick & Wounded
to make Disbursements on that account
for the 3 proceeding Months, which with
the allowance of 30 Pagodas P.r Month
for

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for Servants to compound dispenses, carry &
medicines &ca (an Expence very short of
what I defrayed) Amounting to about 700 Pags.

These Charges, in the Course of
military Payments, I sent to the Paymaster of
the Detachment; who, on account of the
above mentioned Regulation, doubted the
Propriety of discharging them & refused it
I have, therefore, to submit the matter to
your Lordships &ca Justice and Judgement,
for an Order for that purpose & relying thereon
I have, I believe, no Occasion to search
for Reasons to strengthen my Claim —
if such were necessary I should call to
witness the whole Detachment, how far
my attention to their numerous & terrible
Disorders merited the common rewards
on the Service on which those Expences
were incurred. ——

I have the honor to be &ca

Signed Thomas Weston
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In consideration of the impossibility of Dr. Weston receiving supplies of medicines from Madras, it is agreed that some extra allowance be made to him as soon as his Bills shall have been examined by the Superintendant of Medical Stores at Madras.

Read the following Letter from Captain Thomas Armstrong, commanding the 102d. Regiment at Ellore.

From Capt. Armstrong of the 102d. Regiment enclosing a letter from Dr. Weston and requesting the directions of the Committee on the subject.

My Lord.

This morning the Grenadier Compy of the 102d. Regiment marched into this Garrison Inclosed I have the honor of sending your Lordship a present State of the Garrison, as I found it, and should be glad to be informed by your Lordship if Doctor Weston (whose letter I have also the honor of inclosing to your Lordship) and who acted as Surgeon to the detachment of the 102d. Regiment since their arrival in the Circars, should be continued tho' a Surgeon's mate of the Regiment marched into this Garrison with me; if your Lordship

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Should think proper to have both employed,
I believe there would be business sufficient
for them ——— I have the honor to be &c.

Signed / Thomas Armstrong

Capt.n 102.d Regiment

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

Having had the honor of
holding your appointment as Surgeon to
a Detachment of his Majesty's 102.d Regt
now at Ellore, since the month of October
1782, and exerted myself with unremitted
attention to the Sick of that Detachment
from that time to the present moment both
in Garrison & in the Field to the Satisfaction,
I believe, of my several Commanding
Officers; I cannot, without Injustice to myself
and what I esteem the common Rights of the
Service, avoid troubling your Lordships &c in

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Complaining of the great Hardship I am + likely to suffer from the measures of Captain Armstrong the present Commanding Officer who, notwithstanding the Express Appointment I received from your Lordship & Sea to this Station, thinks it encumbent on him to give the + Charge of the Sick of the 102d to a Gentleman lately appointed an Assistant Surgeon to the Regt.

I feel myself not less disappoin=ted and mortified at this circumstance, as it concerns my Situation, than as it appears contrary to the good of the Service in which I was on an Emergency Engaged; on which account I beg leave to submit it to your Lordship & as my Opinion professionally that I think it not possible for any one Person, unversed in the physical Practice of this Country, to take upon himself the Charge of the Sick of near four hundred + Europeans, so as to do them Justice; and if it were so, I should nevertheless rely on the Justice & impartiality of your + +

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Lordship &c to support me as a Servant of thirteen Years Standing in the Service, against a measure which would so injure & disgrace me. ——

I beg further to remark to your Lordship &c the Honble Select Committee that the Garrison of Allore has been always — considered as a Station for one or two full Surgeons while European Troops were cantoned there; and that there is at present only an Assistant of Short Standing at this Place; if, therefore, it should appear to your Lordship &c indispensably necessary that the appointment of the Regimental Surgeon's Assistant should — interfere with that which I have the honor to hold, I have only to request of you, on the consideration of that Hardship and of the Charge of the Sick being much more than sufficient for any one Assistant Surgeon, that you will be pleased to appoint me to the Care of the Sick Europeans both of the King's & Company's Troops who may be judged proper objects for the Hospital of this place, —— I have the honor to be &c

Allore 11th February 1784

Signed Thomas Weston

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The Committee do not conceive it requisite that a seperate Hospital should be established at Ellore for the few Men of the 102d Regiment who are sick in that Garrison as it will incur an unnecessary Expence, & Capt. Armstrong must be informed that all the Hospital Charges will be carried to a distinct head, and to be repaid by the King.

Minute on the above Letter;

Read the following Letter from the Chief and Council at Masulipatam together with two from Mr. Hodges to the Right Honble the President;

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

From Masulipatam the Paymaster at Ellore having for sometime past made demands on their Treasury to purchase Bullocks for the Army requesting directions about it.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We conceive it necessary to inform you that, for near two years past, considerable Demands have been made on our Treasury by the Paymaster of Ellore, for the purchase of Bullocks for the Army to the Southward which, we have continued to comply with, that the public Service might not be impeded altho we have never received any Orders to do so and are even unacquainted with Mr. Westcon

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authority for purchaseing them — a fresh
demand has just been made on us which
shall be complied with as soon as the
state of our Treasury will admit, but, in the
mean time, we beg your Commands on
this Subject for our Guidance in future,

We have the honor to be &c

Masulipatam
the 4th Febr. 1784

/Signed/ James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Tho.s Barnard,

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

My Lord,

Having been informed that
Captain Armstrong had mistaken the Rule
of our Service so much as to supercede an
appointment made by your Lordship and
the Select Committee, without even the
Knowledge of this Board, — we have wrote
to him acquainting him of the impossibility
of his doing this; — and that we can issue
no hospital Disbursements on account of the
102.d Regiment to any other Surgeon than Mr.s
Weston

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Letter from Mr. Hodges to the Right Honble the President — on the Subject of Capt.n Armstrong having superceded Mr. Weston by appointing another Surgeon to the 102.d Regiment;

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Weston, unless ordered so to do by your
Lordship and the Select Committee

I mention the above to your
Lordship as Mr. Weston has just informed
me that the Committee have been addressed
by him on the Subject, and, permit me
to take this opportunity of assuring your
Lordship, that the Character given of Mr. Weston
by the late Major Lysaught, Capt. Brown
and the officers in General, for professional
abilities, Humanity, and attention to the
Sick, merits your Lordships favor and Protection

I am
My Lord &c.

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/Signed/ James Hodges

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

From Mr. Hodges to
the Right Honble
the President requesting
her attention to the
letter from Masulipatam
on the subject of
General Orders being
out

My Lord,

A Major Cheshyre, in
consequence of your Orders, will proceed to
Ellore tomorrow — and as all General Orders
will of course be forwarded there, he being the

Senior

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ut to that Place in
Duplicate that may
e published in the
District

Senior officer in the district — which will
be circulated and complied with frequently
before civil power knows any thing of the
Matter, Officers and Troops even may leave
the District before the General Order for
their so doing may be sent by Major
Chalmers, into our Garrison; — to obviate
this, will your Lordship permit me to request
your attention to our Letter on this Subject
dispatched not many days past? — If the
Military Secretary will only furnish us
with copies of all General Orders, sent into
this district they would of course, if your
Lordship approves it, be immediately given out
in this Garrison. —

I am
My Lord &c.a

Masulipatam
the 15th Feby 1784

/Signed/ James Rodgers.

Minute on the
above Letter from
the Chief and Council
Masulipatam —

At the time Mr. Weston was
desired to purchase bullocks for the Army
the Board of Masulipatam must immedi-
=ately have been acquainted with it, but
as it is now completed & the necessary

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number of Bullocks have been provided, — the Chief and Council must be directed to discontinue in future any further advances on that + account.

The Council of + Masulipatam to be furnished with a Copy of the answer to Mr. Weston on the Subject of the Hospital Charges.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Masulipatam be furnished with a Copy of the answer which has been returned to Mr. Weston on the Subject of the Hospital Charges for the Northern Detachment. — In consequence of Mr. Hodges's representation of the + + Inconvenience to be apprehended in the circulation of the General Orders issued by Government during Major Chesshyre's stay at Ellore — it is agreed that Copies of all + + Government Orders be sent to the Chief and Council of Masulipatam from the Military Secretary's Office. —

The President lays before the + Committee the following Certificate respecting Mr. Archibald Hope, together with an Extract from the Consultations at Fort William;

Certificate of Mr. Archibald Hope having lost all his effects in the + Duke of Kingston

I certify that Mr. Archibald Hope was received on Board the Duke of Kingston Indiaman under my Command as a cadet [illegible] Independence of Fort St. George

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Extract from the Bengal Consultation

by Order of the Honble Court of Directors of the East India Company in London, in consequence of the unfortunate fate of the Kingston which was blown up, off the Island of Ceylon, he has lost all his Cloathing and other necessaries. ——

Given under my hand at Fort Saint George the 4th. September 1783. ——

/Signed/ Sustenian. Smith

Extract Consultation the 3. Sept. 1783

The Board, considering the distressed state of the Cadets who were passengers on board the Duke of Kingston, which ship was burnt at Sea, and who, tho' they fortunately escaped with their Lives, lost all their Baggage

Agreed, that they be allowed a gratuety of Six Months Pay and full Batta, to enable them to purchase Cloths and necessaries. ——

/A true Extract/

/Signed/ W. Bruere

Assistant Secretary

Agreed that Mr. Archibald Hope be

Agreed that the allowances of 50 Cad. which

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be allowed 50 Pagodas

which was made some time since to some Cadets who had lost their Baggage by the unfortunate Explosion of the Duke of Athol in these Roads — be likewise granted to Mr. Hope. —

Sent the following letter to Marquis de Bussy. —

To the Marquis de Bussy

&c &c &c

To the Marquis de Bussy informing him of the arrival of the Swallow with the definitive Treaty between the Courts of London & Versailles, —

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Honble Company's Packet the Swallow arrived here from England the day before yesterday & conveyed to this Government the pleasing intelligence that the definitive Treaty between Great Britain & France had been signed on the 3.d of September at Paris. — Enclosed I have the honor of sending you a Copy of His Majesty's Proclamation in consequence, & request to know whether you have also received any advices from your Court relative to this Event. —

I have the honor to be Sir

Signed Macartney

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At a Select Committee Present

Summoned to meet on Assigned Revenue Affairs

The Rt. Honble George Lord Macartney

K. B. President

———— Alexander Davidson

Anthony Sadleir & Morgan

Williams Esquires absent on Service. ——

The Minutes of last Committee read and approved. —— The Committee having approved of the Recommendation of the Committee of Assigned Revenue that Baubeerow should be appointed Amuldar of the Vellore Division of the Arcott Province, —— it is now accordingly called in; and, the Sorana Chit being first signed by the President, is delivered to him with the usual Presents of Betle &c. &c. ——

Baubeerow appd Amuldar of the Vellore District & received the Sorana Chit accordingly.

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21st Received the following Letter from Doctor Davis with Enclosures —

To W.G. Wasey Esqr
Military Secretary. —

Sir,

I now beg leave to enclose two Letters I have Received from the only two Surgeons doing duty with me in the Field — their purport is to request an Explanation of a matter I am myself ignorant of — And it is simply to know how they are to be supplyd with Medical Servants to perform their respective duty's in the Army.

The new Regulations take no sort of notice of this Essential Requisite, without which the Surgeons themselves can be but of little use. — Mr Benson and I believe it understood that each Surgeon was to be supplyd with a proportion of Medical Servants, Dooseys &c. — but the Commissary has had no Instructions on that Head, nor have I, and so the matter requires now to be Explained. It is true the new Regulations provide the Surgeon Major with Servants to the amount of Thirty Pagodas a Month, but which is very little more than half the Sum I am obliged — constantly to pay

in

from Mr Davis — encloses two Letters from Surgeon in the field respecting Medical Servants. Recommends the Letters of these Gentlemen (Mr Addenton & Watson) to the Governor & Committees attention. Hopes each Surgeon may have Medical Servants to the Amount of 25 Pags P Month Begs they may have 20 Pags added. —

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25th in the discharge of my duty; and which I have continued to do, in expectation that the Right Honble President and Select Committee would at a proper moment take the matter into Consideration. — And therefore I now beg leave to recommend Mr. Adderton and Mr. Watson's Letters to their attention — Recommending it as an expedient absolutely necessary for the good of the Service, that each Surgeon employed in the Field, be allowed to retain his old Medical Servants to the Amount of 25 Pag.s a Month — After what I have already said as to the number the Surgeon major is Obliged to Employ in order to execute the Trust reposed in him, I hope it is needless to point out the propriety of adding 20 Pagodas a month more to his Medical Servants — those provided for by the new Regulations being really inadequate. These are the additional Expences not provided for in the new Regulations it is true; but as they will stand the Test of the strictest scrutiny. and are as I have said before absolutely necessary — I flatter myself they will meet with the

Sanction

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25th Sanction of Government. and that you will be pleased to convey this our Representation to the Right Honble President and Select Committee

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) Thos. Davis -
Surgeon Major -

Camp
Febry 25th. 1784 -

To Thomas Davis Esqr
Surgeon Major to the Army -

Sir,

In the late Regulations published in Gen.l Orders for the future allowances of Field Surgeons, there appears no Monthly sum established for Hospital Servants, without these you must be well satisfied how impossible it is for a Surgeon to go thro' his Duty with any degree of credit either to the Patient or himself. and this must I presume have been so obvious when the Right Honble the President and Select Committee took our affairs into consideration, that the omission has been rather owing to oversight than intention, I am induced to adopt this opinion having been informed from pretty good authority previous to the Regulations being published, that the Monthly allowance of Thirty Pagodas was intended for the Surgeons in general, to whom It appears

much

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28th much more adequate than the Surgeon Major —

I have to request you will be so good as to obtain information on this head which so materially affects our interest, and which if not complied with, leaves us in a distressed situation. It is scarce necessary to inform you that my Servants in the Field, have not throughout the War cost me less than from 70 to 80 Pagodas a Month, and should it continue I must keep up a like number, and you may judge how inadequate the Company's allowance is to this, added to other unavoidable expences ——

I have the Honor to be &c

Camp
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(Signd) Jas Addenbrooke
Surgeon Artillery

Rec'd Letters (as entered in M.B. No —)
From Lt. Colonel Aleock - requesting Instructions respecting the Hospital Charges of the Detach.t of the 52nd. Regiment — & desiring that the Renter may be ordered to furnish slaughter Cattle for the Garrison — From Captain Close acknowledging receipt of the Committees Letter of the 18th Instant. ——

From Col.e Aleock respecting the Hospital Charges of His Majestys 52d. Regiment. —

Dispatched the following Letters ——

To Colonel William Fullarton
Commanding the Southern Army —

Sir /

I am directed by the Right Honble the

To Col.t Fullerton — 25th

have heard Col.t Forbes expected to be attacked; and was in consequence reinforced by Colonel Stuart with Batt.n of Sepoys. are apprehensive of bad consequences, from the divisions in this army; hoped the early directions given to him will prepare him sufficiently. —

the President & Select Committee to acquaint you, — that the Resident of Tanjore in a Letter this moment received from him, mentions his having been informed by Colonel Stuart "that Colonel Forbes expected to be attacked "at Daraporam, & that he (Colonel Stuart) "had in consequence detached a Battalion of "Sepoys to reinforce him." —

In the present divided state of Your Army the Select-Committee cannot avoid being in some degree alarmed by this Intelligence; — they trust however from the Assurance contained in your Letter to them of the 28.th of Dec.r & in consequence of their directions signified to You on the 18.th of Jan.y that You will be fully prepared to meet, & be equal to oppose any Force which the Enemy may send against you. —

I have the honor to be &c

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(signed) W. Gr Wasey
acting Secretary

To Mr Robert Gardiner —

To Mr. R.t Gardiner — have received his letter — having no medical Stores — the President & Select Committee will make

Sir/

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8.th Instant & to inform You, that in Consideration of the impossibility

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Mr. Weston some allowance for what he has purchased. Approve of his application — beg him always to report any irregular accounts of that nature. as to Mr. Weston's contract — must receive full information to pass judgment on the bills.

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impossibility of Mr. Weston's receiving any supplies of Medicines from hence. the Rt. Honble the President and Select Committee have been pleased to consent to make him some allowance for those which he purchased — as soon as his Bill shall have been examined by the Superintend of Medical Stores. —

The Select Committee approve of your application to them. & they desire you will continue to refer to them any Charges that may be contrary to the Book of Regulations which you must invariably observe. —

With respect to the Contract with Mr Weston. — as the Committee are entirely unacquainted, with the matter. — it is necessary that they should receive full Information on that subject, before they can pass any judgment on the propriety of those Contract Bills. Lieut. Mackay having stated to the Committee the particulars of his Charges in the inclosed acct they have approved the same & direct that you allow them accordingly —

I am &c

(signed) W. G. Wasey

acting Secretary

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To Mr George Isaac Coiffard

at Pondicherry —

Sir/

Enclosed is a Letter from the Right Honble the President to the Marquis de Bussy. — which you will be pleased to lose no time in delivering. —

The Swallow Packet which arrived here the day before yesterday having brought advices that the definitive Treaties with France & Spain were signed on the 3d of Sept. last, — I am directed to transmit to you a Copy of His Majesty's Proclamation in consequence, — of which a Copy is likewise enclosed in the Presidents' Letter to the Marquis de Bussy.

The Select Committee desire you will take the earliest opportunity of acquainting them, should any Dispatches be received at Pondicherry on the subject of Peace. —

I am &c

(signed) W. G. Wasey

acting Secretary

To Mr Coiffard — beg immediately to deliver the enclosed Letter to Mr Bussy. Treaties of Peace with France & Spain having arrived transmit Copy of the Kings Proclamation beg him to forward to the Com.e the earliest accounts on the subject of Peace —

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To Sir Edward Hughes K.B.
Vice Admiral of the Blue
& Commander in Chief of His Majestys Ships
in India —

Sir /

To Sir Edward Hughes — transmit by the ways of Anjengo Letters addressed to him and Sir Hyde Parker, rec.d by the Swallow.

We have the honor to acquaint you with the safe arrival the day before yesterday of the Honble Company's Packet the Swallow, that left England the 7th of October last, by which We received under cover to us, — the five accompanying Packets under your Address & that of Vice Admiral Sir Hyde Parker Bart. — which We have now the honor to transmit by the way of Anjengo, — particularly recommended to the care of Mr. John Sulivan the Resident at Tanjore. —

We have the honor to be &c

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(Signed) Macartney
& Co. Select Committee

To Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Bruce
or Officer Commanding
at
Trichinopoly. —

Sir /

To Colonel Bruce — desire to be informed concerning a Court Martial, held at Trichinopoly.

The Right Honble the President &
Select Committee having received private intimation
that a General Court Martial has been lately held

25th held in the Fort of Trichinopoly. — I am directed to desire you will acquaint Government with every circumstance attending the Court Martial alluded to, — particularly specifying from whom the President receives his Warrant the date of it & by whose Orders the Court Martial was convened. —

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) W. G. Wasey
Acting Secretary

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(Dispatched Letter as entered in M. B. N°)

To Mr. Weston — to Mr. Weston, no charges contrary to the Regulations for Surgeons of the 2nd September can be allowed but from the peculiarity of his Situation an Extra allowance to be made him as soon as his accounts shall have been examined —

22d (Dispatched the following Letters. —

To Capt. George Campbell
Commanding at
Vellore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters to them of the 17th & 18th Instant — the latter enclosing

To Capt. G. Campbell — have received his Letters of the 17th & 18th Instant & the intercepted one from Hummeed Deen Cawn to Meeran Saheb — The

intercepted

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The Committee approve his confining Meeram Saheb & Ball Kishen, & others privy to the Correspondence desire he will transmit every information on the subject. —

intercepted Letters from Kummer Ud Deen Cawn to Meeram Saheb.

The Select Committee much approve of the steps you have taken in securing Meeram Saheb & Ball Kishen, with the other persons who were privy to the Correspondence, — & I am directed to desire you will keep them under close confinement 'till further orders, — and transmit to the Committee whatever Information you may be able to collect on the subject. —

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I am &c.
(Signed) W. G. Wasey
Acting Secretary

To Captn. Barry Close

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to the Right Honble the President of the 18th. Instant. —

To Captn. Close — have received his Letter of 18th. — The Committee are happy to hear the Calestry Country is quiet, at this season must loose no time to proceed, with the assistance of Captn. Cuppage to enforce Buckram Rawzes engagements — wish

The Select Committee are happy to understand from the accounts you have received, that the greater part of the Calestry Country is in a state of Tranquility, and as the Summer Crop is now on the ground, —

they

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write he know: how many persons are in Chundergurry: Enclose a letter from Muckraw to the Governor —

They desire you will lose no time in proceeding thither; — for which purpose Captn. Cuppage has been directed to detach an Officer from his Garrison to remain in Bommauxies Pollam — who will be placed under your Orders, and to whom you will be pleased to give such Instructions, as you may judge most likely to ensure to the Company the performance of Muckrauzes Engagements — This same Muckrauze is a man that might be well looked after, as he is not much to be depended on, the best method of working upon his fears is to let him know that the other Dewan his Competitor will be appointed in his room if the Committee are not satisfied with his exertion. —

The Committee desire you will endeavor if possible to ascertain the exact number of Peons stationed in Chundergurry; Enclosed is a Duplicate of my letter to you of the 18th Instant together with the Copy of a Letter which the Right Honble the President has received from Bommauxe — I am &c

(signed) Willm. G. Wasey
Acting Secretary

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To the Honble Warren Hastings

Governor General &c. Council at

Fort William

Gentlemen,

As in the present Circumstances of things, we could not spare the Swallow, having every particular occasion for her Service, We have directed the Dispatches for your Government from Europe to be forwarded to you by a Ship which sails this day for Balasore ——

To Governor General & Council — Can't spare the Swallow sends the dispatches to them by a ship going to Balasore, will do their endeavors to make peace with Tipsipoo — enclose articles respecting the delivery of Mangalore ——

We presume that Copies of all the Papers sent to us, are transmitted to you by the Court of Directors. — You will please to advert particularly to those which relate to the French projects in this part of the World — Altho the Definitive Treaty is signed and in all probability an appearance of good faith with us will be observed for some time by the French, Yet it cannot be doubted that they will prosecute their Ambitious Views, by every secret art and Intrigue, tile it shall be time to throw off the Mask and act openly against us. ——

A peace with all the Indian Powers if possible to be obtained on honorable Conditions and a

conciliation

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Conciliation of them to our Interests by a moderate Conduct & consistent policy are therefore become more & more necessary for us to accomplish — and on our part we shall endeavor to the best of our power to contribute our full share towards these objects — But the difficulties under which we labor, well known to you, from our Expences unavoidably exceeding our Funds of every kind, from the distresses we suffer by the Scarcity of Rice & other provisions, greatly cramp our exertions and lessen our Confidence — To these must be added some untoward accidents which have lately happened one of which is the Surrender of Mangalore which tho' we think it was unavoidable, takes out of our hands a principal holds by which we hoped to have operated on Tippoo, A Difference of Opinion in Mr. Sadlier with other two Commissioners has also tended to encrease our Embarrassments, but that difficulty may be obviated — Inclosed we send you a Copy of the Articles upon which Mangalore was ceded together with Colonel Campbell's letter on the subject. —— We also transmit a Copy of Tippoo's letter to our President received this day. — We forbear to address you at present with a Number of papers, debating

Chiefly

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Chiefly those which seem most necessary for your present Information – but all the rest will be sent to you in course – Things remain here as before – Meer Mohied Ud Deen Khan continues near Arnee in occupation of those parts of the Carnatic he possessed at the time of the Cessation of Arms, endeavouring from time to time to make petty encroachments, by cavils about the boundaries, but forbearing any movement of a serious aspect. —

Tippoo has a considerable force as we informed you in our last letter assembling at the Guzziady pass, leading from the Mysore Country into Combatore, but he himself by his last Letter was still at Mangalore altho' we learn that he was preparing to march from thence in a few days — We shall send to our Commissioners such new Instructions without deviating from the line you have given us, as may be proper for their Guidance according to the change of Circumstances, arising from Tippoos being in actual possession of Mangalore and probably before this time of Onore as the same sickness & desertion prevail at the latter place,

which

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which occasioned the cession of the former, —
We have no Intelligence that can be depended
on of the intention of the Marattas, — They
know the Situation of Tippoo's affairs, & of his
not fulfilling the 9th Article of the Treaty of
Salbey, but for want of a proper person from
your Government at Poonah, I doubt much of
their Enforcing it — And Scindia is at too great
a distance to be formidable to Tippoo at this
Moment —

We have the Honor to be, &c
Macartney.
&c. Select Committee

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To Captn Cuppage
Commanding at Vellore

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the
President & Select Committee to transmit to you
the enclosed Copy of a Letter written a few Days
since by their Orders to Captn Close, — & to desire,
that you will agreeably thereto afford him every
assistance in your power, — towards conveying to
Vellore the Grain with which Muckrauze has
engaged to supply your Garrison. —

As it is necessary that Captain
Close

To Captn Cuppage
desire him to assist
Captn Close in getting
Grain from Muck=
=rauze & consequently
to send an officer &
immediately to act
under Captn Close —

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22d. Close should proceed without delay into the Calestry Country.— the Select Committee desire You will immediately detach an Officer from Your Garrison to remain with Muchrawze, with directions to place himself under the Orders of Captn Close.—

I am &c

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(signed) W. G. Wasey
acting Secry

To Captn Edward Edmonds
Commanding at Ongole

Sir/

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th of last Month, enclosing two Letters from Bhaskar Naig, Chelchelma, & Ivy Ram Reddy,— Polygars of Cuddapah & Commam Districts.

In consequence of what you have mentioned in favor of those Polygars,— the Committee would be willing to confer on them any mark of their favor, which it might be in their power to bestow— but the Sums specified by them for their

To Captn Edmonds—
The Committee are willing to confer any favor on the persons mentioned in his Letter— but the monthly allowance is too exhorbitant for the Committee to admit—

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their monthly allowance appears too exhorbitant for the Committee to admit in the present exhausted state of the Company's Treasury. They are willing however to make any reasonable allowance to the Comman & Cuddapah Polygars, which may be judged adequate to their Expences during the time they attended the Northern Detachment. & we desire your Opinion what would be a sufficient compensation. ——

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Sam & Co
(Signed) Wallm G. Wasey
acting Secry

To Char.s Oakeley Esqr.
& Co.a Members of the Committee
of Assigned Revenue.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to furnish you with the enclosed Extract from a Letter from the Commanding Officer at Chingleput, & to desire you will acquaint the Committee with the Terms upon which Shasha Row rents that District, & whether he is authorized by the Conditions of his Cowle to levy any duties; —

&

to Char.s Oakely Esqr
an enclose and Extract
from a Letter from
Commanding Officer
at Chingleput desire to
know on what footing
Shasha row rents it. —

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& upon what Articles. —

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

Dispatched letters (as entered in M. B. (Nos.) To Captain Cudmore, acquainting him that the independent Companies which he commands were intended to be drafted into other Corps, — that their Stoppages must be returned to them on proper Application; — desiring an exact return may be sent to the Committee of the five independent Companies. — To Col. Stuart, admitting his Claim to an aid de Camp while acting as second in command with the Army in the Carnatic. — To Major Short, the Committee did not expect to be importuned by a second Application. —

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Dispatched the following Letters. —

To Captn. Thomas Armstrong
Of His Majestys 102d. Regiment —

Sir/

I am directed by the Right Honble. the President & Select Committee to acknowledge

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To Captn Armstrong — have given an answer to Dr Westons application — No separate hospital, to be allowed in Ellore for the sick of 102d Regiment the charges to be paid by the King —

The Receipt of your Letter to this Lordships of the 11th Instant — enclosing a Letter from Dr Weston, — to whose application an answer has been already sent.

In reply to your reference to the Select Committee whether Dr Weston is to continue to attend the 102d Regiment, or whether the Surgeons Mate belonging to it should take charge of the Sick; — I am directed to inform you, that the Committee do not conceive it necessary that any separate Hospital should be established in the Garrison of Ellore for the Sick of your Regt — as they are of Opinion that they will not only be equally well taken care of by the Company's Surgeons, but because a separate hospital will occasion an extraordinary Expence, & they leave to observe to you that all Hospital Charges incurred on account of His Majesty's Troops are to be carried to a distinct head, & to be repaid by the King. —

I am, &c —

(signed) W. G. Wasey
acting Secry

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To James Daniell Esqr.
Chief &ca Council
at
Masulipatam

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 6th & 10th Instant and those of your Acting Chief of the 8th 12th & 15th of this Month to the Right Honble the President. —

The Committee desire you will continue on your Guard against any attempts that may be formed to burn the Pettah of Masulipatam; — They are happy to observe the unanimity which subsists in your Councils, & most earnestly recommend a continuance of it; — as likewise that the greatest acconomy be observed in the expenditure of Public Money, and that every Cash which can be spared from the absolute necessities of your Factory, — be remitted to the Presidency. —

With regard to Mr. Westcotts apply of Bullocks mentioned in your Letters of the 10th Instant, — the Committee conceive there can be no doubt but your Board must have received Instructions

To J. Daniell Esqr. & Council to be on their guard against attempts to turn the Pettah of Masulipatam conceive their Board must be informed of their instructions, respecting Mr. Westcotts supply of Bullocks — General Orders to be sent to their Board as well as to Captn Cheshyre — Lieut. Mackay to continue his rank of Brigade Major to the Troops in that district. —

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Instructions on that subject, at the time that
business was settled, & the necessary number of
Bullocks having been now we believe provided
according to our last orders to Mr. Westcott no further
expence will be incurred on that head. —

In answer to your Acting Chiefs Letter
of the 12th. Instant, — I am directed to enclose
to you the Copy of a Letter which has been
addressed to Capt.n Armstrong on the subject
of the Hospital Charges of the 102d. Regiment;
& to inform you, that agreeably to Mr. Hodges's
request in his Letter to the Right Honble
the President of the 15th. Instant, Copies of all
General Orders, sent to the Masulipatam
District, — will in future be forwarded to your
Board from the Military Secretary's Office,
at the same time they are transmitted to
Major Cheshyre. —

With respect to Lieut.t MacKay's
Claim to Staff Allowances. — I am directed
to furnish you with a Copy of the General Order
of the 4th. of December 1781 appointing him
Brigade Major to the Troops in the Masulipatam
District — which has never been revoked —

I have the honor to be &c.
(signed) W. G. Wasey
Sect.y to Secy

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To Lieut.t Colonel Hugh Robert Alcock
Commanding at
Chingleput

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your two Letters of the 8.th & of that of the 25.th Instant — & to acquaint you in consequence of your application in the former, that the Paymaster of your Garrison has been directed to supply Cots &.ca for the use of the 52.d Regiment

The Committee of Aſsigned Revenue have been furnished with an Extract of that part of your Letter which relates to Slaughter Cattle, & have been desired to send such orders to the Amuldar, — as will in future ensure to Your Garrison a sufficient supply of fresh Meat. —

In answer to your reference to the Select Committee, whether Mr.r Gillespie, or the Surgeon's Mate of the 52.d Regiment is to attend the Sick of that Detachment; — I am directed to inform you, that the Committee do not conceive it requisite that a separate — Hospital should be established at Chingleput,

for

To Col.r Alcock — according to his application — the Paymaster of Chingleput to be furnish Cots &.c for 52.d Reg.t — have ordered the Amildar to supply fresh meat seperate hospital to be at Chingleput unless the expence be repaid by the King — shall have doolies for the sick not to permit the Commandant to exact extraordinary duties. ——

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232 for the few men of the 52d Regiment who are sick in that Garrison, & who they are of opinion will be equally well attended by the Company's Surgeon, — the Committee can have no other objection to the establishment of a separate Hospital, as any extraordinary Expence which might be incurred in that acct — would be carried to a distinct head, — to be repaid by the King — with which you will be pleased to acquaint the Commanding Officer of the Detachment of the 52d Regiment. —

In reply to your application for Doolies, — I am directed to inform you that it is intention of Government to remove whenever the Sick of the 52d Regiment — a sufficient number of Doolies will be provided for that purpose ——

The Commander in Chief having laid before the Committee your Letter to him of the 13th Instant — an Extract from that part of it which relates to the Levying of Customs at Chingleput, has been sent to the Committee of Assigned Revenue to ascertain how far the Renter is authorized in this respect by the terms of his Cowle, &c — in the mean time you are desired

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not to permit any extraordinary duties to be exacted by the Commandant of Chingleput —

I have the honor to be &c

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Signed W. G. Wasey
Acting Secry

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to transmit to you the enclosed Extract from a Letter which has been received from the Commanding Officer at Chinglepat. — & to desire you will send such direction to the Amildar of that District as will ensure to that Garrison a sufficient supply of Slaughter Cattle. —

C. Oakeley Esqr
Committee Assigned
Revenue enclose
Letter from Commanding
Officer at Chinglepat —
desire them to oblige
the Amildar of that
District to furnish
Slaughter Cattle to the
Garrison. —

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I have the honor to be &c
Signed W. G. Wasey
Actg Secretary

To Mr Tho. Elliot Ogilvie
Paymaster
at Vellore —

Sir,

The Right Honble the President &

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To Mr Ogilvie—
having received
Col.l Ross's report
of the state of Vellore
desire him to
point out to the
Committee the
expence of the
alteration recommended
by the Colonel——

Select Committee having received from the Chief Engineer a Letter containing his report and observations upon the state of the Fort of Vellore— I am directed to enclose to you an Extract from that part which relates to the Storehouses proposed to be erected in that Garrison, & to desire that you will acquaint the Committee with the additional expence of any that will be incurred by making to those buildings the alterations recommended by Colonel Ross.——

I have the honor to be &c

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Signed W. G. Wasey

To Capt.n John Cuppage,
Commanding at Vellore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters to them of the 11th & 16th Instant— the latter enclosing a letter from Sam Row Sippoo Sultaun's Khelidar at Sautgur.——

To Capt. Cuppage—
have complained
to Meer Sid Ibrim
Cawn of the
disturbance of
his People—desires
him in future to
make such complaints—
to evade Sam Row's
claim for the Crops
in Pallycontah &
Bringevadum
not to molest
us, unless in self

The Right Honble the President has already written in general terms

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23. terms to Meer Mohun Ud Dien Cawn on the subject of several Complaints, which have been received of Disturbances committed by his people, but as it is impossible at this distance that the Select Committee can be so well acquainted with the particulars of Sam Row's Conduct,— they desire if he shall afford any future cause of complaint,— that you will yourself represent the Circumstances to Meer Mohun Ud Dien Cawn. ——

As a short time will most probably decide the event of Peace, or War with Tippoo Sultaun,— I am directed to desire you will evade compliance with the claim made by Sam Row for the Crop in the Polly= =Condah & Bringeradum Districts,— by amusing him as long as you possibly can,— and you are enjoined to be particularly careful not to commit any act of Hostility against Sam Row's Sepoys, unless compelled so to do in your own defence. ——

I am &c

(Signed) W. G. Wasey

Acting Secretary

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23d. Dispatched Letters (as entered in M. B. No.) to Bombay, advising of the Arrival of the Swallow Packet, and of the signing of the definitive Treaties with France and Spain, & that a Box Packet addressed to their Presidency will be forwarded thither by the first Sea Conveyance — To Mr. Harry Taylor, enclosing a Receipt of Orduance and Stores shipped on Board the Snow Three Friends, to be landed with the utmost Expedition, & Mr. Sulivan to be acquainted on their receipt. —

To Colonel Pearce, Lt. Horne permitted to proceed to Bengal — To Mr. Wm. Jackson to allow Colonel Stuart an Aid de Camp, while he acted as Second in Command of the Army in the Carnatic — To Mr. John Sulivan, enclosing a Packet for Sir Ed. Hughes to be forwarded to him by the way of Anjengo

24th. Rec'd the following Letters. —

To the Right Honble Lord Gr. Macartney Ks.
Governor &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I do myself the Honor to enclose

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a Duplicate of yesterdays Address —

It with extreme satisfaction that I am now able to acquaint your Lordship that Macka=rauze in consequence of an enterview this day, where at I must do him the justice to say he shewed an uncommon willingness to assent to my requisitions, has formally promised to convey his Supply of 5,000 Collums of Paddy to Vellore by the 11th day of the Malabar Month called Chitteree mas agreeing with our 18th day of April next, as will clearly appear from his Address to your Lordship on this Subject which I have the honor to enclose —

From every information that I can collect he will be obliged in order to provide himself with Carriage for the purpose, to have recourse to the Speci and Grain Merchants who enter the Northern parts of the Carnatic from the Balaghaut, and hire their Bullocks (that now generally return light) equipped with Drivers, Saddles, and Gunneys &ca for the Job, his own Country being wholly deprived of such resources —

When I consider the period requisite

to

from Captn Close to Lord Macartney & Committee Mucharauze has promised by supply Vellore with 5000 ⅌ Collums of Rice — but he must be forced to take the carriage from the grain merchants — & require to furnish furniture — hope his Lordship will acknowledge his receipts — signifying his approbation of his agreement &ca &ca in order to establish Captn Close's authority — the rice to be given at the buzar price at Nindercote shall give receipts of grain received) to the Rajah — according to the deliveries at Vellore, Begs a apply of cash —

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24th to collect these Cattle, the length of time requisite to make a trip from the Pollems to Vellore & consequently the large number of them it necessary to remove the Paddy in the time he has allowed himself, I can not help entertaining the most sanguine hope that your Lordship will readily accept his engagement on this head, being well assured that the performance of it will demand all the exertion he is capable of. —

In this case I have humbly to request as a matter that will be of material Service to me in my future transactions with the other Polligars, by effectually adding weight & influence to my demands, that your Lordship will be pleased to acknowledge the Receipt of Macharrawzis Address enclosed, signifying your Lordship's approbation of the agreements he has come under, and acquainting him "that his becoming behaviour on this occasion will be considered as an instance of his desire to improve your Lordship's good opinion, and preserve the Company's Friendship, having the fullest confidence that his promises will duly followed by a punctual performance. ——

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I may venture to assure your Lordship that from the Substance of his Address he will expect some testimony of your Lordships approbation like this, and should he find himself disappointed in this Respect, I fear he may grow in different, & relax in his exertion, and even doubt the support your Lordship & the Hon.ble Committee have been pleased to promise me — Should your Lordship make known your pleasure on this head to the Polligars Vackeels at Madras likewise, it might give rise to an emulation amongst the other Rajahs that would probably be productive of the most salutary effects. —

Your Lordship will perceive that I have stipulated to have the Grain delivered to the Company according to the Bazar price at Nendercotá being the best cultivated & the most plentiful and cheap part of the Polliam, and altho' I thought it might be possible with Your Lordships approbation to procure a part of the Garrison of Vellore to serve as a Convoy for the Grain from the Polliam and thereby save in some measure the expence of having that Service performed by the Polligars, yet

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24th upon further consideration, it struck me, that if this Polligar should experience the assistance of the Company's Troops in the accomplishment of his promises, the others would natural expect the same indulgence which from the distance of their Pollums, it would be absolutely impossible to grant. and that if even the most inconsiderable part of the Service should be left to the management of the Company's people, it might be productive of Complaints and disagreements with the Polligars and of course occasion both delays and difficulties. —

Perhaps your Lordship will conceive that during the Cessation of hostilities there can be no occasion for an Escort; it may therefore be necessary to observe that as the Bullocks will be all hired, the owners/as I am confidently informed/will be unwilling to agree for the Job without one — however in any Event the expence will not be very considerable, amounting only/ to the Value of the small grain allowed daily/ as subsistence to the five Peons that will compose it —

I am concerned to apprize your Lordship that there still remains a point that I apprehend will be difficult to have settled to the satisfaction

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24th Receipt of a letter of yesterday from the Secretary under date 18th. Instant informing of your Lordships having thought proper to lay my letters of the 9th. 12th. and 13th. Instant before the Honble Committee and that in consequence they had been pleased to express their approbation of my transactions with Macharauze, and had resolved to support my efforts with him; doubting not but a further perseverance I might still ensure success, I determined to lose no time in renewing my visits, & accordingly paid my respects to him in person this Morning. —

Suspecting that I had received answers from Madras, and that the purpose of my visit was to repeat my original Demands, he began earnestly to execute the tenor of what he had expressed at the former meetings, dwelling much upon his desire to meet your Lordships wishes, but on the other hand pleading total incapability of greater exertions to contribute towards a further Compliance with them — This and much more I naturally expected, however as I went prepared I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship notwithstanding all the difficulties he started,

that

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24th That after a long and doubtful contest in which I found the necessity of expending almost all my reasoning and persuasion, I had at length the good fortune to prevail upon him to give me his word that in the space of 24 hours he would let me know for your Lordships information, the utmost that could possibly be accomplished by his endeavours in point of conveyance, to attain a sufficiency of which, he would do all in his power to devise, & adopt every expedient that might open the most distant prospect of success — He delivered this with so much seeming sincerity that I cannot help thinking to-morrow morning will prove more favorable & satisfactory than any I have hitherto experienced.

Your Lordship were pleased to direct me to correspond with Mr. Ogilvie and Captain Cuppage at Vellore, I therefore addressed them fully on the 10th Instant from Trepasore, to which their Answers are come to hand — I have again written to them this day, stating the situation of matters here and the dependance I must necessarily put upon their endeavours

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24th to assist me with Carriage ——

On the 18th Instant I had the Honor to address the Commander in Chief to inform him that by the Report of two Sepoys I had sent out with certain instructions for intelligence I was given to understand that the Body of Horse called 4,000. said to have lately joined Syed Sahebs Camp at Arnee were only a part of the original force Tippoo left behind him in the Carnatic, having been stationed by order of Syed Saheb for some time past at or near Changama — that Arnee Fort appeared to be evacuated and that there was not a Gun to be seen in Syed Sahebs Encampment — as I thought it of consequence to be well assured on these points which seemed rather improbable, I immediately dispatched another person to make further enquiries — On his Return Your Lordship shall be duly acquainted ——

I have the Honor to be Respectfully &c

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25th of Febry 1784 —

Signed B. Close

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To W. G. Wasey Esqr.

acting Secretary to the Select Committee

Sir,

I have the Honor to receive your Letter of the 22d Instant enclosing a Copy of your Letter to Captain Close of the 18th.

From Captn Cuppage to Mr Wasey acting Secretary howe, according to the Commander in Chiefs Secretarys Letter, sent upwards of 160 head of Cattle to Captn Close, shall do his utmost to assist him further in conveying the rice to Vellore ——

In consequence of a Letter from Mr Garrow Secry to the Commander in Chief of the 18th Instant, desiring me to use every means that was in my power to send Captain Close as many Carriage Bullocks into the Pollams as I could collect. I sent him on the 22d Instant 47 and shall dispatch to him tomorrow morning 40 more, and hope in a few days to collect near double that number, and request you will acquaint the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that every exertion that is in my power shall be given Captain Close towards conveying into Vellore the grain collected in the Pollams.

Agreeable to the orders of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, I shall detach Ensign Crane to Morrow Morning to remain with Muckrauze, with directions to place himself under the orders of

Captn

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24.th Captain Close —

Nellore 24.th
Febry 1784 —

Jam &c
(signed) John Cuppage

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

My Lord

From Sir John Burgoyne to his Lordship being informed from home of his being on the Staff — begs to know if his arrest will debar him of the usual allowances as well as the half pagoda p.r Month for each horse. ——

Having received information by my Letters from England that orders had been sent out by the Directors for my being put on the Staff of the Army in India with proper allowances, I must beg leave to know if I am right informed, and whether it is the intention of Government to make me those allowance since the 19.th of Sept.r 1783, conceiving that my being under an arrest for supposed crimes cannot operate as a punishment till my guilt is proved. —— I should also My Lord, beg to know if I am to be allowed or not the half Pagodas p.r Month for each horse to enable me to keep in repair & good order the appointments of my Regt. which I cannot do without some assistance. — Should the allowance be made me I shall not

24th not want the usual assistance of Chuchlers &ca but as my Regiment is not to be reduced, I must apply to the Commander in Chief at home for some additional allowance, to put me on a footing with the other Commanding officers of Cavalry Corps, & which by your own regulations has always been allowed till it was stop'd from me.—

I am &ca

(signed) J. Burgoyne

M. G. & Coll: 23d. L.D.s—

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Received Letter (as entered in M.B. No.) from the Storekeeper at Pondamallee, enclosing a return of Military Stores in that Garrison.—

Dispatched the following Letters.—

To Colonel Fullarton
Commanding the Southern Army.

Sir,

We send to you inclosed, a Copy of a Memorial presented by our Commissioners to Tippoo Sultaun the 12th Instant.—

As the Design of this Memorial is to bring the negociation to some certain Issue. We think it necessary to prepare

You

To Col.l Fullarton—enclose the Memorial to Tippoo wish to prepare him against the issue of the negociation—desire him to write Tippoo & the Commissioner—if Tippoo do not act according to the Memorial—to attack him immediately desire him to destroy all Forts

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Forts taken, & to get his supplies from the southward —

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You in case that Issue should be a Renewal of Hostilities. —

From the Conduct of Tippoo through the whole of our Transactions with him, We have every Reason to distrust his Sincerity and as it may probably be his Intention by further evasion and Duplicity to protract the Negociation until the Monsoon on the other Coast shall give him an opportunity of directing his whole Force against the Carnatic, We would have you, as soon as your Army is assembled, which We flatter ourselves will be at the time you receive this Letter take such a position as well enable you to act with Effect, the moment it may become necessary. —

Having done this, We desire you will send a proper person with a Flag and Letter to Tippoo demanding a categorical answer with respect to the State of the negociations, writing at the same time to the Commissioners in the subject, and if the answer from Tippoo or from them shall be such as to convince you that it is not his Intention to make peace upon the times of the memorial, you will then put in Execution without delay any plan you may have formed for attacking and distressing him. —

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As the Operations in this Country can
we apprehend only continue for a short time
on account of the approaching Monsoon, We
think it will be advisable to destroy the
Forts you may take, and if possible to lay
the Country waste so far as may be necessary
to deprive him of any Supplies of Provisions
which he may expect from the Places within
your Reach. —

As our Resources for carrying on
the War are at the lowest Ebb and We
have no dependance upon any Supplies from
Bengal, We place all our hopes upon the aid
of the Southern Districts, and upon your
Exertions to draw some Supply from the
Enemy's Country in case Hostilities be renewed. —

We have the Honor to be &c

(Signed) Macartney
&c. Select Committee

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Capt. Close at Naggary. —

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt
of your Letter to the Right Honble President
of the 22d Instant — His Lordship seems very
apprehensive of Bommauges failure of his
Engagements

To Capt. Close —
have received his Letter
of 22d Instant — The
President doubts the
Rajah will
perform his engagements, —
by his insisting on
ready Money, must
lose no time in
his applications on
Calestrie —

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Calestry. — have sent a supply of 250 Pags. — advise him to give receipts on account of the Company for necessaries. —

24th Engagements especially as he finds that you can obtain no provisions or other articles that you want upon receipts; but that ready Money is insisted upon —

The Principal Reliance is upon Colastry & therefore no time should be lost in applying to him. —

The Tripetty Brammin Seenowasa= =chary, is much connected with Colastry & may usefully cooperate with him on this occasion — A supply of 250 Pagodas is now sent to you according to your desire but it is hoped that your receipts on account of the Company, for which necessaries you may stand in need of for yourself & People will be sufficient, especially if you are peremptory. —

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Jam, &c.
(Signed) Wm. George Mackay
acting Secy

25th Received the following Letter from the Governor General and Council of Bengal —

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

My Lords & Gentlemen. —

The concerns of the Company

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From the Governor General & Council to the President & Committee have sent Mr Johnson Minister to the Court of Nizam ali Cawn - on the subject of Claims respecting the Peish= =cash - request an exact account of the debt up to this time, for their & Mr Johnsons infor= =mation. —

25th with the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn in which this Government is particularly interested, having repeatedly pledged its faith for the Performance of the Engagements subsisting with him, and a consideration of the present State of Affairs, having induced us to determine on the appointment of a Minister at his Court, we have made Choice of Mr Richard Johnson for this Trust, in succession to Mr James Grant, who desired leave some time since to resign it. Mr Johnson is directed to correspond with your Lordship &c, on all matters that have any Relation to the Concerns of your Presidency, and We request that you will communicate to him, from time to time, such Information as you may deem proper on this subject, considering him as the Medium thro which all affairs, Relative to the Company and the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn jointly, are to be negociated and settled with the latter. —

A material object of Mr Johnson's Appointment, is an Adjustment of the Claims, which the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn has upon the Company for the

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25th.

Arrears of the Peshcush as settled by the Treaty of 1768. We judge, from the Information contained in a Letter from the Select Committee at Fort St. George, under date the 12th. of June 1779. wherein the Debt to his Highness was then said to be for about the Peshcush of two Years, that his demand upon the Company on this Account may be now about thirty three Lacks of Rupees; but as we have not Materials to guide us to a certainty on this Point, We request that your Lordship Lordship &c. will be pleased to furnish us with an Accurate Account of the Sum due to the Nabob Nizam Ally Cawn, to the present time and transmit the same to Mr. Johnson for his Information also —

We have the honor to be &c.

Warren Hastings
Edwd Wheler
John Stables

Fort William
Sec.t Department
3d. Febry 1784 —

Signed

Dispatched the following Letters —

To the Honble Rawson Hart Boddam
President & Governor &c. Select Committee
of Bombay —

Gentlemen

We have the honor of inclosing

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To Governor Boddam
& Committee Bombay
enclose Letters received
from Mr Staunton
with the Memorial
to Tippoo.— if the
next advices from the
Commissioners is
unsatisfactory —
Col. Fullarton is
to act against Tippoo—
hope they may
assist him.— wish
to know what
Communication they
have with the
Court of Poonah.—
their opinion respecting
the two treaties with
us. ——

25th to you a short letter, which our President has this moment received from Mr Staunton (our Second Commissioner) covering the Copy of a Memorial which had been addressed by your Deputies to Tippoo Sultaun,

As it probably may be the Intention of Tippoo Sultaun to protract the Negociation, & as it is our wish on the contrary that matters should at all events be brought to an immediate & determinate Issue, we shall if the next dispatches from the Commissioners are unsatisfactory, direct Colonel Fullarton to send a flag of Truce to Tippoo with letters to him & to the Commissioners & to take his measures according to the answer received from them. I think it proper to communicate to you this Resolution that your Government may be prepared to act in such a manner as may be judged most likely to second Colonel Fullarton in case of a Renewal of Hostilities; and for your further Information We now enclose you a Copy of our letter to the Commissioners of last night.

As you are in the neighbourhood of Poonah, & as owing to the Restraints We lie under from Bengal, we have not sent any person to Poonah from this Presidency we wish much you would let us know what communication you have

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25th with that Court - & what expectation we may form from them in consequence of the two Treaties now subsisting with us & of Tippoos disregard of the 9th Article of that of Salbye —

We are &c

Macartney
&c. Select Committee

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26th Read Letters (as entered in Mo Bk. Nos) from Lieutenant Cosper, has received a months Pay for the Garrison of Chillumbrum and given Bills on the Paymaster for the Amount;—

From the Judge Advocate sends Notice of Persons he has Summoned to attend as Evidences at Lord William Murray's Trial, in order that they may have leave from the Committee to proceed to Camp.——

Dispatched Letters (as entered in M.B. Nos) to the Commander of the Swallow Packet, ordering him to land a Box Packet addressed to the Select Committee at Bombay.—

To Major General Ogle, granting him—, Permission to attend as an Evidence at the Trial of Lord William Murray &c desiring him to deliver over the Command of Lt Thome to the next Senior Officer—

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President

Friday the 27th Febry 1784—

Alexr Davidson
Lieut. General Ross Lang ——
Anthony Sadleir & Morgan Williams Esquires
absent on Service—

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.——

Read

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Read the following Letter from Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart. — received the day before yesterday. —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Sir John Burgoyne — In your letter to me of the 6th of January in answer to mine of the 5th wherein I desired to know when you meant to bring me to answer for my conduct before a General Court Martial to which I am entitled in 8 days after my confinement, you are pleased to say that you think it your duty both in justice to me & the cause which you have to support, to postpone the prosecution of the charge against me until a Genl. Court Martial can be conveniently assembled competent to the trial of the case in question; which last 4 Words are an addition of your own to the Articles of War, which only say, till a Court Martial can be conveniently assembled. & yesterdays orders from the Commr. in Chief of his Majestys Forces

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in India for the time being, fully prove a Court Martial can now be conveniently assembled, for by them a Genl. Court Martial is to be convened on fryday. I therefore call on you my Lord & Gentlemen consistent with the Laws of my country either to support your charge against me by an immediate prosecution, or to release me from my confinement, I have now been within five days, under an arrest two months, & I see no prospect whatever of a Comm.r in chief arriving from England from whom I may claim protection — my situation is without example — confined for a capital offence, my honor & character insulted, & yet denied the only opportunity whereby I can clear myself — I repeat it again that if your powers do not extend to bringing me to a Court Martial they do not extend to putting me under an arrest, which is only the previous step to the former — as to my rank its no valid objection — & I am ready to wave all compliment which may have been usually paid to Officers in my high station. — Compliments have long ceased between us — the articles of War say a Field Officer

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can not be tried by any under the degree of Captain. a plain proof that a Captain is competent to set as Member on any Court Martial, his powers if limited would have been noticed, many examples may be brought of Superior Officers being tried by Inferiors, & on this head I have not the smallest objection — a sufficient number of his Majestys officers are now present competent to set in Judgement on me; I inclose a list of one Major Gen.l 3 Colonels, & 11 Captains all on the spot & doing duty, without including Lieut. Coll. Sterling whom I look on as under an arrest, — if you refuse & still keep me confined, I protest against it as false imprison= =ment, & for which you must answer to the Laws of y.r country, & I appeal to the impartial world if I am not treated with the most cruel and unheard of Tyranny. — I must also add that if I am not redressd, I insist on appealing to the Governor & Council at large; who I believe will be found after all, the real Government of this Country; & I am

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now preparing to lay my case before them. — You were pleased to allow me Liberty to go to England — however desirous I may be to leave a place wherein I have met with such insult & injury — You must well know I could never be able to summon such Witnesses there, as I shall have occasion to call on — here alone my Guilt or innocence can be proved — I therefore cannot avail myself of this proffered indulgence — at all events I hope to know your final determination and to what period I am to look forward for redress. ——

I am &c.

(Signed) J. Burgoyne.

Gardens
Febry 25th 1784—

Officers in His Majesty's Service now doing Duty with the Army at the Mount, or the neighbouring Cantonments. ——

Major Genl. Ogle		St. Thome
Colo. Straubenzee	52d. Regt.	Poonamalee
Colo. Dalrymple	73d. Do.	Camp at Mount
Colo. Floyd	23d. Lt. Dr.	St. Thome
Captn. Beckwith	Do.	Camp at Mount
Captn. Affleck	Do.	Do. —
Captn. Donaldson	36th Regt.	Do. —
Captn. Brookshanks	Do.	Do. —
Captn. Cliff	52d Regt.	Chinglipett
Captn. Collier	Do.	Poonamalee
Captn. Clulow	Do.	Do.
Captn. Robinson	73d	Camp at Mount
Captn. Hamilton Senior	Do.	Do.
Captn. Hamilton Junior	Do.	Do.
Captn. Moreton	Do.	Do.
Captn. Monro	Do.	Do.

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The Committee observe that when they informed Sir John Burgoyne that they should postpone the prosecution of their charges against him untile a Court Martial could be assembled, competent to the trial of the case in question. — They considered that independent of the rank and station, which Sir John Burgoyne held, no precedent had occurred in India of such conduct as that on which some of their charges were grounded; — that they involved questions with respect to the Company's rights, and to the rights of this Government here, which, however clear and decided their own sentiments might be upon them, had not been ascertained by strict legal authorities; and they conceived that it would be neither doing justice to Sir John Burgoyne, or themselves to submit charges, founded on questions of right, to the judgement of a Court Martial, before the questions themselves were determined by Competent authority. They have acted towards Sir John Burgoyne with no other view, than to the absolute preservation of the trust committed to them; and, in proof that the sentiments and resolutions of their employers / upon

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which their measures principally turn,) are in full unison with their conduct, they have only to recur to the 15th Paragraph of the general Letter from the Court of Directors, dated 10th September 1783 lately received by the Swallow—

The 15th Paragraph of the General letter dated 10th September 1783 is now read——

Sir John, although under the arrest to which he submitted, has been allowed almost every liberty; and has always been as much at large, as if no arrest subsisted.— The records of the Committee, their correspondence with him, his visit to Mr. Benfield & Co. at Pondicherry, his journey to Cuddalore, and his situation before and since his return, and at this hour, completely refute the complaints in his letter, by which ignorance might be led to suppose, that he really was under some degree of personal hardship or inconvenience. The contrary is fact: and no officer in his unfortunate situation has experienced more indulgence, and the Committee are not indisposed, even

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stile to add to it, as far, as may be consistent with the public service; for whatever emotions might arise in their breasts from his conduct, they certainly are not those of private resentment. ——

With respect to trying Sir John Burgoyne in India, there are, besides the objections mentioned in the begining of this minute, several other difficulties, which must occur to every one who has considered the subject; — However to take away even the shadow of hardship, or any pretence of detention being urged by Sir John Burgoyne, they are of opinion, that if he wishes to examine witnesses here, for his vendication at home, the Depositions of such witnesses may be taken upon oath at Madras; and the Committee will have no objection on their part to allow them the same validity in England, as the viva voce evidence of the person who may make them. ——

Read likewise the following Letter from Sir John Burgoyne ——

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

My Lords & Gentlemen

From Sir John Burgoyne respecting Col. Floyds allowances & his Trial—

I have received your Deputy Secretarys letter of the 25.th inclosing the 14.th Paragraph of the Court of Directors General letter of the 16.th Sept.r 1783— from undoubted authority I know Lord North his Majestys Secretary of state has been deceived, for he was given to understand that I was to be put on the staff with the proper emoluments. as to my being given out in general orders agreable to my rank K. its a matter entirely resting with the Commander in chief of the Kings troops, & what neither they nor you have the smallest concern in.— Your refusing to allow me the pay of a Major General, which you are pleased to call an indulgence, & which I claim as my right, is a matter of no consequence.— I have not a doubt of recovering from the Company that, & every other claim I have to make.— the inclosure of the 15.th Paragraph of the General letter

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is I conceive meant to shew me the propriety of your having appointed Colo. Lang a Lieut. General & Commander in Chief: however respectable the orders of the Court of Directors ought to appear in your eyes who are employed by them, they have by no means that weight with me, and I dispute their powers orelative to the case in question as much as I did those of the Select Committee, having the satisfaction to know there is not a single step I would not take over again & so little convinced by consequences am I of your opinions. ——

I am &c

(signd) J. Burgoyne

P.S.

Gardens Febry 27th 1784. —

I could wish to know your pleasure as to the allowance for a contrement &c mentioned in my letter of the 25th ——

Read the following Letter from Mr. Mitford. ——

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have lately received a Letter from

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From a Mr. Mitford informing that Mr. Lewin was waiting the order of the Committee at the Cape. ——

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from Mr. Richard Lewin who was appointed Resident at the Cape of Good Hope in October 1780. He desires me to acquaint your Lordship and the Committee that he is waiting your Orders for his future conduct, and at the same time he requests I will apply to you for payment of his arrears of Allowance ——

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Jn.o Mitford

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15.th Febry 1784. —

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As it will be impossible to remit any Cash to Mr. Lewin from hence, and as he must unavoidably during a residence of more than three years, — have incurred many Debts at the Cape of Good Hope, — it is agreed that one fourth of Mr. Lewin's Arrears be discharged by Bills on the Honble the Court of Directors at the Exchange of 8 Shillings ℔ Pagoda, and that a Company's Bond be granted to him for the remaining three fourths of his Arrears: — being from the 2.d October 1780 @ 200 Pag.s ℔ Month; — Agreed likewise

that

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That the appointment of a Resident at the Cape of Good Hope do cease from this time, & that Mr. Lewin be made acquainted with this Resolution, with permission to proceed to England ——

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer ——

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

In Obedience to your Orders that directed me immediately to proceed to Vellore and report to you without delay what repairs would be necessary to put that Fort in a proper state of defence. Together with an Estimate of the expence which would be incurred, particularly pointing out such repairs as it may be absolutely requisite should be undertaken — And in case I should find the Hill-Fort in such a situation as to be incapable of defence against a sudden Attack, that I should not lose a moment in securing it by such temporary Repairs as might

From Col. Ross containing Report concerning the state of the Fort of Vellore, & the Repairs it necessary ——

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might in my Opinion be sufficient, till a permanent Plan shall be adopted in consequence of my Regular Report. —

I have now the Honor to inform You of my arrival here the Night of the 27.th Ultimo, and to acquaint your Lordships &c. that in conformity to your directions I gave an early attention to the Hill Forts. The largest and most southerly of which, Sazarow, is the nearest to the Fort of Vellore, and was that attacked by the Enemy in December 1780. It is nothing more than a thin irregular wall circumscribing the most accessible part of the Hill near the summit, the projecting parts of which in many places become the Rampart, that is elsewhere composed of mud and Stone.

The Fort throughout is very irregular in Form, flanked only by small round Towers scarce large enough to admit of one Gun being wrought to advantage, and the little defence these yield often obstructed by the irregularly projecting Curtains between them. —

The South and North sides of this Fort are not so liable to be attacked, as the East Face; from the great declivity

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of the ground on the former, and by reason of the commanding situation of Guzzarow, or the Middle Hill Fort, and the North Petta Wall, that in some measure secures both Forts on the latter. The practicable Breach reported by Mr. Ryland is on this side, and has undergone a very good temporary repair, with fascines and gabions. And will, I think, be rendered perfectly secure against any sudden attack when stockaded at bottom, which I have recommended to be done. The want of money and materials & rendering any more effectual repair for the present impossible. —

The East-Face is opposed to the unfortified Hills, between which there are Vallies sufficient to cover an approaching Enemy; from them it was that Hyders People breached it in two places. The first, in the Curtain of the East Front; the second, at the South East angular rounel Tower, where they stormed, and were repulsed after being sometime in possession of the breach. —

This Front has since been rebuilt in Chunam, and Embrasures opened to bear on those places where the Enemies batteries

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were erected. near the Southernmost Tower — on a favorable bend in the Curtain, a Gun has been placed well situated for commanding the ground where the Enemy had begun their fourth battery, from whence this part would have been easily breached. A ridge of the Hill covering it from all the other fire of the Fort.

A ditch intended to cover this face of the Fort has been begun, and several yards near the South East Tower excavated. but the difficulties attending the execution and the want of money has prevented its further prosecution. — As the possession of this Large Hill Fort is of the utmost consequence to Vellore, which it overlooks, and may perpetually annoy independant of the other Hill Forts by so directing every shot as to take place within the Garrison, ill provided for such a trying situation. there not being a single Bomb proof in the place to secure the Troops from danger. — I propose leaving Mr. Norris to take an exact Survey of it, with directions to lay it down on a large Scale, and to take such Sections as may enable me to judge with precision of what

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can be done to render it formidable, in hopes of being able to reduce it in size, while I add to its strength. Mr. Ryland the Engineer having been for sometime confined to his house and still continuing ill, depriving me of that assistance I might otherwise have expected from him. — This Survey will be a work of time and considerable labour as no two parts of the Hill are on the same level, and as I have likewise recommended his attention to the relative heights and distances of the Enemies batteries in respect to it, and with respect to the other Hill-Forts; which I have desired he may also Survey, there being no plans of them within my Knowledge. —

These Forts are from situation so commanded and their access so difficult, that very little additional strength can be required for their security; a few Musketteers being all that is necessary for their immediate defence: Should large Guns ever be thought necessary upon them it must be for the purpose of annoying those in approach to the large Hill Fort. —

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Seasonably attention should however be given to their state of repair and if possible a cestern for the reception of water made in the Little Hill Fort, or Mortaz-Aguar, with which article the other Two Forts are already well provided. — There not being a permanent Building on either of the Three Hill-Forts; the Magazines formerly ordered to be made by Sir Eyre Coote in the large ones, not having been executed for want of money. These and such other buildings as may be thought necessary for the protection of the People and stores allotted for their defence, may have their position ascertained with precision when the Surveys are taken. —

Until the breaking out of the present troubles these Forts were in the Possession of the Nabob, and but little known to Europeans: when Hyders attack on that next Vellore shewed how essential they were to the preservation of that Fortress, situated at the foot of the Hills which they command. — From their having been so lately in the Possession of the Nabob, no provision had been made for them in the general arrangement of stores formerly established for the places Garrisoned by the Honble Company's Troops, so that the supplying of them, from the

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stock in Vellore, has entailed great distress on that Garrison during all the War, in itself incompletely provided. —

The Fortification of Vellore in general, are in good repair, the breaches made by the late rains in the interior Revetment being of little detriment to the defence of the Fort. But, for want of a sufficient number of People to keep the Parapets and Ramparts in Order, they are much overgrown with weeds and brushwood that, if not Kept under may in time materially injure the masonry and occasion such breaches as may endanger the place.

The Ditch is broad and full of water, in which are many Alligators. I did not think it advisable to examine its' depth, which is generally conceived to be more considerable than it really is; as in the present situation of things, no immediate remedy could be applied.

On the East, or Pettah side of the Fort the Houses have been cleared away for some distance, and care should be taken to prevent their encroaching again towards it; as notwithstanding this precaution the Pettah itself offers many advantages to an approaching Enemy. But there at present exists a much

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greater evil to be attended to, as it constitutes the greater part of an Attack already formed against that Front. It is the remains of an old French, and of some Works thrown up and left in compleat, forming in their present state an almost entire parallel on this Face, without being exposed to any Flanking Fire from the batteries within the Fort.

I could not learn that the original design was ever made known to the Officers employed in the defence of the Fort, who, so far from considering them as an advantage to the place, imagined it endangered by them; as they yielded cover to an Enemy in their approaches, and so much interrupted the fire from the Ramparts that they employed the greatest part of their weak Garrison in levelling them, whilst the Enemy were before it; and notwithstanding all their exertions, had Meer Siab pushed on his approaches he might have derived considerable advantages from them. The most striking instance I have ever known of the evils arising from unfinished Works.

The Plan of the interior of the Fort of Vellore in my possession differing materially in many respects from the present state of the place. I propose Mr. Norris shall likewise take

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take a Survey of it, judging the present a favorable opportunity for establishing a better distribution of the streets, most of the habitations of the Natives being in ruins. And that You may be the better enabled to judge of the beforementioned Works which I have desired may be particularly traced on the Survey. —

I am sorry to find the buildings belonging to the Naval within the Fort, in very little better condition than those of the other Inhabitants; the Rymal and Killidar's House only — standing. the numerous buildings surrounding and dependant on them, being either down, or very much out of Repair — The Buildings within the Pagoda Walls furnish a great many excellent store Rooms fitted up for Military Purposes, mostly empty, from the scarcity of all discriptions of them, except Powder and Shot. The particular deficiencies appear in the Monthly Returns. ——

Part of the Storehouses for grain have been consumed by fire; and some have fallen into decay — I found the Paymaster, by your Order, clearing some of them away, with an intention of building others on nearby

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the same Plan, substituting Chunam instead of Clay in the laying of his Bricks, and a brick Pier in the middle of the building instead of a Wooden upright to support the roof.—Not having been instructed by your Lordship &c.a respecting them; It was only left for me to give it him as my Opinion, that what he intended would neither answer the purpose of safe, good or permanent Granaries; and that the part of them left standing might at a small expence, be rendered equally serviceable with those he proposed to build; there not being a piece of seasond Timber in the place, nor a better rafter than a bamboo to be procured. I would therefore recommend their being covered with a slight brick arch, like those of the Powder Magazines in the Black Town of Madras, or as the Barracks at Tanjore and Tritchinopoly and with flues and windows placed at proper distances for Air; and likewise that a very particular attention be paid to their flooring.——

In the Fort of Vellore there are Quarters intended for the Reception of one Colonel, one Lieut.t Colonel One Major, thirteen

Captains

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Captains and Forty four Subalterns, a Company of Artillery and Five hundred European Soldiers; Those for the Captains and Subalterns are principally contained in five ranges of Building, of those eighteen or twenty only are habitable chiefly owing to the occasional repairs given them by the present occupants. The Roofs of such of those as have not been lately inhabited, and also the Roof of the Verandas have in many places fallen in. From the badness of the materials of which they are composed, and some defects in the Original design, they in general are not in a condition to be repaired at any moderate expence, if at all. Their Timbers, being of ill proportion and Country Wood or tied in the wall or destroyed by Vermine, bear in many places directly over the Openings of the windows, over which the precaution of turning Arches has been omitted, and thereby Cracks and Settles have been occasioned in the side walls—Upon Timbers thus destroyed, bear Rafters of the same insufficient Countrywood, on which small bamboos are placed close to each other to support a coat of Belly from 4 to 7 Inches thick, covered with two courses of Terrace Bricks of

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Courses of Chunam, whose own weight has brought them down, as the bamboos, ever subject to early decay from moisture or from vermine, have given way.

I found the Private European Barracks occupied by the Sepoys, of whose Bungalo's formerly erected on the East Face, there is not a trace left. The Buildings they now occupy have lately undergone some repair and are in as good condition as can be expected from a covering composed of such materials, and also the Hospital, which can contain two hundred Men.

The Particular Plans & Sections of the beforementioned Buildings I shall have the honor to lay before you on my arrival at the Presidency, together with the Instructions I leave with Mr. Norris, who I have directed to pay particular attention in his Survey of the Interior of the Fort, to the several heights of the Ramparts, above its Terre plein, in expectation of being enabled to construct Bomb Proofs under that of the East Face, secure from the Fire of the Hill Forts. and, I imagine, I shall be likewise able to find out situations for some others that will yield security to the Garrison incase of a siege, and that may during peace serve as Barracks for the Seapoys, if not for Europeans; which together with some expence

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I found the Private European Barracks occupied by the Sepoys, of whose Bungalos formerly erected on the West Face, there is not a trace left. The Buildings they now occupy have lately undergone some repair and are in as good condition as can be expected from a covering composed of such materials, and also the Hospital which can contain two hundred Men.

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Magazines, and a Draw-bridge at the Entrance into the Fort. will oreguire an early attention; when the orepairs to the Quarters, and to the Granaries immediately wanted are made. — as the oreform of the large Hill-Fort cannot be undertaken - until there is peace, and a quantity of materials previously provided; the leaving it at any time long open being unadvisable. —

All the detached Quarters are in want of orepair, and many of them, particularly the Paymasters, supported by Props to prevent the roof from falling in, which must ever be the case until a more permanent mode of building be adopted. ——

By the best information I have been able to obtain through the means of Capt. Cuppage and Mr. Ogilvie who have every obligingly afforded me every assistance, there are now to be procured about Twenty Bricklayers, Twelve Carpenters, Ten Smiths and Brick= =cutters to make about Three Lacks of bricks per month, with Chunam more than sufficient to lay that quantity. At present there is not a single stonecutter in the place, though the Carvings in the Pagoda shew great skill in that kind of work. ——

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Were no particular exertions to be required, I imagine plain Brickwork in Chunam might be done for about 4 fanams P.r cubic foot, and arched work for double that Sum; But of this I shall be better enabled to judge when I have had an Opportunity of observing the manner in which it is conducted on the Company's account. — And have the honor to lay before you, after further information, the particular Plans of what I shall recommend on Considering the Surveys. —

It is with concern I perceive the money hitherto laid out for the accommodation of the Troops in this Garrison, has been expended on temporary buildings, now in so ruinous a state as to make the like expence in a great degree again necessary, although they were only finished about the Year 1775.

I cannot therefore too earnestly recommend that whatever is now to be undertaken may be formed on a more permanent Plan and built with more durable materials. As a further inducement to this, I could have wished to have had it in my power to state to you the greatest expense that has already been

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thus unprofitably applied; but neither being a Member of the Committee of Accounts, nor possessing other means of seeing the disbursements at the Out-Garrisons in my Department; it is therefore out of my power, and makes it a justice due to myself to inform your Lordship &c.a that no part of these incurred for the Fortifications of this Garrison ever came under my direction. —

I have the honor to be most respectfully &c.a-

Vellore
8.th February 1784.-

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut Col.e & Chief Engineer

The President acquaints the Committee,- as no time might be lost, in finishing the Granaries at Vellore that he has transmitted to the Paymaster of that Garrison - the Extract from the foregoing Letter which relates to those buildings and has desired that He will inform the Committee what additional Expence, if any, - will be incurred by making to the Granaries the alterations recommended by Colonel Ross. —

Minute thereon -

The further Consideration of the Chief

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Chief Engineer's Letter is deferred till the next meeting. ——

Read the following Letter from Capt.n Colvin ——

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

My Lord/

From Capt.n Colvin giving an account of his Success in procuring Grain for the Supply of Vellore ——

This Evening I have had the honor to receive a letter from the Secretary acknowledging the Receipt of my address to your Lordship of the 18th Instant, enclosing a translate of a letter received from Burnrauze and signifying the desire of the Honble Committee that I proceed without loss of time to the Callastra Polliem, and that in consequence thereof they had thought proper to direct Captain Cuppage to send me as Officer from his Garrison to be subject to my Orders and to remain here in my absence to see Macharauze perform the Engagements he has entered into with the Company ——

As this letter is of the same date with the last I had the honor of addressing to your Lordship, and consequently dispatched before its arrival, I have taken the liberty presuming on that

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circumstance and the latitude Government has been pleased to confer upon me in the manage= =ment of the business here, to dispatch a Letter to Captain Cuppage on the Subject of the above directions to him, hoping / as it can no way affect the Service / to suspend their effect till your Lordships further pleasure be known- -and as I have therein explained my ideas at large I have thought proper to enclose your Lordship a copy- The Commandant there mentioned is an old Servant and a person of trust and with your Lordships consent I think fit for and equal to the Service in every respect for which I have situated him.—

In the idea that the Contents of my last address will be conducive to your Lordships satisfaction & meet with Governments approbation, and that there is not a moment to be lost in departing for the other Polliers, I have determined to proceed in the course of tomorrow in Company with Macharauze towards Nendericote two marches from hence (being so far in my way to the Callastree Country) where I shall be obliged to remain for a few days to accomplish some points

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that remain unsettled. —

Unwilling to give your Lordship the trouble of too frequent a correspondence, I have taken occasion to entreat the Commander in Chief to augment my Escort as a mean of increasing my influence, being of opinion that the further I move from the Presidency the better I should be supported— But should I have the honor to receive this reinforcement, I shall find myself at a loss now to subsist them, unless your Lordship will be pleased to find the means of sending me a supply of Cash, or in lieu, positive orders upon the Polligars to let me have a sufficiency upon Receipt to defray my expences which if they will furnish me with a daily allowance of Rice will be but trifling. —

The Venkatagherry Rajah has sent his answer to my Letter to him dispatched on my arrival here, by a Bramin whom he calls his Vackeel, in which he complains heavily of what he has suffered since the Commencement of the troubles, and consequently of the melancholy State of his Districts, to which I have replied to the Vackeel

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An Extract from Captain B. Clowes letter
Dated Nazgry 23d Febry 1784

The Callasteree Rajah has neglected to reply to my letter and the Vengata gurry man has sent this answer by a Braman whom he calls his Vakeel – from the terms in which it is expressed, I plainly perceive I shall have a difficult game to play at those Pollams – From the necessity I shall soon be reduced to for want of Cash, and the earnest manner in which I have addressed his Lordship on this head, added to the General good offices I doubt not of soon receiving a supply in which case I must request of the General to augment my Escort by at least /40/ forty Sepoys and ten or fifteen of the best of the irregular Horse – This will give me consequence, besides I shall be obliged to leave part of the people I now have, behind me here, which is extremely inconvenient, as the further I go from the Presidency, the better I should be supported, sensible of this I should have required a larger Escort on leaving Madras, but as I was so much distressed for Cash, I saw I should have been intirely at a loss

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Low to have subsisted them. — Tell the General that my own Expences are as trifling as possible but the Company's People here (where they have no allowance of Rice) must have wherewithal to procure a subsistence & that it is an Object worthy of Governments notice of gratify me in these little matters for if I can carry my point at the other Pollams it shall be in a manner that will contribute wholly to their satisfaction — but money I must have or positive orders upon the Poligars to supply one with a sufficiency to subsist myself and my Suite. — Trusting to meet with every support sanction & assistance I dont confine my views to the Calastry & Venkatagerry Pollams only — there are many Pollams to the westward of this near Vellore, possessing Districts that have been but little disturbed & are consequently capable of affording large supplies of Grain with whom I may find time to try my hands. —

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To Captain Cuppage
Commanding at Vellore

Sir

I had the honor to address the
Right

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Right Honble President on the 22d. Instt.
informing of Macharauzes having come
under a formal written agreement with me
to throw his supply of 5,000 Colleums of
Paddy into Vellore by the 18th. day of
April next, which I observed according to
my information would require the utmost
of his endeavours to perform. ——

By the Receipt of a letter
from the Secretary of the Honble Committee
under Date 22d. of this Month, I learn
that they have been pleased to direct you
to send me a European Officer from your
Garrison to be subject to my Orders, whom
I am to leave there while employed in the
other Colleums to see Macharauze fulfill
what he has promised. ——

I am fully sensible of the wisdom
and Propriety of the Honble Committees
Precautions in this respect, but as I am of
Opinion at the same time that the accomplish=
=ment of that desirable object may be
brought about by the influence and good
management of the Commandant of the
Commander

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Commander in Chiefs Marksmen who
speaking all the Languages and being thoroughly
acquainted with the Country may be stationed
with a few Sepoys over the Rajah in my
absence, with directions to communicate with
me as occasion may require, having brought
him along with me originally for the purpose,
I should rather decline with the approbation
of Government employing a European Officer
on this Service till the last extremity, when
availing myself of the Honble Committees
instructions I shall apply to you for one. —

I have given assurances to the
Rajah that Government will be satisfied
with his agreements with me, and that they
are fully confident they will be strictly fulfilled,
so that I fear was a European Officer third
mistrust to be immediately stationed over him
particularly as he resides in the very heart
of the Polliem it would create disgust, by
an favorably affecting his Characters, and thereby
lessening his Consequence in the Eyes of his own,
and the neighbouring Polligars, the measure
being novel and perhaps ion prudented. —

I shall do myself the honor to
transmit a Copy of this to the Right Honble
President

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President and as Government has been pleased to invest me with a wide latitude in the management of the business - I am here employed upon. I am not without sanguine hope that my Ideas on the above Subject may still meet with their Sanction And approbation. —

Naggery
24th Febry 1784 -

I have the honor to be &c

(signed) B. Close

The Committee conceiving the business on which Captn. Close is deputed to be more a conciliatory Measure than a Military Expedition, & that the Exertions of the Polygars must be excited rather by the dread of the Company's Authority & the hope of enjoying their protection in future than by any immediate Act of Force at this Moment, - they do not think it necessary to make any addition to Captn. Close's Escort, tho' they have no objection to his taking a few of the Calestry Peons -

Agreed in consequence of what Captn. Close has mentioned in favor of the Commanding Officer of the Marksmen, - that he do

remain

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remain with Muckrauze & that Capt.
Cuppage be directed to withdraw Ensign Frane —

The Committee hope that Captain
Close's oeconomy, & his receipts on the Company's
Account, will render unnecessary any further
Advances in addition to the 250 Pagodas which
the President informs them had been sent to
Captain Close a few days since in consequence of
his application. —

The President acquaints the Committee
that a man of the name of Tally is now confined
in the Main Guard upon the Complaint of
several persons whom he is accused of having
defrauded; — it is agreed that the further
disposal of this Man be referred to the
Civil Department. —

Read the following Letter and
Enclosure from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We are honoured with your Letter
of the 28th and in case of the Pigot touching here,
We shall order her to Coringa, but having
already

From Vizagapatam informing that the Pigot would be dispatched to Coringa on his arrival at Vizagapatam —

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already Shipped all our Bales, that were in Readiness, We fear We shall have none of our own, to send by her —

Madame Le Bocey who came here last Year with a Passport & an Order to receive her Pension, that had been granted to her husband, for Services in the former War, having lately died, We gave orders for Stopping any further payments on that account, which produced an address from her Daughter. —

(a Widow) enclosing Copy of a Paper Signed by the Late Lord Pigot when first Governor of Fort St. George - Copy of the address & the Paper We now transmit & Requesting your Lordships &c. Orders upon the Subject. —

We are very Respectfully &c

Signed
Claud Russell
Chas Maxtone
Michl. Rentzing

Vizagapatam
9th February 1784 —

To Claud Russell Esqre
Chief &c. Council of Vizagapatam

Gentlemen,

In Consequence of a Special Letter

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which Mr. Martin communicated to me, I take the Liberty of supplicating your Goodness to continue the Bounty, which my Father — acquired at the expence of his fortune and honor — and You will see Gentlemen by the enclosed Certificates that he did not fail in any of the Conditions which he promised to undertake —

After his Death the Governor & Council were pleased to deduct 10 Pagodas from our small monthly allowance and my Mother now being dead, I have greater need of your Charitable Assistance, than ever, and hope You not refuse me this humble my Request —

How can I possibly live without Your protection for by the Engagement made by my father, we have lost all our fortune and Expectations, which we might be entitled to, from the French — But being discended from, an English Extraction he could not refuse to serve them — even to the detriment of his Honor and the Ruin of his family. He is now dead and my Brother F. J. Le Bœuf. an Officer in Mr. Lacoans Volunteers, is also dead & my brother in law, a Surgeon, in your Service. is no more, and I am the only one left of this unfortunate family, whose only hope is, crested in You,

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should I now be abandond what then is
to become of me. —

I earnestly intrest your commisera=
=tion of my unhappy situation and assure
You, that my only Expectation of subsistence,
is in your Generosity, and I hope your
Humanity will spare her from despair &
which she will remember the remainder
of her Life with sincerest gratitude and
respect. —

Sam &c
(Signed) Le Breef
late Commander

A true Copy
(Signed) T. W. Drake
Secry

Whereas Le Breef late Master
of the Port of Mauritius and now a
Prisoner of War to His Britannick Majesty
has engaged to proceed on board a Squadron
of His Majesty's Ships under the Command
of Richard Teddeman Esqre and in Case
of an attempt being made upon that I stand
to give Information in regard to the proper
anchoring Places for the Ships, the debar=
=kation of the Troops and the Conducting

of

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of them by the best Roads to the Town,
I George Pigot Governor of Fort St. George
for affairs of the United East India Company
do oblige myself for them to make a Monthly
Allowance to the Wife and Family of the said
Le Bouef of Thirty Pagodas till he shall
return, when, should he produce from the
Commanding Officer of the Expedition a Certificate
of his having faithfully rendered the Services
abovementioned I engage that the said Allowances
shall be continued to him during Life and
in Case of the Death of the said Le Bouef
whilst on the intended Expedition, that a proper
Allowance shall be made to his Family
for their Support. —

(Signed) George Pigot

A true Copy
W. Drake
Secry

Minute thereon

Agreed that Madame Comprandre
the only surviving Daughter of Mr. Le Bouef
be allowed 15 Pagodas p Month in consideration
of her Father's Services during last War,
as is authenticated by the Certificate enclosed
in the Letter from Madame Comprandre —

Agreed likewise that advances be made

to

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to the Bullock Mastries on account, by Monthly Installments of 10,000 Star Pags. each in Bills on the Governor General & Council at 400 Rupees pr. 100 Star Pagos. instead of the former Exch: of 375 Rupees till further Orders —

Read the following Letter from the Committee of Stores with their Minutes of the 25th Instant —

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

My Lord and Gentlemen,

Herewith we have the Honor to lay before your Lordship &ca our Proceedings of the 25th Instant. —

We have the Honor to be &c

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23d Febry 1784. —

" Patrick Ross
" John Kennedy
B. Scottney
" —

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At a Committee of Stores Present

Lieutenant

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Lieut. General Ross Lang, (absent)
Lieut. Colonel Patrick Ross,
Lieut. Colonel John Kennedy,
Bryan Scattney Esqr.

Read Letter from Mr. Secretary Wray enclosing an Indent of Stores wanted to compleat the former establishment in the Garrison of Vizagapatam, which the Committee take into consideration, and, on referring to the Establishments for the Hble Company's Garrisons made in the Year 1775, found, that two 12 Prs, five 9 Prs, two 6 Prs, and two 4 Prs, were allotted for Vizagapatam, and that by the column of Remains annexed to the Indent now before them, there want to compleat that establishment, two 12 Prs and six 9 Prs and two 4 Pr Garrison Carriages - only as neither the 24 Prs or 18 Prs were included in that statement and

Orders of the Sele. Committee thereon — All the heavy Guns at Vizagapatam having been sent to Ganjam on the appearance of the French Fleet in beginning of the Year 1781, — it is agreed that the Committee of Stores be directed to compleat the Establishment of 1775. — The Committee approve of the Powder having been sent to the Southward by the Isabella. —

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and are now indented for. Agreed, to inform the Right Honble the Presid.t and Select Committee of this circumstance, and to request their directions with respect to what Ordnance should be sent to Vizagapatam. —

Agreed likewise to inform them that the 250 Barrels of Powder with the Field Artillery and Stores, indented for, have been sent on the Snow Isabella. —

2. The Committee take into consideration a List of deficiencies of Stores in the Garrison, and agree that it be complied with, agreable to the remarks of the Company. —

Approved

3. Read an Indent from Tripassore, as likewise two from Permacoil and one from Masulipatam — Agreed that the three former be complied with agreeable

The Committee of Stores to be directed to lay before the Select Committee the Indents received from Permacoil & Tripassore —

to the Commissarys remarks, and likewise as much of the latter as the present state of the Stores will admit, the rest must be deferred untill the arrival of the next Stores from Europe. —

4th. The Commissary of Stores delivers in a List of Ordnance and Military Stores in readiness to supply a part of the deficiencies in the Garrison of Vellore; which the Committee agree to lay before the Right Honble the President and Select Committee, and to request their directions thereon. —

Agreed to adopt Colonel Ross's opinion with respect to sending to Vellore four 18 Dr. and four 12 Pdr of the short constructions, if there any of that size in the Stores. Agreed likewise that the Secretary be directed to write a Letter to the Storekeeper at Trichinopore to send to Madras the Limbers & Transport Carriages left there. —

Lieut Colonel Ross Recommends that in addition to the proportion of Stores already established for the Garrison of Vellore, a further Provision might be made for the Hills Forts, which untill the War were garrisoned by the Nabob, but are now occupied by a Detachment of the Company's Troops from Vellore — The quantity of

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of Ordnance that will be required for them, he cannot exactly ascertain, as he is in hopes some additions may be made to their defences — But, he thinks, no time should be lost in sending four 18 Prs and four 12 Pounders —

If the twelves be of the short construction, and with Truck Carriages, the better — as the present Ramparts, give but little room for their traversing. —

Colonel Ross further begs leave to observe, that he saw at Trichinopore several Transport Carriages and several Limbers, left there by the Army which he would recommend may be brought to the Presidency by the first return of Bullocks from thence, and that directions from the Right Honble the President and Select Committee be sent to the Storekeeper there to deliver them to the Order of this Committee. —

The

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The Committee concur with Lieut.t Colonel Ross in his opinion as above stated, and observe the propriety of his recommendation, and agree to request the attention of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to it. ——

5 Read Letter from Mr. Secretary Macey directing that four 18 Pr.s and six 6 Pr.s with their Tumbrils, Stores &.ca be sent to Negapatam for the use of the Southern Army. which, agreable to the orders from the Right Honble the Presid.t and Select Committee, the Commissary Reports, have been shipped on board the Snow, Three Friends. — Approved

6 Read another Letter from Mr. Secretary Macey transmitting one from Capt.n Mandeville, belonging to the Artillery on the Bencoolen Establishment addressed to the Commander in

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in Chief at that Settlement, enclosing two Reports, one of Bengal, and the other of Madras. Powder, which had formerly been reported on, and proved, by Captain Mandeville. — The Committee have nothing to add on this subject further than what they expressed in their Proceedings of the 12th May 1783, but could have wished, that as Captn Mandeville felt himself aggrieved by the opinion of this Committee, he would have permitted Lieut. Campbell, who proved the Powder from Bengal, to have done that likewise from Madras, instead of proving it a second time himself. ——

7th Read a Letter from Mr. Secretary Wasey of yesterday's date, enclosing an Indent for Stores from Tanjore, the particulars of which as there has not been time to examine, Approved

Always

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Agreed to report upon it more fully at the next meeting, but that the Powder and the other Articles in dented for, which are in readiness, be sent by the conveyance which now offers.—

8 Read the following Letter from the Major of Artillery and Commissary General of Stores, in Camp, addressed to this Committee, accompanied by a Tumbril on a new construction. Viz.t

Approved——

"We have the
"honor of sending for your
"inspection a Tumbril on
"a new Construction, which
"We think better calculated
"for the service than those
"now used; and should it
"be approved of by you,
"We request that you will
"direct, that all Tumbrils
"hereafter wanted for the
"Service, be made on the
"same plan ——
"From its construction
"it will travel much
"easier, than the present
"Tumbrils, and is not so

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"Likely to be hit by Shot
"or Rockets — The Box
"in front for small Stores
"is very convenient, and
"of great use leaving the
"Tumbril clear; That
"when the Artillery man
"opens it, instead of moving
"Match, saluting Cartridges.
"Tubes &c.a which loses
"time and causes confusion
"in Action, the Ammunition
"he wants is seen at once,
"and is easily got at. —
"We have laden the
"Tumbril with Ammunition
"of different sorts, and
"find it contains as
"much as those now used."

Camp at Mount
13th Febry 1784

(signed) Jno. Rigault
Major Artillery
Jos. Moorhouse
Commissary Gen.l of Stores

The Committee having
examined the Tumbril, and
finding it possesses all the
advantages set forth in the
above Letter, agree to
Recommend to the Right
Honble the President and
Select Committee that such
Tumbrils, as may be hereafter
wanted, be made up on
the same construction. —

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9 The Commissary of
Stores or Ports to the Committee
that 100 Carts have been received
from the Contractors Yard, in
part of the Commander in Chiefs
Indent. ——

" Patrick Ross
(signed) " John Kennedy
" D Scottney

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Ordnance & Military Stores recommended
to be sent to Vellour to supply a part of the
Deficiencies of that Garrison ——

Iron Guns	24 Pdr.		5
	18 Pdr. French		5
	12 Pdr.		6
Field Carriages with Limbers	24 Pdr.		5
	18 Dr. Garrison with Limbers		6
	12 Dr. Field Dr.		7
Brass Mortars	10 Inch.		1
	8 Dr.		2
	5½ Dr.		1
Mortars Beds	10 Inch		1
	8 Dr.		2
	5½ Dr.		1
Brass Howitzers with Carriages & Limbers compleat.			
	5½ Inch		2

Carbines

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Empty Shells	10 Inch		200
	8	Do	400
	5/2	D.	800
Round Shot Iron	24	Pdr.	1000
	18	D. French	2000
	12	D. English	2500
Empty Cloth Cartridge Bags			
	24	Pdr.	1200
	18	D.	3200
	12	D.	3600
Serge Cartridges Empty			
	6	Pdr.	1000
	3	Pdr.	1500
Live Fuzees	10	Inch	250
	8	D.	500
	5/2	D.	1000
Tubes filled	24	Pdr.	1,000
	18	D.	200
Muskets with Spring Bayonets			1500
Europe Musket Pouches			500
Spunges with Ramheads			
	24	Pdr.	10
	24	D. French	10
	12	D.	12
Mortar Spunges	10	Inch	2
	8	D.	4
	5/2	D.	4
Ladles with Wadhooks	24	Pdr.	5
	18	D.	5
	12	D.	6
Gun Quoins		Upper	79
		Under	70

Quoins

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Quick Match	Lbs. 30
Purchasing Hand Spikes	164
Pick Axes	162
Alamotys	500
Mortar Cart	1

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And Lieut. Colonel Ross recommends for the Defence of the Hill Forts 4 – 18 Pdrs – & 4 – 12 Pdrs with Carriages & a proportion of Stores belonging to them in addition to the above. ——

Signd Bedford Comy Stores

The President lays before the Committee a Bond, – delivered to his Lordship by the Prize Agents of the Southern Army which they received from the Resident of Tanjore, for the Sum of Thirty two Thousand and forty four Star Pagodas and Seven Fanams (Star P.s 32044 " 7 " –) ——

Agreed that Company's Bonds be granted for the above Amount in lieu of the Bond signed by Mr. Sulivan, with Interest at 8 ₱ Cent to this date. ——

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Read the following Letter from the Governor General & Council of Bengal enclosing an account. —

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the Honor to transmit

From Bengal informing of the advances made there to Kings Officers —

You an account of the several Sums advanced by our Military Paymaster General to his Majestys. Officers and Troops in Bengal, for the purpose of your adjusting it with the Military Paymaster General of his Majestys Troops at your Presidency, We have directed that all advances in future should be made to Mr. Macauley deputy Military Paymaster General to the Kings Troops on account, who will issue it according to the Instructions he has received from his Principal. ——

We have the Honor to be &c

Warren Hastings
Edw.d Wheler
John Stables

Gen.l Dept.
Fort William
the 27.th January
1784 —

Signed

Advances

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Advances made by the Military Pay Master General on Account of a Detachment of his Majestys 102d. Regiment of Foot under the Command of Captain Honeyborne ——

1782
Novr. Advanced Captn. Honeyborne as p. Receipt which I have transmitted to Mr. Macauley Deputy Paymaster to his Majestys Troops in India - 5000 " -"

Decr. D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - 6960 " -
83
Jany. D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - 4640 " -
Febry. D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - 4640 " -
March D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - 2320 " -
May D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - 6000 " -"
June D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. - 5000 " -
Augt. D°. - - - - D°. - - - - D°. D°. 6000
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18500 " - 53060 " -

1783
May To the Contractor for Victualing the Army
Paid the Following Sums on Account of the Detachment - For Victualling the Non Commissioned & Private Men under Captain Honeyborne "
for November 1782 - - - - 697. 13. 8.
D°. - - - - D°. - - Capt. Church } 649 2 8
for November 1782 - - - - }
Ditto D°. - - - - D°. Capt. Honeyborne } 1394. 10. 11
for December - - - - - - - - }
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D°. - - D°. Capt. Honeyborne for Febry - 1176 " 8
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D°. D°. Capt. Gunthorpe - - D°. - - - - 1212. 5. 6
D°. - - D°. - - D°. Honeyborne for April - 1095. 12. 6
D°. - - D°. Capt. Church - - - - D°. - - - 897. 15. 1
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Brought Over	43306. 3. 10	53060 " —
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D.o — D.o — D.o — D.o Capt.n Church D.o	1017. 9. 8	
Tonnage Rep.s —	19943. 2 "	
Batta 11 p.r Cent —	2,193. 11 7	22,136 13 7

To Mr. Williams Surgeon for Medicines and attendance upon Two Hundred and Twenty Three men, Ten Women, and Five Children belonging to His Majesty's 102d. Regt. — Audited by the Commissary General — 1199. 8 4.

Sept.r To Capt.n Church advanced him p.r Receipt — 4500 " —

To Mr. Bruere paid his Bill for Freight for Five Officers and a Lady belonging to the 102d. Regiment by Order of the Board — 9,487. 9. 7

Paid Captain Church's Bill for Passage in the Ships Ann and Amelia by order of the Board — 8207 " —

Current Rupees — 99,090. 15 6

P.M. Gen.l's Office
7th January 1784.

Errors Excepted
(Sign.d) Claud Alexander
Mil.y Pay.r Gen.l

A true Copy
(Sign.d) W Bruere
Secry

600 Fort St George 27. February 1784.

Ordered That Copies of the foregoing Letter & of the enclosed Account be sent to the Military Paymaster General, — to the Deputy Paymaster Genl. of the Kings Troops, and to Captn Armstrong Commanding the 102d. Regiment with a desire that they will report their opinions thereon. ——

Read the following Letter from Mr. Taner Storekeeper at Chingleput. —

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

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Mr. Taner acquainting that the Provisions at Chingleput were unfit for use —

Previous to Sir Eyre Cootes taking the Field in January 1781. a Quantity of Salt Provisions was sent here and deposited in the Stores for the use of the Army, with Orders not to make use of any part of it, but in cases where the exigencies of the Garrison might require, the State and condition of the Salt Provisions was some time since reported to the late Commander in Chief for the information of the Honble Board, but as no Orders have been received in consequence, I think it necessary to acquaint

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acquaint your Lordship &c. that from the length of time it has been in Store all the pickle is dried up and the Meat become putrid and so offensive that I must orequest your permission to have it removed and buried —

I have the honor to be

Chinglepet 23d. Febry 1784.—

with perfect esteem &c —

(signed) Thead, I. Taner
Storek.r —

Agreed that the Commanding Officer at Chinglepet with two other Officers be directed to examine into and report upon the State of the Salt Provisions, — after which the Committee will be enabled to pronounce upon the necessity of destroying those Provisions —

Read the following Letters from Captain George Campbell, Commanding at Nellore — & from Lieut.t Lennan —

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

Doctor Fergusson having declared

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From Capt.n Campbell requesting leave to resign the command of Nellore ——

it to be his opinion that my Health requires an immediate Removal to the Presidency. I have to request the approbation and Consent of your Lordship &c.a thereon, and as it is probable my situation may not admit of waiting till I am honord with a reply. I presume in that Case, my resigning the Command of the Garrison &c.a to the next Senior Officer on the Spot (Lieut.t Miller) will meet with the approbation of your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Committee. —

I have the honor to be &c.a
(Signed) Geo: Campbell

Nellore
20.th Febry 1784. —

To Lieut.t Colonel Ross
Chief Engineer &c.a
Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. Lennon requesting continuance of his Batta. ——

I was favoard with your Letter of the 8.th a few Day ago. The Council of Masulipatam having thro Motives of Oconomy, orderd all extra Expences attending the Army in the Field, to be struck off, I was of cource ordered into Garrison; however, upon Captain Brownes sending a Copy of that Part of your Letter which mentions Lord Macartneys desire that I may continue here

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here, untill some Arrangements take Place.—
They acquiesced immediately, but were so rigid
as positively to deny my Batta; The Receit
of Which was the only Motive I had, in
giving the Preference to Ellore— Nor was I
conceive this to be understood in his Lordships
Permission, I shall make use of the Liberty
granted me, of Staying here, until I can have
the Pleasure of another Line from you,
which from the generous and obliging Manner
in which you have ever acted towards me,
will I shall hope, be productive of a Continuance
of my Batta. ——

Capt Prescott has been so good as to
authorize me to say, I have his hearty
concurrence in this as well as any thing else
that can contribute to my Welfare; and I
beg you to believe, that Oconomy is the only
Motive the Board here have acted by, towards
me, as I have ever made it my Study to
Keep well with them. ——

Ellore Jany 19th 1784— I have the Honor to be with the
highest Respect &c ——

(Signed) W: Caulfield Senior

Agreed that Captain Campbell
be permitted to proceed to the Presidency
on

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on account of his ill Health; — Mr. Lennan will of course receive the same Batta as the other Officers in the Fort of Ellore, — which is an half batta Garrison. ——

Ordered that an advance of five thousand (5000) Star Pagodas be made to Bryan Scottney Esq.r by Bills on Bengal at the Exchange of 375 Rup.s P 100 Star Pagodas — The amount to be carried to the Debit of the "Military Store Keeper." ——

Ordered that two thousand (2000) Star Pagodas be advanced to Veera Permaul Pillah to remit on account of the Commission to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun — The amount to be carried as in the former advances for the same Service to the Head of "Second Wars with Hyder Ally." ——

Ordered that a Bill on Bengal for Star Pag.s One Thousand (Pag.s 1000) at the Exchange of 375 Rupees P 100 Pag.s be granted to Mr. Peter Battgen or Order, being the amount of Freight of Stores &c. for the Southern Army on board of the Snow General Abbestie. ——

Ordered

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Ordered that Bills on Bengal at 375 Rupees ₰ c/o Star Pagodas be granted to Mr. John Stoll or Order for Arcot Rupees One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty (AR: 1652) being the amount of Freight of Stores &c sent to Vizagapatam on Board of the Snow Isabella.

Ordered that two Sets of Bills on Bengal be granted in favor of Mr. William Ross or Order for five Thousand (5000) Pagodas each at the Company's Exchange — the Amount to be carried to the debit of the "Agents". —

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28th Received the following letters from Col. Fullarton & Mr. Sullivan

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.

Governor & President & Select Committee

of Fort St. George

From Col. Fullarton enclosing letter from the Commissioners, Col. Campbell delivers up Mangalore is assembling the Southern army to act hostily wishes for definitive instructions detaches Lieut. Agnew to throw himself into Paliatcherry, & to urge the Rajah of Travancore to assist him with four Batts of Sepoys

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship & the Honorable Board, that I have this Moment received a letter from the Commissioners dated 11th Feby Camp near Mangalore — It evidently bears the marks of hurry & Confusion — Tippoo Sultan had intimated to them his intention of moving to Seringapatam with his Army & part of his Force was actually marching: but the Commissioners say — they know not whether. — As the Negotiations have taken this turn & the Army of Tippoo Sultan is in all probability already advancing towards this Quarter of his Dominions, I shall conceive myself as indispensibly bound to act as if War had actually recommenced, until I shall have the honor of hearing from Your Lordship & the Board. For this purpose letters shall be immediately dispatched to assemble the Southern Army on the boundaries of Tippoo's territories — I shall be anxious to have definitive instructions before I shall take any material Movements or hostile Measures upon myself; but, as Mangalore has been reduced by Famine; of which I have authentic information from Colonel

Campbell

28th Campbell, I as the Commissioners inform me that they have settled Nothing with Tippoo & as his Army is Moving. Ithey know not wheither — Ishall not lose any favorable Opportunity that may occur — for it is impossible that the Army can remain Stationary on the boundaries without indangering our Subsistence —

Palicatcherry is still in the hands of the Zamorin who has a Cash of Cullums of Paddy hidden in it's District. & I have Dispatched Lieut: Agnew with an Escort some days ago to urge the Rajah of Travancore to support him with 4 Battalions, & to furnish a Supply of Stores, with which, I am inclined to hope that Lieut: Agnew will find means to throw himself into Palagatcherry — after that event takes Place, I should not be alarmed to hear that Tippoo's whole Army had marched against it. Every other possible Exertion shall be made. I proceed tomorrow to Madura - Tanjore, Trichinopoly & Carour, & hope very soon to inform you my Lord & Gentlemen that the Army is enforced.

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) W: Fullarton

Calicutty
22d February 1784

A True & Exact Copy, the blots the same in the Original.

To Colonel William Fullarton

Sir

We arrived here the 6th Instant — Colonel Campbell had delivered up Mangalore a few days before — We have settled nothing yet and it is very uncertain wheither the Peace will take Place — Tippoo Sultaun has intimated his intention

28th. intention to march from hence with his army to Se=
=ringapatam, & part of his troops & some Guns are now actu=
=ally moving, but, which way they are really going, we can
as yet form no judgement -

We are
&c.
(Sign'd) Jno. Sadleir
George Leonard Staunton
J. Huddleston

This You will perceive
is written in great haste

A true Copy
Sign'd W. Fullarton

Camp near Mangalore
11th. February 1784

near

From Mr. Sulivan
inclosing letter from Col.
Fullarton and Extract of a
letter from Col: Forbes, en=
=couraging overtures from
some Zemindars in the
Arcalore Country. The Mi=
=nisters of Arcalore and War=
=ahallam receive the Instru=
=ment, the Southern Army in
want of European Artillery.
Mr. Taylor at Seringapatam
to use his endeavours to induce
the Commander of the Three
Friends to go to Seringapatam

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit Your Lord=
=ship a Letter from Colonel Fullarton with one from the
Commissioners to him of the 11th. instant - Your Lordship
will also find under the same Cover extract of a letter from
Col. Forbes to me of the 21st. with the answer which I dispatched
some time ago. I have had overtures from some of the Zemindars
in the Arcalore Country, which I shall now judge it necessary
to encourage. Upon the same principle of Service I will to=
=morrow deliver to the Ministers of Tirrore & Arcalore the
instruments by which they are to hold their Countries as a
specific rent when recovered from the Enemy. The Minister
of Warriarpollom received his some time ago. The Polygar
of that Country, being in possession of the greater part of
his Districts, the Instrument executed by him shall be
transmitted to Your Lordship tomorrow -

The Corps of European Artillery with

&c &c

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28th Coll Fullarton's army is so very weak in Comparison with the Number of Guns he has in the field, that if the reinforcement arrived on the Swallow Could possibly be Spared, it would be an im=portant accession of strength in this line, and we should be materially assisted by a number of Lascars. —

I have sent orders to Mr. Taylor at Negu=patam to use every argument in his power to induce the Commander of the three friends to go with the Stores to Ne=gapatam — I will tomorrow repeat these orders & direct that, if the Commander should not agree to go to that part, the Stores may be sent round by boat.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir

(signed) J. Sullivan.

Tanjore
25th February
midnight

Extract of a letter from Colo. Forbes to
Mr. Sullivan dated Darapooram 21st Febry 1784

A Sepoy arrived this Morning from Ma==ysore Boys Camp, where he had been prisoner for some days he says that the report was that Tippoo would be here soon and that the people were all in high Spirits, true or false I know not. I am upon very good terms with a certain Com=mander in this neighbourhood, and he is upon very bad Terms with his Superior. I understand much alarmed should the Bahadar come into this Country — could things be brought about how far would you go: the party Consist of a 1000 — & Col: Fullarton is with You, You must both write me fully ——

P Mr

28th

Mr. Sullivan to Col. Forbes —

Your letter of the 22d. is just arrived but Colonel Fullarton is not. and, therefore, I must Content myself with offering You the ideas that Suggest themselves to me. I can well Conceive the extent of the Commanders apprehensions & of his danger, & that the delay of a day may be the loss of his life: but, I can also Conceive, that the desertion of such a party to us & the admission of it to our service, might retard if not break off the negotiation for a Peace so much wished for, and now, perhaps, approaching to a conclusion. there seems to me, however, a middle way namely that the Commander should apply to You for a safe passage for himself & party thro our Provinces, & that You should grant this to him with an assurance that, if the War should be renewed, he should be entertained in our service with such of his party as, upon review, were found fit for service & that the revenues of Carroor & Aravacurchy should be assigned for their payment that, if a Peace should take place & the Company should think proper to keep up a Corps of Irregular Cavalry, he should certainly have an option of such service & preference to any other. that, if the Company should not establish such a Corps, he should not only have free & safe passage through the Carnatic, but that, in consideration of his temporary loss of service, he should have a present of ten thousand Rupees to be disposed of as he may think

proper

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proper, & for the performance of this last, You may pledge Your personal security or I will deposit the money with a Sowcar

If the Commander should be satisfied with this mode of arrangement, it would be right that he should make the application for free passage in writing, stating that, we having declined his offer of service at this time & he being determined to leave the Service of Tippoo, and having no road of safety but through the Carnatic, he therefore sollicited permission for himself & party to pass by Darapooram into our provinces; that, if a Safe Conduct for this purpose was not granted him, he should be obliged to enter the Carnatic as he could & to push his way through the Arcot Country; that necessity would then compel his people to plunder for their Subsistance, that Sicle Saibs people might possibly follow him & commit Ravages & that much mischief would be done to the Country, which he wished to prevent

You will Perceive that I write on the supposition that the Commander sees his danger and has not time to balance, for should be otherwise it will certainly be more reasonable that he should remain where he is under the assurance that in the event of War, he will be rewarded as well as employed, which assurance You may give him in writing, if he should desire it —

As I do not believe You have any intelligent Interpreter with You, I send You in Malabar the Propositions to be made to the Commander,

Extract of a letter from Col.: Forbes to Mr. Sulivan
Dated at Darapooram 22d. February 1784

A party of about 50 of the enemys horse made

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28th. made an attempt to charge a Small guard of mine yesterday at a Village about nine miles from this, the guard fired upon them, I fancy, without doing execution — I cannot say, but I take for granted this was on act of insolence of the party & not by order of their Commander. —

Extract of a letter from Coll. Forbes to Mr. Sulivan

Dated Darapooram 23d. February 1784

Nawas Bey has joined Ruckan Cawn with his whole force and Lallah is at a Village, seven Malabar Miles from this, with 700 Horse & 300 Foot, no hostilities yet on either side, from their movements I should imagine the time is not very distant. — I do not care how soon, I am prepared for them; if they let us alone about ten days, I shall be able to get as much grain into the Fort as will feed my People to the 15th. march, without touching our Stock in the Magazine

Received the following letter from Committee of Assigned Revenue

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President &c. Select committee

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From Comittee of Assigned Revenue regarding the duties to be collected in the Bay hire

My Lord and Gentlemen,

We have had the honor to receive Your Lordship &c. Commands of the 22d. Inst. and in reply, beg leave to inform You that in the seventh Article of the advertisement for farming out the Bay hire it

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The Sum of 3000 Pagodas was forwarded to the Pay master some days since for Your Garrison, & I am directed to assure You, that every exertion will be made to furnish You with as large & frequent supplies of Cash as the present exigency of Affairs will admit You will take care to be on Your guard as some late advices from the Southward render such a caution necessary

I am
&c
(signed)

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To Capt.n Barry Close. &c.

Sir.

To Capt.n Close to take a few of the Calastry Peons if necessary, the Commanding Officer of the Marksmen to remain with Muckrauze

Bond 250 Pagodas to cut to be given his guard.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter to his Lordship of the 24th Inst.o

As the Committee consider the Business on which You have been deputed, rather as a conciliatory measure than a military expedition, they do not conceive that any addition is necessary to the Escort which accompanied You from hence, as the exertions of the Polygars must be excited by the Dread of the Company's Authority, & the hope of enjoying their protection in future, — more than by any immediate act of force at this moment; should You, however, wish to make some small addition to Your Escort, — You are permitted by the Select Committee to take a few of the Calastry Peons.

In consequence of what You have mentioned in favor of the Commanding Officer of the Marksmen

I am

Crane

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28th I am directed to inform You that the Select Committee have been pleased to approve of his remaining with Muckrauze, & that directions have accordingly been sent to Capt.n Cuppage to with= =draw Ensign Crane.

A supply of 250 Bags. having been dis= =patched to You a few Days since, — the Committee trust that Your own Oeconomy & Your receipts on account of the Company, will render unnecessary any further Advances.

You will take care to be on Your guard, as come late advices from the Southward render this caution necessary —

I am
&c
(signed) Wm. Geo: Wasey
Acting Secretary

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To Genl. Campbell Capt.n Maitland Lt. Young & Ensign Patterson to proceed to Europe.

Dispatched letter to Major General Campbell (as entered in M.B. No) granting permission to Captain Maitland of the 78th. Regt. to Lt. Young and Ensign Patterson of the 98th. Regt. to return to Europe —

From Lt. Col. Alcock with Returns.

29th. Received letter from Lt. Colonel Alcock (as entered in M.B. No) inclosing a return of the Troops in Chingleput for the month of February, takes two Leaves —

Dispatched the following letter to Mr. Westcott

To Mr. George Westcott
Paymaster at Ellore;

To Mr. Westcott relative to advances made to him for Bullocks every possible Dispatch to be used in Com= =pleting this Number.

Sir,

The Right Honble the President & Select Committee having received a letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipa= =tam, relative to advances which have been made to You on account of the Bullocks, You were desired to provide, I am directed by the Select Committee

24th Committee to enclose to you an Extract from their Letter to the Board of Masulipatam on that subject — & to desire that every possible dispatch may be used in completing the number of Bullocks which were ordered, & that they be sent to the Presidency without delay.

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I am &c

(signed) Wm. Geo: Wasey
Acting Secretary

Dispatched the Letters (as entered in M. B. of 20th

To Capt.n George Campbell, the Select Committee grant him leave to come to the Presidency & desire he will deliver over the command of Vellore to the next Senior Officer —

To Capt.n Campbell with permission to proceed to the Presidency.

To Colonel Alcock (and the Commanding Officers of Pennacoil, Chillumbrum, Trichinopore & Vellore) to be on their guard against attacks from Tippoo Sultaun's Forces and to send the earliest Intelligence of their movements

To Mr. Taylor

To Harry Taylor Resident at Negapatam — the Artillery men & 50 Leaguers of Arrack transhipped from the Snow three Friends to the Company's Packet the Swallow — the three friends & General Abbestie to carry a complete Supply of Military Stores — to land them as soon as possible & obey Mr. Sullivans Orders on the disposal of them.

To Penacoil Chillumbrum Trichinopore & Vellore to be on their guard

March 1st Received the following Letter from Captain Cuppage —

To W. G. Wasey Esq.r

Acting Secretary to the Honble Select Committee

Sir

I have the honor to receive Your letter of 20th the

From Capt.n Cuppage Sam Row takes possession of Polly condah cannot dispossess him without using force.

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I have the 22d Inst. informing me that the Right Honble the President has written in General terms to Mohamed ul deen Cawn, that several complaints had been received of disturbances committed by his people: and directing that, should Sam Rows people afford any further cause of complaint, that I should myself represent the circumstances to Meer Mohud ul deen Cawn, which shall be strictly complyed with.

As Sam Rows has already taken possession of Pollycondah with a body of Troops, it is impossible for me to dispossess him without using force, and that I could not maintain it, but shall use my utmost endeavors to evade compliance with his cutting the Crop at Bringeveram, which is still in our possession, and shall be particularly careful in obeying the orders of the Right Honble The President and Select Committee not to commit any act of hostility against Sam Rows Sepoys unless compelled to it in my own defence.

Vellore
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I am &c
(signed) John Cuppage

Received letters (as entered in M. B. No)

From Masulipatam with Returns — From the Chief and Council of Masulipatam, enclosing a return for the month of January of the Troops in their District, & a return of Military Stores for the Month of December. —

From Mr. Hoisard — From Mr. Hoisard acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's Letter of the 21st Inst. enclosing an account of the Grain left in charge of Majr. Bayley & Thompson —

From Tripasore — From the Paymaster of Tripasore enclosing a return of Stores —

From Permacoil — From Captain Lowes enclosing monthly returns of the Troops, Military Stores &c in Permacoil.

Dispatched

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1st Dispatched the following letters. —

To the Honble Warren Hastings.

Governor General & Council of Bengal.

Gentlemen,

To Bengal. on Mr. Johnson's appointment to Hydrabad.

We have to acknowledge the honor of Your letter of the 3d. ultimo and are glad to learn by it that You have thought fit to send a person to Hydrabad, in order to take charge of the Company's Interests at that Court. — In our letter to You of the 12th. of last month, to which we beg leave to refer, we took the liberty of hinting to You our opinion of the propriety of such an appointment. Whilst Mr. Holland resided there he communicated to us from Time to time, as far as he was permitted the State of his Negociations with the Nizam; but from the time of his departure from Hydrabad in August 1782. We have been left very much in the dark. We had been in hopes that Mr. Grant, who had been named to succeed Mr. Holland, and who seemd eminently qualified for that Employment, would have received orders to proceed to his Station; and we were much disappointed in hearing that he had resigned it. —

We shall now in Consequence of Your letter, open a Correspondence with Mr. Richard Johnson and furnish him with the Papers You desire. —

For Your Information & Guidance in Negociating with the Subah on the particular Concerns of this Presidency, we

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1st We have the honor to enclose to You the four following Papers. —

A The Soubah Nizam Ale Khan in Account Current with the Company Covering the reference N.o 1, entitled a Statement of the Peshcash due to the Soubah for the Northern Circars the 1st March 1784.

B Bagalet Sung in Account Current with the Company Covering the reference N.o 2, entitled account of Stores made on Account of the Detachment marched into the Guntoor Circar for the protection of Bagalet Sung. —

From the above You will see exactly how our Accounts stands with the Soubah, and We flatter Ourselves that Your Intended Embassy to him will happily terminate in the restoration of the Guntoor Circar to this Presidency, and a final Settlement of his and our respective claims. —

We have the Honor to be

&c.

(signed) Macartney

&c. Select Committee

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To John Turing Esq.r

Military Paymaster General;

To Mr. Turing respecting the Advances made at Bengal to a Detachment of the 102d Regiment.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to furnish You with a Copy of an account of the Advances made by the Governor General & Council to a Detachment of His Majesty's 102d Regt under the Command of Captn Money borne, which account the Select Committee desire You will examine, & report to them Your Opinion with respect

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1st to the propriety of the Charges, and the balance which may remain due from the Company to Capt.n Honeyborne, or from him to them.

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I have the honor to be
&c.
(signed) W.m Geo. Wasey
Acting Secretary

N.B The same to the Depty Paym.r Gen.l of the Kings Troops in India.

To Mr. Richard Lucas.

Sir,

To Mr. Lucas, restricting the payment of his arrears his appointment no further necessary.

Your Attorney Mr. John Mitford having applied to the Right Honble the President & Select Committee for payment of your arrears of allowances — they have been pleased to give orders for their liquidation, in part by a Company's Bond, & the remainder by a Bill upon the Honble the Court of Directors, in the proportions specified in the inclosed Extract from their Minutes of the 27th of last Month, — agreeably to the latter part of which, I am directed to inform You, that as the Select Committee do not conceive there is any further necessity for the Continuance of a Resident at the Cape of Good Hope, they have, therefore, thought proper to abolish that appointment, — which they have directed me to signify to You, & that You have their permission to return to Europe. —

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I am
&c.
(signed) W.m G. Wasey
acting Secretary To

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1st.

To the Honble Rowson Hart Boddam Esqr.

President & Governor of Bombay.

To Bombay with copy of the to Col: Fullarton

Sir

Having this moment heard of a Patamar being under dispatch by Mr. Ross for Bombay, I profit of the opportunity to send Duplicate of our Last letter to Your Presidency, & also a Copy of the letter which we mentioned that we intended to write to Colonel Fullarton. It was dispatched the next day. — Unless our next letters from the Commissioners bring us an account of the terms of peace being settled, a Renewal of the War, seems inevitable — We shall write to You again as soon as we have any thing of moment to communicate —

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I have the honor to be with great truth & regard

Sir &c

(signed) Macartney

Dispatched Letters (as entered in G. B. &c.)

To Mr. mitford

To Mr. John Milford attorney to Mr. Lewin inclosing an Extract of the Minutes of the Committee on the Subject of Mr. Lewins Arrears and inclosing a Letter on the Service to that Gentleman which the Committee desire may be forwarded by the earliest opportunity — To Ensign Daly granting him Permission to resign the Honble Company's Service

To Ensign Daly

To Committee of Works

The Committee of Works, inclosing a Letter from the Barrack Master — desiring them to examine and report the State of the Barracks to the Select Committee — To the Captain of the Swallow Packet to receive on board the Artillery.

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To the Capt.n of the Swallow to proceed to Negapatam

To Chinglepet

1st. Artillery Officers under Orders to join the Southern Army, as also 50 Lascars of Rum and to proceed to Negapatam with all Expedition — To the Paymaster of Chinglepet a Committee of Officers ordered to examine the Salt Provisions in that Garrison. —

2d. Dispatched the following letter to Dr. Davis —

To Thomas Davis Esq.r

Surgeon Major to the Army.

To Mr. Davis, regarding the Surgeons Charges & the letter from Messrs. Addenton & Watson.

Sir

I have been favor'd with your letter of the 21.st of last Month, which together with its' enclosures from Messrs. Addenton & Watson, has been laid before the Right Honble the President & Select Committee, who have directed me to inform You, — that, as they are of opinion that the Regulation of the 2.d of Sept.r last respecting Field Surgeons, — affords an ample provision & compensation for all contingent Charges, they cannot admit of the additional allowance for Servants mentioned in Your letter, nor will they ever consent to any deviation from the regulations which they have thought proper to establish, and the Select Committee desire me therefore to acquaint You that any further applications on the Subject will prove ineffectual.

I have the honor to be

Dr. Sir

(signed) Wm. Geo: Wasey

acting Secretary

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Dispatched

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2d. Dispatched letter (as entered in M:B: No.)

To the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam Mudame Comperndre allowed a Pension of 15 Pagodas p.r Month in Consequence of her late Father's / Mons.r le Bourg's / Services to the Company

To Vizagapatam

To Lt. Col.t Alcock

— To Lieut.t Col.t Alcock, himself, & two other Officers, to ex-=amine & report the State of the Salt Provisions in Chingleput

Dispatched the following Letter

To the Honble Warren Hastings

Governor General & Council

Fort William;

Gentlemen,

We have had the honor to receive Your Letter dated the 27.th of January. —

To Bengal, regarding the arrears due to their Detachment a demunction of the Troops may affect their negotiation with Tippoo the 5 Lacks of Rupees to be allowed & appropriated for their Detachment hope they will expedite their Visits

The Pay master of the Bengal Troops must certainly be the best able to ascertain the arrears due to them, for We do not in the smallest degree interfere in his payments, Your advances to him are only made on account: As Your Military establishment is upon a different Scale from ours, the proper Offices at Fort William are alone com-=petent to the auditing and adjustment of the Expences of Your Detachment, —

We are equally anxious with Your Government, to free the Company from the expences incurred by the con-=tinuance of Your Troops on this Service, — & We accordingly, many months since directed that the Detachment should hold itself in readiness to return to Bengal at a moments notice. To facilitate which purpose a considerable part of it has

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2d. has been and still is, separated from our main Army in this Neighbourhood, & The Doubtful conduct of Tippoo has as yet prevented our taking any further steps in this business as we imagine that the diminution of our force, by the departure of so considerable a body of our Troops, might materially affect our Negociation, but we repeat to You that not a man of them shall be detained by us after the moment that it shall be justifiable on us to spare them.

With respect to Your late remittances You may rest assured, that We shall most scrupulously conform to Your injunction, that the whole amount of the five Lacks of Rupees which You mention, shall be applied "expressly and solely for the payment of the Troops belonging to Your Establishment, serving in the Carnatic." It so far has been our determination not to touch a single Rupee of this Remittance, — that We offered to deliver the Bills of Exchange to Colonel Pearse himself: but, as he declined to receive them, — We have been under the necessity of raising Cash ourselves upon the Credit of these bills in order to supply him. —

We are much obliged by the expression of Your Wishes to be able to provide for our immediate wants, and we trust that You will be able to provide for them; They every day become more urgent and alarming. — It is our duty to reiterate to You our Situation & necessities. We are incapable of exaggerating them, & we caution You not to give credit to any man who may either impose upon himself or attempt to impose upon others by

imagining

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The Pay master of the Bengal Troops must certainly be the best able to ascertain the arrears due to them, for We do not in the smallest degree interfere in his payments, Your advances to him are only made on account: As Your Military establishment is upon a different Scale from ours, the proper Officers at Fort William are alone com-petent to the auditing and adjustment of the Expences of Your Detachment, —

We are equally anxious with Your Government, to free the Company from the expences incurred by the con-tinuance of Your Troops on this Service, — & We according-ly many months since directed that the Detachment should hold itself in readiness to return to Bengal at a moments notice. To facilitate which purpose a considerable part of it has

2d. has been and still is, separated from our Main Army in this Neighbourhood, — The Doubtful conduct of Tippoo has as yet prevented our taking any further steps in this business as we imagine that the diminution of our force, by the departure of so considerable a body of our Troops, might ma= =terially affect our Negociation, but we repeat to You that not a man of them shall be detained by us after the moment that it shall be justifiable in us to spare them.

With respect to Your late remittances You may rest assured, that We shall most scrupulously conform to Your injunction, that the whole amount of the five Lacks of Rupees which You mention, shall be applied expressly and solely for the payment of the Troops belonging to Your Establishment, serving on the Carnatic. — It so fared has been our determination not to touch a single Rupee of this Remittance, — that We offered to deliver the Bills of Exchange to Colonel Pearse himself; but, as he decli= =ned to receive them, — We have been under the necessity of raising cash ourselves upon the Credit of these bills in order to supply him. —

We are much obliged by the expression of Your Wishes to be able to provide for our immediate wants, and we hope that You will be able to provide for them; They every day become more urgent and alarming. — It is our duty to reiterate to You our Situation & necessities. We are incapable of exaggerating them, & we caution You not to give credit to any man who may either impose upon himself or attempt to impose upon others by

imagining

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2d imagining or asserting that this Government could be guilty of the slightest exaggeration in the representation of its dis-
- -tress to You. —

We have the honour to be

Sirs

Your most obedient humble Servants

(signed) Macartney &c

Select Committee

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Received Letters (as entered on M. B. Nos 7

From Mr. Lind

From Mr. Cooke

From Lt. Miller

From Letts

From Mr. Lind, enclosing a return of the Stores in Vellore
- From Mr. Cooke, enclosing a return of the Stores in the Garrison of Arcotte. From Lt. B. Miller, enclosing a Return of Troops in the Garrison of Vellore. From Lt. B. Miller with Intelligence of the Cauncle Nabob having defeated 2000 of Mer Saheb Horse —

4th Dispatched Letter to the Committee of Assigned Revenue

To Charles Oakeley Esqr.

&c Members of the Committee

of Assigned Revenue;

Gentlemen,

To Committee of Assigned Revenue regarding the Pensions granted by the Nabob to the late Phoujdar of Cuddapah, to give their Opinion on putting the Rannad & Shevagunga Districts into such a State to be beneficial to the Rajah, with complaints from Vellore regarding Taxes

I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of Your several Letters to them of the 8th 17th & 28th Ultimo

With respect to the Pensions granted by the Nabob to the Relations of the late Phoujdar of Cuddapah - I am directed to inform You, that the Committee are of opinion considering the present exigency of affairs, that a monthly Sum of 500 Rupees Divided among the several persons agreeably

to

4th to the proportions stated in the List inclosed in Your letter of the 8th ultimo will be sufficient.

In answer to the Representation of the Rajah of Ramnaud poram, alluded to in Your letter of the 17th ultimo — the Committee conceive it to be equitable, that he should be relieved from the restraints and inconveniences of which he complains — & they, therefore, desire You will give them Your opinion of the best method of putting the Ramnad & Shevagunga Districts into such a state, as may be most beneficial to the Rajah, & to the Interests of the Company.

The Commanding Officer at Chingleput & the Amildar of that District, have been furnished with Copies of Your letter of the 28th ultimo — & I am directed to enclose to You Copy of one which has been received from the Paymaster at Vellore — in consequence of the Complaint it contains. & of the frequent applications the Committee receive on the Subject of Taxes — they desire You will furnish them with an exact Schedule of the Customs which are authorized to be levied in the several Districts of the Countries included in the Nabob's Assignment

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

Fort St. George
4th March 1784

4th Received the following letters.

William George Wasey Esqr.
Acting Secretary to the Honble Select Committee

Sir

I have received Your letter of the 28th

on Capt. Cuppage
knowledging the
receipt of letters

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4th 8br ultimo, informing me that the Honble Select Committee had received a Copy of Capt.n Clive's letter to me of the 26th and that they were pleased to consent that the Officer commanding the Marksmen do remain with a Marahrauze; and directing that Ensign Crane may be immediately withdrawn. I shall accordingly acquaint Captain Clive with the orders of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee.

The Sum of 3000 Pagodas has been received by the Pay Master within these few days

I have also received Your letter of the 24th ult.o and request You will acquaint the Right Honble the President and Select Committee that they may rely on my particularly being on my guard against any sudden attack from the Enemy, and that I shall forward to them without delay any Intelligence I may have of their movements. At present every thing is perfectly quiet in this Quarter.

I have the honor to be
&c.
(signed) John Caphage

Vellore
3d March 1784

To M.r Bouvard
the English Commissary at Pondicherry.

From M.r Busby
with complaint of M.r
Dangal on paying custom
at Madras.

I have the honor, Sir, to lay before You the Complaint of Mons.r Dangal, a Merchant of this City against the English Armadar posted at the gate of Madras.

I request You will summons him before the Committee; that justice may be rendered this Merchant — if his demand is just

I have the honor to be
&c.
(signed) Busby

Pondicherry
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(Translation)

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To the Marquis de Bussy

Sir,

About four days ago I received from Ma-
=dras two Packages containing divers Merchandize, marked
with the English East India Company's Chop; - The Collectors
of Customs, who are out of the limits of the Gates of
Madras & this City, make a difficulty in delivering my Goods
pass, & demand duties; not having hitherto paid any on the
Merchandize moved from Madras. & Knowing from the
principal Merchants here, that they have never paid any; I
conceive that the demands of these people are unjust, & that
I ought not to comply with it. tho' I wish not to oppose esta-
=blished Customs, yet I should regret to be the cause of entail-
=ing a burden on my fellow Citizens. I have thought proper
to represent this affair to You, desiring You would be pleased
to take it into Your serious consideration, during which time
I will deposite the amount of the duties into the hands of any
one You shall appoint. It is to be presumed that the parti-
=ty with which some few particulars have paid this duty,
has given rise to what these people now actually exact;
upon which I have the honor to observe to You, that some
time since, a person of this City having received a quantity
of Goods from Madras, the Collector of Customs then made
a difficulty to pass them, & accompanied the Merchandize
to his House to receive the duties, but this person asking
for what, & in whose Name they received it - they returned

no

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29th no answer, but retired without demanding any thing; since which time he has heard no more of them, which evidently points out, that they have undertaken this step of themselves, unauthorized by any one. I have the honor to mention to You, likewise that three same Collectors of Customs stopped yesterday morning four baskets of Wine that I was sending to my Correspondent at Madras, altho' I gave the Peon, that escorted it, the money necessary to discharge the duty upon it; — they not only would not receive the Customs but refused letting my people take away my Wine, which they are determined to keep, till I have discharged the amount of the duties on the Goods I received some days ago, It is an act of violence on the part of these people, which I am persuaded You will not suffer to pass unnoticed — more especially as I do not object to pay what they demand, untill the affair shall be finally adjusted

I am, with respect,

Pondicherry
29th February 1784

For
(signed) Dawzal

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
Captain General Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have received the two letters that You did me the honor to write the 7th & 21st February last — I doubt not that the late orders that You have given respecting the French Prisoners at Tanjour have been complied with.

With regard to the Taxes, which subject has

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4th. has already been sufficiently discussed, & which You properly observe, occasions too trifling a distress to merit attention. I should not have mentioned it, had I thought that Your orders relative to that object, had been chiefly attended to.

It is most surely indifferent to these poor people whether they receive the money from You or the Nabob, which is required of them; but it is not so with me: & I shall now finally terminate this affair, You will be pleased to receive my thanks touching the Proclamation of Peace, that You was so kind to send me

It is surprizing that the Swallow, which left England nineteen days after the Ratification & eleven after the Pro= =clamation of the definitive Treaty, has not brought a Copy; but we cannot be long before we receive it. If by chance our Frigate arrives before Yours, I shall with the utmost plea= =sure acquaint You with the News she brings.

I have the honor to be with the most distinguished consideration

Sir

Pondicherry
7th. March 1784

(signed) Bussy

P. S. Just on the point of forwarding my letter, I received My Lord, that which You honored me with of the 5th. of this month, & the Duplicates of that of the 21st. February last, My Dispatches for Europe have so much employed my time, that it has not been possible for me to answer You sooner — You will therefore accept of my excuses.

(signed) Bussy

Received

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From Mr. Lind

Saturday the 6th. March 1784

Recd. letter (as entered in M. B. Nº) from Mr. Lind, enclosing an account Current with the Assigned Revenue for the month of February ——

At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.
President

Alexander Davidson
Lieut. General Ross Lang
Anthony Sadleir & Morgan Williams
Esqrs. absent on Service

Minutes of last Committee read and approved.

Read the two following letters from the Chief Engineer — the first enclosing a Copy of the Instructions which he gave to Lieut. Norris, whom he left at Vellore with directions to survey that Fort & the state of the Hill Forts — The President lays before the Committee several Plans Sections &c. which his Lordship received from Colonel Ross.

From Coll. Ross with Plans of the Barracks at Vellore Powder Magazine in the Black Town & Barracks at Tuchinopoly.

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

My Lord Gentlemen

I have the honor to lay before You the plans &c. of the Barracks and Grenary at Vellore; together with the plans and Section of the powder Magazines in the Black Town, & of the Barracks at Tuchinopoly shewing the

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the Kind of Arches I have recommended in preference to the dangerous Roofs now in use at Vellore, ever subject to fire from the Quantity of Bamboos used in them. — Also, the Instructions I left with Mr. Norris for his Guidance in the Surveys I thought it necessary for him to take, that I might be enabled to execute Your Orders respecting that Garrison in their full extent.

I am most respectfully
&c.a
(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut.t Col.: & Chief Engr.

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To Ensign Norris

Sir

The Right Honble the President and Select Committee having directed me to proceed to Vellore, and Report to them the State of the place &c.a I find myself unable to fulfill their Instruction to the Extent I could wish from the want of accurate plans of the place recommended to my consideration Therefore, that I may be the better enabled to fulfill their Intentions You will be pleased to make a Survey of the Fort of Vellore, the interior Arrangement of which seems to have undergone an entire change, since the plan I leave with You was taken. In the Course of which You will pay particular Attention to the Heights of the Ramparts above the Terreplein as I expect when the Ramparts are enlarged to their proper Size, we shall be able to gain Bombproof Casemates to secure the Garrison against the fires from the Hill Forts.

&c.

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It will considerably facilitate the movements of the Troops and add to the Convenience of the Inhabitants, if a Street can be made from the East Gate by which You enter, directly across the Parade to the West Face, which I think may be done, leaving the buildings belonging to the Bymall on the left: and of the Ruins of the Buildings so removed be Employ'd to fill up the stagnated pools about the Fort, so that all the Streets may be brought to a proper level and the Water be carried off by Drains. —

This plan You will lay down on a Scale of an hundred feet to one Inch at least. together with the Works without, in order that we may ascertain their form and judge of the Design. —

As there are no plans that I have ever seen of the Hill Forts, You will Survey them, and pay particular attention to that on the large hill nearest to Vellore. as its preservation is of the utmost importance to that Fortress. The Circumscribed Summit of the Hill being very irregular, will require Your being very accurate in ascertaining Your Sections. of which it will likewise be necessary to take several, particularly about the middle of the Fort, and near to the Gateway where the Ground falls. as I am in hopes it may be reduced in Size some where there about, without prejudice to its defences, which I should be glad to enlarge whenever there is a possibility of doing it to advantage. —

A particular attention must be given to the relative Heights & Distances, of the other Hill Forts, and to the Ground on which Hyder erected his Batteries. And I would recommend to You to survey with the large Theodolite all the Angles I took with

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with the small one. —

You will be pleased to apply to Captain Cuppage and Mr. Ogilvie for what assistance You may stand in need of and You will from time to time inform me of Your Progress, and whatever else You may think proper to communicate to me for the good of the Service, or the Information of the Right Honble the President and Select Committee. —

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I am
&c.
(signed) P. Ross

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Bells with Plan of Pennicol Hill & two designs for rebuilding the Fortifications, with his remarks thereon.

This accompanys the plan of Pennicol Hill and two designs, by Mr. Mickins, for rebuilding the Fortifications on it, together with their Sections and Estimates, the particulars of which are so fully explained in his Letter which accompanys them, that there is little left for me to say on the subject, besides expressing my Satisfaction to find there is so little difference in Expence between the Reform on the old, and the new plan proposed, which in my Opinion has much the preference.

The best situation for the Settlers would be on the opposite side of the Rock to where it now stands, and the present seems a favourable Opportunity for Establishing it there, if it be considered an Object exceeding the Inconvenience of removing the present Buildings. In which Case all the Ground on

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that side of the Hill may, with a little Management, be formed into a large Tank sufficient to contain such a Quantity of Water as may improve the Cultivation of the Country around it very consi-derably —

From the proximity of this Post to Pondicherry, I imagine it will become an Object of Your early attention: and would therefore propose that Mr. Wilkens do immediately again proceed thither, with directions to mark out the Intended plan on the Ground, which will enable us to judge with the greater accura-cy of the advantages that are to be gained, and ascertain the most essential points be first undertaken, and when there is mo-ney to enable him to prosecute the Work, that he be directed to engage as many Workmen from Pondicherry as he can possibly employ, which will answer the double purpose of strengthening our-selves, and retarding the French in their Operations.

As it will probably be some time before any thing Material is undertaken at Permacoil, Mr. Wilkens may, if You please, be directed to proceed to Chillumbrum to examine the State of that place and acquaint You with what will be farther required to render it a good Post of Communication

I have the honor to be
&c
(signed) Patrick Ross
Lieut Col. Chief Engr.

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Read the following letter from Lieut. Colonel Allock

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

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From Lieut.t Col.t Alcock in want of Slaughter Cattle, & recommending the reenlisting of the Independant Companies

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have this day a Letter from Your Secretary of the 29th. Ultimo intimating the probability of a Recommencement of Hostilities &c.a — I wish to refer You to my letter of the 21st. Ultimo respecting Slaughter Cattle, of which I have not heard anything from the Renter, whether he has received the Instructions of the Committee of a Stipend Revenue or not, To take the necessary steps in time for providing the Europeans shall be under Necessity of taking Cattle, as the March of the 5th. Battalion does not leave it in my power, to sufficiently the Garrison in case of an Enemys approach, or to give any essential protection to the Neighbourhood having only 200 Hundred effective firelocks in the Sepoys —

Should the War continue, I beg leave to observe to Your Lordship &c.a that the Independant Companys of Chingleput which were (most impoliticaly, and from pique) incorporated into the 20th. Battalion, by Major General Stuart's recommendation, and received by Capt.n Muirhead, of which he has now remaining not twenty Men May be so-entertained, and by what I can learn from Officers and others here, — were most serviceable Men to this Garrison having property, and of-course Interest in its preservation; but will not serve elsewhere

I have the honor to be
&c.a
(signed) Hugh Alcock
Lieut.t Col.t Commanding Chingleput.

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Lieut.t Colonel Alcock to be desired to acquaint the Com=
=mittee with the daily consumption of fresh Meat in the Garrison
of Chingleput, & that Government will endeavor to supply them
by Contract with a Sufficient number of Slaughter Cattle — With
regard to the Independent Companies of Chingleput, as Col. Alcock
says that they will serve only at that Place & that most of them
men who had been incorporated in Capt.n Muirheads Batt.n
had deserted, — the Committee are of opinion they ought on
no account to be reestablished —

Read the following letter from the Commander
in Chief —

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

From General Lang.e
the Detachment sent with
Rice to Chingleput returned.

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My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to acquaint You that
the Detachment which was sent with Rice to Chingleput, is return=
=ed to Camp, having delivered the quantity they took with them, with=
=out any loss being in all 2200 Bags —

Choultry Plain
4th March 1784

I have the honor to be
&c.
(signed) Ross Lang.e

Sir Richard begs before the Committee a letter which
his Lordship addressed last night to the Marquis de Bussy, and
which meets with their approbation

To Mr. Bussy, relative
to Duties demanded by the

The Marquis De Bussy
Sir

I have received Mon.r the Chevalier de Mc. Kirkpat

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English Annular with Dupl: of the 2d. Febry in fulfilling the Orders from Europe

Your address to him relative to the Duties demanded by the Com=
=pany's Annular, which has been referred, in the usual manner, to
the Board of Revenue — As soon as their report is made, I shall
take care to forward it without delay, being disposed to shew
great attention to any matter, in which You interest Yourself

I had the honor to write to You on the
21st ultimo upon a subject of some importance, but not
having yet received any answer, I am apprehensive that my
letter may have been mislaid, I therefore lose no time, in
transmitting to You a Duplicate No delay shall intervene
upon my part with respect to fulfilling the Orders from Eu=
=rope, in consequence of the Ratification of the Definitive
Treaty between Great Britain and France

I have the honor to be with dis=
=tinguished consideration

Sir
/ signed / Macartney

L. S. Gt
March 5th
1784

Read letter from the Chief & Council at Ganjam
/ as entered in the Miscellany Book No / representing the want
of Officers Quarters at Ichapour, & recommending that Capt.n Bridges
be reimbursed the Sum of Pagodas being the Amount
of a House he has been under the necessity of purchasing on his
own account

From Ganjam, regard=
=ing Officers Quarters with
reimbursing Capt.n Bridges
for a House

As it is necessary that the Commanding Officer at
Ichapour should be provided with Quarters, & as the sum which
Capt.n Bridges paid for the House is very moderate — the
Committee consent to reimburse him for the purchase money

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Read

Read the following letter from the Chief & Council at Masulipatam

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

From Masulipatam, with Letter & Plan from Captain Prescott tendering Godowns, with their remarks thereon have discontinued the allowances to the Brigade Major.

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor herewith to enclose You Copy of a Letter and Plan which which we have received from Capt.n Prescott by which Your Lordship &c. will perceive he has tendered sixteen Godowns either to be brought or Rented by the Com=pany, offering to take the Godowns which already belong to the Com=pany in this Garrison, and originally cost Pagodas 237. 29. 20 in part payment, as the Godowns which at present belong to the Com=pany are very insufficient for the purposes which they are i oqui=red for, we have been obliged for a considerable time past to Rent Godowns, and as Capt.n Prescotts are well built, and in every respect answerable to the description he has given of them in his Letter, we beg leave to recommend that they may be purchased on the Company's Account at the price he offers them, more especially as he now agrees to take the present Godowns at the price they cost the Company, with=out any deduction - when they are not all wanted for the use of the Garrison, they might be rented out to Individuals, or applied to other purposes, as in a late instance when Colonel Jones arrived here the Europeans then in Garrison were obliged to be sent out partly to Ellore and partly to be Cantoned in the Pettah

to

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To make room in the Barracks for his detachment tho' it did not consist of quite 300 men, and this would not have happened if we had been possessed of these Godowns, which are so constructed that they might be converted into Barracks occasionally if not otherwise employed, and we conceive it would be eligible at all times to have such a building in a Garrison like this in case they should be required —

No Officer having been appointed to the Command of the Troops in this District since the death of Major Lysaght, the office of Brigade Major for the District dependent on the appointment which Major Lysaght held is of course extinct, and we have therefore given directions for discontinuing the allowances annexed to that office from the time the Detachment returned to Ellore. —

We have the honor to be

very respectfully

&c.

James Hodges
John Peter Boileau
Thos. Barnard
W. Dobbyn

Masulipatam
17th February 1784

signed

Gentlemen

Permit me to lay before You a Plan of sixteen Godowns, which I have just completed and finished in the best manner, from the nature of the building and its situation it may possibly be thought Eligible for the Companys use, and

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and therefore I think it in some measure my Duty to make the Offer of them to the Board for that purpose, I hope the terms will be thought very reasonable For the present I am aware Godowns are not in great request, yet it may be judg'd that such a building, as that I now offer should be kept in hand at all times for the Company's use, to whom I would immediately let them at a Monthly rent of forty five Madras Pagodas nor would any alteration in the times give me claim to ask more provided they are immediately taken, and I beg to submit to the Board, every circumstance included whether or not the building in question does not on a Comparative view bear a great preference to any Godowns in this Fortress should it be decided that purchasing the Godowns for the Companys use, would be more Eligible than to rent them the price is 3500 Madras Pos. to be paid by Payments of 300 Pos. per Month, and I would in part take the unfinished Godowns Sold to the Company by Mr. Whitehill at the same rate they were charged allowing a moderate deduction for Rear & necessary Repairs: To the accompanying Plan, I beg leave to refer You, Gentlemen, for dimensions of the Godowns, the advantage of the Viranda, and of the extensive are is unnecessary for me to point out the precaution I have taken with the whole building and particularly in laying the floor make the Godowns free from damp and fit to contain any Articles whatever the building may be converted to various uses and the mode in which they are Roof'd as they are flatt by'ed with chanam, will allow them with Safety to be filled with grain to the Pitch of the Roof, the doors and windows are all of Teak, with best hinges and bolts with Europe Padlocks. ——

I have

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I have the honor to be
&c
/ signed / W: Prescott

Masulipatam
February 15th 1784

N: B: If the building is wanted
to be kept in good repair by the
owner

A true Copy
/ signed / Alx Scott
Secretary

As the Gentlemen at Masulipatam mention the
necessity there is for having more extensive Godowns in that Garri=
=son, & as they recommend at the same time those tendered by
Capt.n Prescott as being well built & well worth the price at
which he values them, — it is agreed to purchase Capt.n Prescotts
Godowns on the Company's Account for the Sum of three thousand
five hundred /3500/ Madras Pagodas, deducting Eight hundred
& thirty seven /837/ Madras Pagodas — being the value of the
Godowns built by Mr. Whitehill which Capt.n Prescott is to
take in part payment. the remaining two thousand Six hundred
& sixty three /2663/ Madras Pagodas to be discharged by monthly
Installments in the course of one Year from this date. — but
the Committee cannot agree to allow any deduction for the repairs
of Mr. Whitehills Godowns.

Memo thereon

The Commander in Chief lays before the Committee
the following Report of Casualties and recommendations for pro=
=motions.

Report of Casualties and recommendations by the Com=
=mander in Chief.

Captain Robert Temple deceased 13th Decemr 1783

From Genl. Lang with report of Casualties & recommending Promotions

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Capt.n Lieut.t Halcot resigned

Captain Lieut.t James Rufsell to be Capt.n vice Tombs 13th Instt.

Lieut.t Joseph Little to be Captain Lieut.t vice Rufsell 13th Instt.

Lieut.t Wm. Kennie to be Capt.n Lieut.t vice Halcot

Ensign Wm. Limrick to be Lieut.t vice Little 13 Instt. and to rank immediately under Lieut.t Capt.n Carey and above Lieut.t James Rodgers, he having been omitted in the last promotion and reported dead by mistake instead of Ensign Thomas Limrick deceased.

Ensign James Dodds to be Lieut.t vice Kennie

The following Officers to be struck off the list of the Army as they have not been reported to the Adj.t General as directed by the Orders of 4th. Novem.r last exp.t

Lieut.t Sam.l Davies. & Ensigns Richard Young, John Lang. Rich.d Steele Broome, John Pearce, Sam.l Payton Roger Warne. Simeon Bunny, Robert Graham, John Haynes, Pagan Shaw. Wm. Fleming & Wm. Hamelton

Ensign James O Laughlin to be Lieut.t vice Davies.

Capt.n L. Cochrane to Command the 22.d Carnatic Batt.n vice Temple

Capt.n James Rufsell to be considered in the Command of the Vizagapatam Sibendy until Lieut.t Lang joins

Captain Donald Cambell appointed to the Command of the 14th. Batt.n & also to take the Command of Vellore

Lieut.t

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Promotions recommended

Lieutenant James Mitchel to be Captain Lieutenant

John Spencer ——— do.

Thomas Bowser ——— do Prisoner

Barry Close ——— do Aed de Camp

Henry Darley ——— do.

Samuel Jacobs ——— do

James Crain ——— do

John Haliburton ——— do Prisoner

Charles Smart ——— do

William Andrews ——— do

Capt.n Banks to be Major vice Johnston

do Wilkins to be Capt.n vice Banks Ensign Ogg to

be Lt. vice Wilkins

Mr. Chas. Donaldson Conductor of Artillery applied a

Fireworker in that Corps ———

The Committee approve of the above recommenda-

Minutes thereon

-tions. & it is accordingly agreed that the Promotions be im-

-mediately published in General Orders.

Read the following Extract from a letter

from the Committee of Assigned Revenue in the Civil Depart-

-ment, enclosing a Petition from the Renter of Cuttamalore

Extract of a letter from the Committee of Assigned

Revenue dated the 15th February 1784

From Committee of Assigned Revenue with Petition from the Renter of Cuttamalore requesting a few Sepoys

We have the honor to lay before Your

Lordship &c.a copy of a Petition from the Renter of Cutta-

-malore requesting a few Guards of Sepoys to protect the Ryots

of

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of that District from being plundered by the Enemy —

A true Extract

(signed) Chas. Freeman
Secretary

To the Worshipfull Charles Oakeley Esqr.
President &c. Gentlemen of the Committee of Revenue

Sheweth

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants
of Wooteramallore District

The Inhabitants of this District has received
from Your Petrs. 300 Pagodas out of 1500 Pagodas the
Tacavy which was established by Your Worships, and they fear very
much to go to the Villages of this District, owing to some of the
Enemy's Horses remaining continually in a Plain about 4 Miles
distance to the Villages of this District, and often come from thence
to those Villages and rob the Poor People and drive away the small
number of cattles whenever they met —

Therefore Your Petrs. most humbly intreat Your
Worships will be so good as to order the Commander of the Garri=
=son of Chingleput to give Your Petrs. four Guards of Sepoys for
a few Months to continue in the Cusba of this District just
only to encourage this Poor Inhabitants to go on with their cultiva=
=tion in so doing Your Petrs. as in Duty Bound
Shall Ever Pray.

A true Copy
(signed) J. Landon

A true Copy
(signed) Chas. Freeman

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Minute thereon

The Commander in Chief is requested to give directions that the Reuter be furnished with a few Sepoys.—if they can be spared

Read the following letter from Capt.n Lloyd

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K. B.

President &c.a and Select committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

From Capt.n Lloyd requesting to be reimbursed for Expences incurred by him in preparing to take the Field—

It is with much regret that I Trespass upon Your time by Soliciting, with all respect, the attention of the Honorable Committee to the annexed representation, but having taken every proper Method before I presumed so to do. I hope they will pardon the Intrusion —

On the Twenty third of last april being then at Ellore I was Directed by Colonel Jones to Proceed to Join the Army to the Southward, agreable to a former Order some Months before from the Presidency, but had been Detained untill the above Period by the Chief and Council of Masulipatam to act with a Detachment Formd in the Circars about the time the French Fleet Appeared to the Northward of that Place — I left Ellore the next Day and Came to Masulipatam where having given over the Charge of my Employ to my Successor I set off by Land to Madras Upon my Arrival It was supposed that a Detachment would go by Land to the Army Accordingly got Coolies and Bullocks in readiness to Embrace the first Opportunity of Joining, but seeing no probability of Effecting It by Land I took a Passage in the Ellore Indeaman and got up to the Southward of Madras, from whence she returned

to

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To Madras having heard the French Fleet Were to the Southward of Pondicherry — On my return I again settled myself out with Coolies and Bullocks, It being then reported a Detachment would be sent to Cuddalore however that not happening I joined the Camp on its Arrival at Permal on the 22d of August Upon my producing my Batta Bills Signed by the Town Major to Mr. Jackson Deputy Commissary General He referd me to Mr. Wasey who had before upon my Applications to him told me no Batta Notes of that kind could be Signed at Madras — I then Applied to Mr. Sadlier Commissary General who gave me to understand I should be paid my Travelling Batta from Ellore to Madras and five Shillings p day for the time I was on Board the Ship Norfolk but no other Batta untill I actually joined the Army — I can with great truth Assure the Honorable Committee that the Expence I was at in keeping Coolies &c. &c. in readiness to join by Land and keeping in Provisions at the Captains Table for a Passage by Sea exceeded by far any I could have been at in Camp, neither was I allowed any Quarters during my Stay at the Presidency being considerd as belonging to the Army — I hope the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee will on Consideration of my very peculiar Situation Direct that my Field Batta Bills be Signed from the time I left Ellore until I joined the Army —

I am with much Respect

&c

(signed) Wm. Loyd Lloyd

Capt. Coast Artillery

Cantonments
Mount October 29th 1783

As

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As Capt.n Lloyd's Expences for Bullocks Coolies &c.a were not in consequence of any actual Orders to take the Field, — but of a report that a Detachment would be sent to Cuddalore, the Committee cannot allow him any other Charges than those mention=ed by the Commissary General, which are travelling Batta from Ellore to Madras, & a Gratuity of 5 Shillings p.r Diem while on board of the Moree

Bill on Masuli=patam granted to General Lang

Ordered that a Set of Bills on the Chief & Council of Masulipatam be granted for three thousand six hundred (3600) Star Pagodas, in favor of Lieut.t General Ross Lang, or Order. — being the Amount of Cash advanced by him to the Resident of Tanjore on the Honble Companys Account & to be carried to the Debit of that Chiefship

Bill granted to Mr. Amos

Ordered that a Bill be granted in favor of Mr. James Amos for one thousand (1000) Star Pagodas at the Exchange of 375 Rup.s p.r Pagoda — being the amount of Freight of Troops & Stores on board of the Snow Three Friends —

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7th Dispatched the following Letter to Sir John Burgoyne

To Major General Sir John Burgoyne Bart

To Sir John Burgoyne
the Committee avoid
entering into Discussion
on their Conduct towards
him, but Submitting to
their Superiors Permission
wanted him to examine
witnesses at Madras for
his Vindication at Home

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee to Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th ultimo -

They have neither leisure nor inclination to enter into discussion or controversy upon Subjects sufficiently explained in their former Correspondence with you - to which they desire to refer for their Manner of Vindicating the rights of the Company and of exercising the powers of its Government which you complain of. They are accountable to their Superiors - and the Laws of their Country to which you appeal -

However disposed you may be as you say you are to waive all Compliment to this Government they have too high a Sense of propriety not to treat you with every Compliment that is due to you, and they hope that the confinement [illegible]

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/ as you call it/ of an Officer who/ tho under arrest

has Actually never been confined or restrained at

all will not be found either cruel or tyrannical

You may rest Assured also that their proceedings

with respect to you will continue to be agreeable

to every Indulgence that can be granted to an

Officer in your Situation - of this disposition they

had flattered themselves you would not have

been Insensible as they had given proofs of it, not only by never imposing upon you

any Kind of personal Inconvenience from the

beginning of your Arrest but by informing you

that they Should not make any objections to

the Tour you wished to make and did make

to Pondicherry, or to your returning to England

by the first Opportunity that might be agreeable

to you! - And now Sir to make it still more

Strongly. I am directed to inform you that if

you wish to examine Witnesses here for your

Vindication at home, the Depositions of such

Witnesses

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7 # witnesses may be taken upon Oath at Madras.
and the Committee will have no objection on their
part to allow them the same validity in England
as the Viva Voce Evidence of the persons, who may
make them -

I have the honor to be &c &c

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7th
March 7 1784

Signed / W Wasey pro tem Secretary.

Received Letter from Mr Pollock as entered
From Mr Pollock in M.B. 8th / requesting the same Indul-
=gence as is granted to the Company's Surgeons
who like on the same Duty, and inclosing an Abstract
from former applications

Received Letter from Colonel Pearse as -
From Colonel Pearse entered in M.B. 8th / requesting Permission
for Lieutenant Davis of the 2d Regiment of
Bengal Sepoys to proceed to Sea for the recovery of
his Health -

Sent the following Letters

To George Moubray Esqr
Accountant

To Mr Moubray enclosing
him the 9th Paragraph of the
Revenue Letter from the
Court of Directors and desiring
his attention thereto

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the

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7th the President and Select Committee to furnish you with a Copy of the 9th Paragraph of the Genral Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors of the of September last to which they desire your particular attention and that you will lose no time in preparing the necessary Accounts in Consequence as likewise those that may likewise relate to Disbursements on Account of Dutch Prisoners

I am &c &c
Signed
Thos Wase Actg Secy

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To John Turing Esqr.

Military Paymaster General

To Mr Turing ordering him the 9th Paragraph of the Genral Letter from the Court of Directors and desiring him in consequence to Send to the Accountants Office all the Accounts that relate to Disbursements on account of the French or Dutch Prisoners —

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President and Select Committee to furnish you with a Copy of the 9th Paragraph of the Genral Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors of the September last in consequence to which they desire you will Send to the Accountants Office all your Accounts that may either relate to

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7th to Disbursements on account of French or Dutch Prisoners as soon as they shall have been made out.

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I am &c &c
Signed H. Wase Paymaster

The Same to the Civil Paymaster

&
Garrison Storekeeper

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 enclose to you a Letter which has been received from the English Commissary at Pondicherry: covering one addressed to him by the Marquis de Bussy & a Complaint from a Merchant of that Place named Dangas:-

The Select Committee desire you will be pleased to ascertain what Customs the Renter is authorized to Demand, & that you will give such directions as may prevent any similar Complaints in future giving

To the Committee of Assigned Revenue enclosing Letter from the English Commissary at Pondicherry covering one addressed to him from the Marquis De Bussy and desiring them to act so as to prevent any Thing of the same kind for the future.

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giving Redress to Mr Dawes Should his complaint be well founded -

I have the honor to be &c &c

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[Signed] D H Wase Captain Lieut.

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Received Letter from Captain Dawes [as entered in the B & C] with Account of his having detached Seven Horsemen to endeavour to intercept four who were doing much mischief in the Road between Permacoil & Chinglepute

Received the following Letters -

To the Right Honble Geo Lord Macartney

President and Governor &c Council

Fort St George.

From Mr Light inclosing a Return of Stores for the month of February as also an Account of what has been issued to the different Corps in the Tinnevelly Country -

Pollam Cottah
1st March 1784

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor of forwarding you the Return of Stores for the month of February with an Account of Stores issued to the different Corps in the Tinnevelly Country

I am with due respect &c &c

[Signed] William Light

William

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To

William George Wasey Esq.

Acting Military Secretary.

From Captain Cochrane representing his present situation and requesting to be informed in what manner he is to act in future –

Sir

I am to request you will be pleased to represent to the Right Honorable the President and Select Committee my present Situation after the Campaign was ended and the Brigades and Corps dispersed I obtained leave to proceed to Tanjore with an intention of joining the 14th Battalion of Sepoys to which the Right Honble President & Select Committee did the honor of appointing me as also to Coath. and visit the Topas's Corps. which Lieutenant General Lacy did me the honor to give me the Command of in December 1782 some days Since I Signified any intentions of accepting the Topas's Battalion by a late order for reassembling the Southern Army I feel myself disagreeably placed as it is not my wish to leave the Topas's Battalion if active Service is going on: I am to beg you will be So obliging as to mention to his Lordship and Committee my desire of acting in the manner most to

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8th most agreable to them either by joining my own Battalion or continuing to do Duty with the Tobasses till their further pleasure shall be known

I have the honor to be &c &c

Tanjour
2d March 1784.

/ Signed / Spencer Cochran
Captain.

To William George Wasey Esqr.
Military Secretary

From Captain Patterson with an account of a Court Martial held by virtue of a warrant from General Burgoyne dated in December last —

Sir

In answer to your Letters of the 21 ulto. I am to inform you that there was a General Court Martial held upon the Captain of Tuticorin polygon the 21st January 1784 Colonel Bruce at that time Commanding in this Garrison Colonel Stuart by whom the Court martial was convened desired Colonel Bruce to send from the Garrison one Captain Captain Addamore was ordered for that duty -

Colonel Bruce being at present at Tanjore and I having made every enquiry in my power respecting this matter have been informed by Captain Addamore who was a member of the Court martial that the Court martial was convened by order of Colonel Stuart that it set by order of Colonel Fullerton that Colonel Elphinston was the President

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8 President and that the warrant for holding the
Court Martial, was by virtue of a Warrant from
General Burgoyne. Dated in December last
Captain Cadmore informs me that he objects
to the warrant but was answered by Colonel
Elphinstone the President, — Sir — I look upon
General Burgoyne to be my Commander in Chief
and if you do not choose to Sit as a member you
may return to your Garrison or words to that

Captain Cadmore further Says that the
Warrant was dated in December last that he
would not have but had there not been an Older
Captain a member in the Company's Service by
name Captain and as Captain Sayed
nothing upon the occasion Capt. Cadmore drafted it

This is his all I know of the matter, and
as your Letter which of Date I have
thing to proper to return you the Over of your
Letter. that you may know weither its the
original Over or not

I have the honor to be &c &c

Fredericopoly
3 March 1784.

Sign'd J Patterson
Captain
Commandant

P.S I lament there is no Capital Dinet, from
Madras to this Garrison, &c

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At a Select Committee

Present

The Right Honble Lord Macartney

K B President -

Alexander Davidson

Lieut Genl Ross Esqr

Anthony Sadleir and

Morgan Williams Esqrs absent on

Service

Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Read the following Letter from Baron

Van Plettenburg Governor at the Cape of Good

Hope.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor of

Fort St George

Madras

From Baron Van Plettenburg requesting that a Packet of Letters forwarded by the Europe addressed to the Governor of Ceylon may be sent thither as speedily as possible -

My Lord.

The Preliminaries of the peace &c.

between England and the States being settled

I presume to address to your Lordship by the

Brigate -

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Frigate Eurydice a parcel of Letters received from the Court of our Directors for the Government of Ceylon This early and Speedy conveyance will I hope apologize for the liberty I take, and I make bold to intreat you will be so Kind to forward them as soon as possible to its direction

I beg your Lordship will allow me to assure you that in Similar and all other Occasions I shall be happy to have it in my power to be of any Service to you in this Clime

I have the Honor to be with great regard and

My Lord

Your Lordships most bold[illegible]

& most humble Servant.

Cape of Good Hope
the 2d January 1784.

J Lyon / Baron Van Plettenberg

Ordered that the Packet to the Governor of Ceylon which accompanied the above Letter be immediately forwarded to Columbo by the way of Tanjore and Tutecorin and particularly recommended to the care of Mr Sulivan the Resident at the former Place

minute thereon

Read two Letters from the Secretary of the Honorable Court of Directors dated the 3d October last with an Enclosure received from Trincomalee by His Majesty's Frigate Eurydice

from the Secretary
the Court of Directors

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Arrival of the Packets brought by the Europa Frigate.

Ordered that the Packets from the Honorable the Court of Directors to the Governor General and Council and to the Select Committee at Bombay brought by the Europa be forwarded by the earliest and most safe Conveyances agreeable to their respective addresses.

Read the following Letter from the Paymaster of Vellore.

From Mr Agnew with Complaints of the Conduct of the Renters of Vellore.

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

My Lord.

If your Lordship does not immediately take some Steps to remove our present Renter Treaty Row or crush his powers of course his infamous practices its impossible for either Captain Oldham or me to succeed in the purchase of Grain. all his our joint endeavours are used by every possible means to Accomplish your Lordships wishes in laying in a Stock here

I have long suspected his exhorbitant Demands of Customs prevented the Ryotts merchants from coming here with their Grain it was only yesterday that I detected him in taking double custom. although he has hitherto assured me he only took half

I was informed yesterday there were Some Merchants with Grain lying about five miles off and that they would not afford to bring it to this market the Customs so high sent to them if

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desired they would bring it in that I would settle the Custom to their Satisfaction they came in and Assured me our Aumildar demanded double Custom which they could not Afford and that fifty Bullock loads had gone off from the Same place to Sultaun Lings Camp the day before, at the Twenty miles farther off rather than Sell their Grain here the Custom was so high but that they would bring it in this morning if I settled the Custom which I Assured them of — but this morning early a few Horse from Sultaun Lings Camp heard of their being there and carried them off as they Said they had his Order — I have sent to all parts of the Mysore Country where Grain Comes from & they come here there Grain shall be brought to from Custom free this infamous exaction of Custom does not enrich these Peopany a Single Rupee at least by this villainous of a Renter who only pays what he chooses to Say he Collects —

If your Lordship does not immediately interfear and give Captain Agnew and me an Authority to See that the Merchants bringing in Grain are not impos'ed on & prevented from returning by exhorbitant demands of Custom I dont expect in a month more to See a Single Bullock come this way the Customs on Sultaun Lings and Said Lairs Camps are very moderate —

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed Tho Ogilvie.

Agent

Vellore
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Agreed that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be Sent to the Committee of Inquiry and Revenue and that They be desired to furnish the Committee with an exact Schedule of the Customs which are Authorized to be Levied in the Several Districts of the Countries included in the Carnatic Agreement

Minute on the foregoing Letter.

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9th Sent Letter to Colonel Pearse (as entered in Miscellany Book. No) giving Permission to Lieutenant Davis to proceed to Sea for the Recovery of his Health.—

To Col Pearse

Received the following Letter from Captain Close.—

To William George Wasey Esqr
Acting Secretary

Dear Sir,

From Capt Close, acknowledging the Receipt of 1250 Pagodas, will make use of every Effort to procure Rice on Freight, and will be very careful of the Company's Cash.

Also that continues to Report that no Rice is to be procured here that he will be over provided upon—573 Gallons of Paddy dispatched to Pallore.—

I do myself the pleasure to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 24th Ult. Accompanied by the 250 Pagodas which have been duly delivered. Some Shall be my particular Study to Economize the Company's Cash, and you will do me the favor to assure his Lordship that no every effort shall be made to procure Rice from time to time upon Receipt According to my Advices not a Farthing of it shall be expended except in cases of the most extreme necessity.

I had the Honor of addressing His Lordship on the 28th Ult. from Vendavete enclosing a Copy of my Instructions to Ensign Crane and communicating my Determination to sent out the Day following for

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9th for this Quarter. I proceeded Accordingly and arrived here on the 2d Instant. since that time I have been almost instantly with the Rajah who not withstanding his Lordships expectations and all I have said to him continues very averse and obstinate, his offers being as yet so trifling as to be unworthy of mentioning. I shall persevere in my endeavours, hoping that in a day or two I shall succeed in a certain degree when his Lordship shall be made acquainted.

By a letter just come to hand from Mr. Crane I perceive that 578 Callaries of Paddy have been dispatched to Vellore on the 5th Instant.

I am

Dear Sir,

Callasteree
7th. March 1784.
in the Morning

Your very Obedient Servant
(Signed) D. Close

Received the following Letters as entered in the Miscellany Book. Vizt.

From Vizagapatam.

10th From Vizagapatam, with the Returns of Troops doing duty in that District, and also a General Return of Ordnance and Stores

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Stores for the Month of February.

From Mr. Rumbold

From Mr. Rumbold, requesting Permission to resign the Service, and Return to England

From Capt. Armstrong

From Captain Armstrong requesting to be informed of the Sentiments of the Select Committee relative to Dr Westcott.

From Manalipatam

From Manalipatam Mr Westcott writes to respecting the Provisions of Bullocks for the Army - List of Provisions landed from the Typoo enclosed - Some Apprehensions that a Part of the Necessaries shipped on board the Typoo for the use of the Detachment of the 102d Regiment has been embezzled by the Commander.

From Capt. Moore

From Captain Moorhouse enclosing a Return of Ordnance and Military Stores under his Charge for the Month of January.

From Capt. Cudmore

From Captain Cudmore enclosing a Return of the Sepoy Independant Company under his Command.

From Mr Light

From Mr Light with an Account of Stores received from the Military Storekeeper

Sent the following Letter to Captain Close.

To Captain Barry Close

Dear Sir, I have been favored with your

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To Captain Close, the Committee must concurr at the discrimination of the Calastry Rajah to furnish him with Grain, but have much depen-dence on his perse-veral Cautions and Expostulations with the Rajah are pleased with the Assurances of the Oeconomy in the Public Monies

10th

your Letter of the 7th. of. March, and have Commu-nicated its Contents to the Right Honble the President and Select Committee who are concern-ed to observe the discrimination which appears on the part of the Calastry Rajah to furnish you with the Grains expected from him - Enclosed is the Copy of a Letter the Right Honble the President has this moment written to the Calastry Rajah which it is hoped, from the stile in which it is couched may produce some good effect - but the Committee rely more upon your frequent cautions and expostulations with the Rajah, - than upon any injunctions conveyed to him from this distance. -

The Committee are happy to understand that Mr. Crane has been able to dispatch a small supply of Grain to Vellore, - and they are pleased with the assurances you give them that the utmost oeconomy shall be observed in the expen-diture of the Cash which has been forwarded to you. -

I am Dear Sir

Your most Obedient Servt

Signed by Mr. Wheeler & Hastings &c

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It is expressly stipulated that no duties be collected for the present year of Phazallee 1193. / or till the 13th. July next / on Cattle for Cultivation, and on Grain brought into the districts for Seed or Consumption, and on every other Article only one fourth of the former established Customs. ——

We have the honor to be

&c.

Chas. Oakeley
David Haliburton
Geo. Mowbray

Fort St. George
23th. February 1784

/ signed

Received the following Letters / as entered in Mr. B.

From Capt.n Tutt

From Captain Tutt Commandeing the Detachment of Artillerymen on board the Snow, Three Friends, mentioning that the Ship is unable to reach Negapatam & requesting an additional Stock of Provisions — From Lt. Colonel Alcock acknowledging receipt of Mr. Secretary Wasey's Letter of the 23d. Instt. — From Ensign Daley resigning the Honble Company's

From Lt. Col.: Alcock

From Ensign Daley

Service.

Dispatched the following Letters

To Captain John Cuppage

Commanding at Vellore

Sir,

To Capt.n Cuppage. the Officer Commanding the Marksmen to remain with Muckenzie every caution made to furnish money, — to be on his guard.

Capt.n Close, having transmitted to the Select Committee a Copy of his letter to You of the 24th. Instt. — they have been pleased to consent that the Commanding Officer of the Marksmen do remain with Muckenzie; & they accordingly desire that Ensign Crane may be immediately withdrawn

The