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Dispatched the following Letter to the Resident at
Tanjore

To John Sullivan Esq^r

Resident at Tanjore.

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore
enclosing to him Extracts
of a Letter from the Rajah
of Tanjore containing Com-
plaints of Disorders committed
in that Country. And urging
him to make it his business
on the subject of these
Complaints

Enclosed we now send to You Extracts of a
Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore containing Complaints
of divers Disorders committed and Suffered in his Country. Our
President has with our approbation written to his Excellency
with a View of inducing him to attribute most of those
disorders either to attacks of the Enemy, or to the inevitable
Inconveniences in attempting to repel him, but it is necessary in
justice to the Rajah, and for the honor of the Company, that
the most particular Inquiry be made into the Subject of the
Rajah's Complaints, that the fullest Redress should be given him,
and that the occasion of them should entirely cease. We therefore
desire that You will without delay make a minute and exact
inquiry into the whole of those Complaints, that You will report
the same to us, and that You will exert all Your Authority
and vigilance in preventing the like disorders in future.
We send You a Copy of our President's Letter to the Rajah,
in which You will find a promise to this Purpose made
to his Excellency; and assurances given to him that he will
find, in the Security and advantages of the Peace, an End
to those disorders, and have amends for the Sacrifices engaged
to

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20th To be made on his part in order to procure it of the Lands near Kurnal to the French, to which, We take occasion to reconcile his mind, and to determine his immediate conduct. It is proper therefore that by a steady attention on the part of the Company to the Complaints he has made of past Grievances, he may be induced to rely upon our not permitting the like to be ever renewed, and to set a just Value upon the Justice and protection of the Company.

Fort St. George
April 20th 1784

We are,

Yr

(signed) Macartney
Yr. Obedt Committee

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Received the following letter

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President and Governor of Madras

My Lord

From Col. Baines
requesting that orders may
be sent to the different
places through which he
may march, for Bullocks
to be supplied for the use
of his Detachment

I must take the liberty to trouble
You relative to the Bullocks.

What we have for the Train of most
of our Tents are furnished by Your Agent - May I beg Your
Lordship will be pleased to send orders to the several Places for
our being supplied with as many as may fail or desert for they
are not of the best & many will I know leave us as soon as they
can find an opportunity.

Camp near Madras
21st April 1784

I am with the greatest Respect

(signed) J. B. Baines
Commanding the Bengal Troop
the Patna

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in Mr. Louis Duquesne

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From Mr. Louis Duquesne, at La Rochelle, as entered in Mr. B. (N^o) setting forth the hardship he suffers on account of his Attorney not having been able to dispose of two houses belonging to him at St. Thomas from Companies Troops being quartered in them. and requesting a reasonable rent for these houses from the time they were first taken up by the Company.

Dispatched the following Letters

To Major General Campbell
Commanding his Majesty's Troops in India

Sir

We have the honor to acknowledge Your letter of the 19th Inst. with their several Enclosures and to inform You in answer that after the Regiments which are to continue in India shall have been completed agreeably to his Majesty's Orders we shall be glad to receive such of the remaining non Commissioned Officers and Privates as may choose to enter into the Hon^{ble} Company's Service and as soon as You shall have informed us of the number of Officers and men who are to return to Europe, we shall take measures to provide passages for them.

We have the honor to be

Y^r

(signed) Macartney Esq
Select Committee

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To Colonel Pearce—

To Colonel Pearce as entered in Mr. B. (N^o) desiring him as Captⁿ Mearns has not yet, in compliance with the Select Committee's orders paid into the hands of the Superintendent

To Major Gen^l Campbell requesting after the Kings Regiment is completed to receive such of the non commissioned & privates as may choose to enter into the Company's Service - & acquainting him that passages will be provided for those who are to return to Europe, as soon as he informs the Committee what number they amount to.

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Subintendant of the Army's grain accounts the Balance due by him to the Company, that he will order that Officers to proceed to the same to settle this account.

From the Surgeon of the 2^d Regt. Dragoon

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Received a Letter from Mr. M. Culloch Surgeon of the 2^d Regt. Dragoon addressed to the Military Secretary, as entered in vol. B (A^o) explaining the reasons of his making this extraordinary charge in his accounts.

22^d April

At a Select Committee Present,

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney President
Alexander Davidson Esq. Robert Munnell Esq.
Anthony Sadler and Lieutenant General Lang about
after Service.

The Minutes of last Committee read & approved

Read the following Letters just received from the Westward

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

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform You that

I arrived at this place this morning - I have just received letters from Vellore acquainting me that Mr. Sadler and Colonel Brathwaite are arrived at that place and that Mr. Dallas with 200 Officers between 7 & 800 Private Europeans and 2000 Sepoys are expected there in about four days - Mr. Ogilvie has

From the Commander in Chief
Col. Brathwaite arrives from
the Mysore Country & Vellore
where Mr. Sadler & Mr.
Munnell & Mr. Dallas &c
are with the Prisoners
having expected there the good
and orders for the Prisoners being
provided for them as far as
possible - reports a supply
of Cash &c &c the orders of the
Committee relating to the dis-
posal of the Prisoners.

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has written to me in the most pressing manner for Rice Arrack and Money. I have sent orders to Mr. Kenworthy at Camp to send away immediately to Vellore, as much Arrack and Pisco as he can possibly spare - as to Rice and Money Your Lordship must be sensible it is not in my power to give them any assistance in those articles. I am informed that the whole of the Supplies that were sent for the Prisoners by Your Lordship have been detained by the Molladar of Santagar. I request that I may be immediately favored with Your Commands respecting the Prisoners. & that you will inform me whether they are to remain at Brinjeravaram or to move on to this place. I should rather wish they should stay for some time at Brinjeravaram - as I cannot at present procure fresh Provisions for their support - owing as I am, informed to the stop put to the conveying of these Co's into the Country by the people belonging to Toppos who are stationed in the Santagar Country -

Could it be made convenient to supply Mr. Kenworthy with a sum of money, I have reason to hope, that he would be able to procure a number of Slaughter Cattle to send to Vellore for the Prisoners - & I make no doubt that Your Lordship will immediately supply him.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

My Lord,

R. Lang

From the Baymaster at Vellore on the foregoing subject & acquainting the Supplies of all kinds for the subsistence of the Prisoners & stating that he has received some grain from Brinjeravaram

Mr. Sadler and Colonel Brathwaite arrived here this morning for all particulars I beg leave to refer Your Lordship to the Colonel's letters - I understand there are with Mr. Dallas 200 Officers and about 700 Private in want of every thing

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and will benefit much by the supply of newspapers which I have got, but am advised not to trust them further than Benjivaram till I hear from Dallas. Dooby &c. goes there this evening, under a guard, from the account these gentlemen give of the behaviour of Tipoo's people. I don't choose to put so many good things in their power — but what we are to do to supply & maintain such a force I do not know. They are in want of money, Cloathing, Liquor &c. I have only 1000 Bagodas seven teen thirds of Bengal Rupee & three thirds of Battavia Arrack, a hundred Slaughter Cattle & to part with our rice will be our ruin. I have wrote to the General who is at Arcot, this morning to help us with what he can spare, and I hope Your orders will be here before they arrive respecting the disposal of them. They must pass on eastward as fast as possible. They are greatly in want of Tents, and we have not one.

I received 700 Bullocks load of Baddy from Vencatty Gherry this morning, but have not had time to measure it yet, an Account shall be forwarded to Your Lordship to morrow

If the Prisoners are to remain a few days at Benjivaram people must be sent to take care of them, to prevent their getting drunk. Two Regiments of Cavalry would greatly assist.

I have the honor to be

Y^rs

(signed) Tho^s C. Ogilvie

To the Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney
Governor G^o G^o G^o

Fort St. George

My

Vellore

21st April 1784

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My Lord,

From Col: Braithwaite
showing a list of the Brit-
ish who have been released
& other circumstances relating
to their situation —

My situation & the nature of this conveyance,
the first I have been able to obtain, obliges me to be less particular
than my wishes and what I think my duty to the service would other-
wise prompt me to be. — On the 22^d ultimo a letter from
Mr. Sadler was delivered to me in my Dungeon at Seringapatam,
acquainting me of the want of a peace, & that Mr. S. hoped in a few
days to release me with the other prisoners confined there, as he intended
on his return to Fort St George to take Seringapatam in his way
for that purpose. I was next day sent from Seringapatam with the
Officers & Gentlemen as contained in the accompanying List 72. More
- commissioned & private Europeans & 224 other prisoners, Sepoys, Larries
& natives: we were conducted to a Chalety near the Fort, where I expect-
- ed to meet Mr. Sadler, & receive the many other European & native pri-
- soners belonging to His Majesty & the Honorable Company. The former
of whom have been barbarously forced into the service & religion of our
- Fort both shamefully treated & detained on this partial return. On
- finding I was not to see Mr. Sadler, I entrusted a letter to a pri-
- vate Hand, with an account of what has come to my knowledge
- during my imprisonment, lest he should be deceived by a pretend-
- ed enlargement, and from the same motive take this earliest
- opportunity of printing a series of horrid and infamous transac-
- tions to Your Lordship, which, I hope, soon in person to make
- You circumstantially acquainted with. Five miserable Noots
& 14 Horses were the only accommodation provided for the
- sick and wounded, and one set of bad rice with 5^l Cash to
- the

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the Officers and 3 to the other prisoners each of pay has been our sole allowance from the time since our departure - never the less We arrived here on the 1st Instth with only the loss of one private European dead, but the whole party much exhausted and fatigued - all the Prisoners performed this journey in hand cuffs except the Officers - On arriving here the Soldiers and Natives were again removed from me, and both parties are now confined in separate Prisoners in this Pettah - Yesterday received an account of the death of another European, and am greatly apprehensive of many other losses if we remain much longer in our present very close and unhealthy confinement or are to perform the remainder of our journey, as We have been obliged to do the former part of it - But I have little doubt of being relieved from the fullest anxiety of this letter shall reach your Lordship as early as I expect - Had it not been for 100 pagodas sent to me by Mr. Sadleir and other sums received by different Officers I know not how We could have subsisted - We have here received letters and assistance from the Bangalore Prison which all their efforts could never effect before our arrival - Doctor Raine was this day permitted to visit this prison, where there are but too many symptoms of growing disease - except in this instance We are treated with great indignity and rigor than heretofore - I have some hopes of procuring by private means money for a draft on your Lordship, which I shall not

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not hesitate to give, as the lives of many must yet, in a great measure, depend on the relief and assistance I shall be able to give them; and there is great reason to believe that it is not the intention of this Government that Mr. Sadlier and I should meet, nor have I been able to obtain access to any person of official responsibility since my imprisonment - I have made many remonstrances concerning the forcibly detaining prisoners, and Your Lordship must have had sufficient information of this Government, and the melancholy fate of many prisoners, to know that, by these circumstances and this information to Your Lordship, I subject myself and my fellow prisoners to great risk; - but a conviction that it is my duty to do as I have done satisfies both me and them -

I have the honor to be

(signed) John Bruthwaite

Bangalore pettah
5th April 1784

A List of Officers sent from Seringapatam with Col. Bruthwaite 28th March 1784

Captain Baird
Lindsay { 73rd
Lynch
Monteith
Goant
Wragg
Ludon
Lieut. Eastland

Lieut. Moore
Barnum
Coke
Ensign Stinger
Graham
Hewles
Colin McCall
Hewitt

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Lieut ^t Massey	Ensign Wilson
Chase	Gahagan
AE. Mackay	Fenwick
Turing	Mat M ^r Alister
Brower	M ^r Baillie Jun ^r
Prilat	Loy
Gillon	Capt ⁿ Bowles
Ensign Holmes	Lieut ^t Lattisip
Andrew M ^r bally	Calowman
Haywood	

M^r Shardon civilian — M^r White Surgeon M^r
James Wilson Lieut^t of the Yarmouth fighting Ship
M^r Lilly Captain of a Ship —
M^r Shing, Surgeon on the Bombay Establishment
taken at Mangalore —
Paul Sicklenia Servant to Captain Monteth.
List of the deceased come to my knowledge —
General Matthews, Colonel Baillie, Captⁿ Bromley,
Lucas; Lieut^t Butler Lind, Fraser, Sanson
Macconster, & M^r Hope-Cadet —

NB. Many of His Majesty's, and the Com-
pany's Officers and others have been sent to unhealthy
hill Forts of whom there are as yet no tidings —

I make no mention of the Bangalore prisoners
as they have had such frequent opportunities of
communicating with Your Lordship, and no cruelty has
happened amongst them.

[signed] John Braithwaite

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Minute relative to
the preparations

The President observes to the Committee that the detachment under Lieutenant Dallas with the prisoners received from M^r. Staunton and M^r. Middleton 9000 Rupes, the 13th March at Mangalore and 1000 Pagodas were sent to him from the Presidency the 25th and 28th of the same month. 1000 Pagodas were also delivered by the President to the Paymaster of Vellore the beginning of this month to be forwarded to Lieut. Dallas - only one letter has been received from that Officer since he marched from Mangalore altho' in the Instructions given him by the Commissioners he was enjoined to write regularly to the President, it is therefore to be feared that both the supplies and letters have been interrupted -

The letters now read require immediate attention, the President therefore proposes that 1000 pagodas be immediately dispatched to the Deputy Agent with the Army for the sole purpose of providing Slaughter Cattle for the prisoners, and 4000 Pagodas to the paymaster of Vellore to be applied in the most effectual manner to their relief; that, whatever Tenths can be spared, be forwarded for them as well as Dishes & Salt provisions, and that the Deputy Agent be directed to send to Amot a proper quantity of Cloathing for the Sepoy Prisoners also that the Commander in Chief be desired to incorporate the best Sepoys into the Battalions at Arcot, and to cause the Bombay Sepoys with their Officers to be formed into two Corps or Battalions as he judges best.

The Committee concur in opinion with the President

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President and it is resolved that orders be sent accordingly to the several Departments

The Right Honble the President lays before the Committee Extracts of letters to his Lordship from the paymaster of Vellore mentioning his having caused the Choultries at Prinjeveram to be cleared out for the prisoners and that the Buildings at Arcot were preparing for them with the utmost expedition complaining also of the conduct of Shamrow the Melli-dar of Saultgur in preventing any of the Inhabitants from leaving the Vancumbady District or sending any of the Grain out of it. That the Melli-dar has a packet of horse and foot stationed 10 miles above Prinjeveram who will not allow Grain to pass that way nor suffer the families of the Inhabitants to return. That the said Melli-dar also stopped a Box of Stationary which he / the paymaster of Vellore / had sent for Lieutenant Bailes —

The following letters are now written and ordered to be dispatched

To W^m John Henworthy
Deputy Agent at Camp

For

You will herewith receive the sum of 1000 pagodas which I am directed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee to inform You is to be appropriated to the sole purpose of providing Slaughter Cattle for the use of the prisoners expected at, or near Vellore — You will forward
without

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without delay all You can now spare. 16

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I have the honor to be,

Y^r Obedt^t Servant
John Middleton
Secretary

To M^r. Thomas Elliot Ogilvie
Paymaster of Vellore

Sir

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
your letter to the President of the 21st Inst^t.

You will likewise receive the Sum of 4000
Pagodas which is to be applied to the relief of the prison-
ers in such manner as You shall judge will be most
effectual for that purpose attending also to any advice
or directions that You may receive from the Comm^{rs}.
in Chief; it will not be possible to send Rice immediately
from hence but the Committee hope You will be able to pur-
chase sufficient of that article quantity of arrack & salt provi-
sions will be dispatched tomorrow. A supply also of 1000
Pagodas is sent to M^r. Hemworthy for the sole purpose
of providing Slaughter cattle for the Prisoners cloathing
will be sent to arrest for the Sepoys and a further num-
ber of doolies for the Europeans.

The cloathing to which You have already received
for the Europeans it is hoped will be sufficient.

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A letter will also be immediately written to Lord Sack
on the subject of the conduct of the Mirdar of Sautgar.

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22^d April 1784

I have the honor to be

^{Yr}
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

To Lieut. General Lang
Commander in Chief

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge your
letter to them of the 21st Inst. and to inform you that a sup-
-ply of 4000 pagodas is now dispatched to the paymaster
of Vellour for the relief of the prisoners and 1000 to Mr.
Munrothy for the sole purpose of providing slaughter
cattle for them - a quantity of Arrack & salt provisions
will be dispatched tomorrow morning some cloathing
for the Sepoys and doctis for the Europeans

The Committee will write you further very soon
regarding the disposal of the prisoners.

I have the honor to be

^{Yr}
(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

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Despatched the following Letter

To Colonel Pearce

Dear Sir,

To Colonel Pearce - re-
specting the Bullocks that
must be wanted for the
use of his Detachment.

I have had the honor to receive your letter
of yesterday's date, respecting the Bullocks with your Detach-
ment and it appears to me, that, if the Masteries whose business
it is to supply the place of those which die, or are rendered unservic-
able on the march, cannot do it, the easiest and best made
will be, to order the same number of Bullocks that may be
deficient, to be hired by your Paymaster who is the proper
Officer, on the road, on the Company's Account -

I have the honor to be, with great

Faith and Regard

Y^{rs}

signed Macartney

To Mr. Francis Lind

Paymaster at Vellore

Sir,

To the Paymasters at Mellore
and Angold directing them
to strike off Batta and all
extra allowances from the
Troops in those garrisons
from the 1st May next

Peace being now restored & the present situa-
tion of the Company's Affairs requiring the most rigid economy
in the expenditure of the public money. I am directed by the
Right Hon^{ble} the President & Select Committee to desire that
the charge of Batta & every other extra allowance now
paid to the Troops in the Garrison of Angold Mellore, be cease
from

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22^d from 5th day of May next

Fort St. George
April 22^d 1784

I am

S^r

(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

The same to Mr. Robt. Gardiner
Paymaster at Angora

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Dispatched the following Letter to the Sepoy
Agent -

To Mr. Thomas Kingscote
Sepoy Agent

Sir,

To the Agent for Sepoy
Cloathing - directing him
to make up two thousand
coats for the Bombay
Sepoys who are expected
from Tippoo's prison -

There being a number of Sepoys belonging
to the Bombay Establishment among the Prisoners, who
are daily expected to be restored to their liberty - I am direct-
ed by the Right Honble the President & Select Committee
to desire You will make up with all possible expedi-
tion two thousand Sepoy Coats for their use. & You will
forward the Cloathing, without loss of time to Arcot;
from whence it may be forwarded to Bellary where it is
to be hoped the Prisoners will ere this time have arrived

Fort St. George

I am

S^r

(signed) John Hudleston
Secretary

22^d April 1784

Received the following letter

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The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K^t
President & Select Committee, Madras

My Lord & Gentlemen;

In consequence of your orders for our
being supplied with grain on the way to Bengal from
the several Amildars, I have appointed Mr. Tyler
to take charge of these accounts & to give Receipts
for what we may receive.

Lieut. Col. Elliot is left behind in charge
of the Artillery Miscars and others, who are to proceed
by Sea. They are paid up as far as the rest of the Troops,
& Lieut. Colonel Elliot and the Quartermaster & Surgeon
have been furnished with Money to enable them to pay
off those people who are to be discharged from the
first of May.

The people thus mentioned are the several
Establishments raised for the service of the part of
the Detachment which came by Sea & is again to
return by shipping.

I am
with the greatest Respect

Y^{rs}
(signed) J. D. Pearse

Commanding the Bengal
Troops in the Carnatic

Camp near Madras
21st April 1784

From Col. Pearse has
appointed Mr. Tyler to
take charge of the grain
for the use of his Detach-
ment acquainting that
Lieut. Col. Elliot is left
in charge of the Artillery
who are to go to Bengal
by Sea.

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President &c

My Lord

From Capt^m Muirhead
enclosing a Return of the
Strength of the different
Garrisons which have been
taken possession of by him
and likewise a Return of
Stores the latter entered in
No. B.

The accompanying Return of the Strength
of the different Garrisons, with the Names of the Officers
Commanding, and when taken possession of, having been
omitted to be sent along with the Return of Stores, I now do
myself the honour of forwarding it to You.

I have the honour to be

&c

(signed) J. D. Muirhead

Camp at Arnee
24th April 1784

A Return of the Strength of the different Garrisons
with the Names of the Officers Commanding, and
when taken possession of

Names	Strength and what Corps	By whom Commanded	When possessed
Chumbar Gun	20 Rank & file 20 th Bat.	A Native Officer	April 2 ^d 1784
Kallias Gun	20 do do do	A Native Officer	do 3 do
Miamundul Gun	20 do do do	A Native Officer	do 4 th do
Arcoth	Two Companies 5 th Bat.	Ensign Grant	do 5 th do
Arnee	Four do do	Capt ^m Bonner	do 5 th do
Camatu Gun	20 Rank & file 20 th Bat.	A Native Officer	do 7 th do
Gungee	Two Companies 5 th Bat.	Ensign Douce	do 9 th do
Gurgun Gun	20 Rank & file 20 th Bat.	A Native Officer	do 10 th do
Tyagar	Two Companies 20 th Bat.	Ensign Stephens	do 12 th do
Vardachill	20 Rank & file do	A Native Officer	do 13 th do
Kavit Wellour	one Company 20 th Bat.	Lieut ^{nt} Depe	do 14 th do
Rungen Gun	two Companies do	Ensign Godfrey	do 15 th do
Calamcottah	20 Rank & file do	A Native Officer	do 15 th do

N.B. Kallias Gun and Miamundul Gun were returned from Vellour these
not known.

(signed) J. D. Muirhead, Capt^m
Commanding.

Strength

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

From Capt. Mearhead
mentioning intelligence in-
forming of his having sup-
plied the Garrisons under
his command with Rice,
sufficient for them during
the month of May. And
expressing his intention of
proceeding to the Presidency.

My Lord

I have the honour of informing You
that, by my intelligence, Sud Sahib, Meer May Vuddon
Chav, marched out of the Carnatic by the pass of Vancumberry
the 18th Inst.

With the supply of Rice I had from Camp, and what
I had before procured, I have furnished every Garrison with
Rice for the whole of next month, as well as the few that
remain in Camp of the 20th Battⁿ, they will march on
the 24th Instant for Tyagar and remain encamped there
for further Orders.

As I now can not be of any further service here, I shall
agreeable to Your indulgent permission set out for the
Presidency tomorrow.

I have the honour to be

Y^{rs}

(signed) D. Mearhead

Camp at Arnee

22^d April 1784

24th

Received the following letters

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

My

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From the Paymaster
at Bangalore. exculpating
himself from accusations
made against him by the
Renters - and enclosing
List of Cashmere found
in the Fort of Candam
the - as lodged in the
Office

My Lord Gentlemen

I had the honor of Your Lordships &
Commanders of the 22^d Ultimo through M^r Macey previous to
which I had made Two Applications to the Renter to send in
a Vakil qualified to settle the Account of Garrison provisions
with me according to the Rate of Price they bore at the Time
of Delivery, notwithstanding which I several Applications
since I have not been able finally to adjust that Account
untill this day however, I hope I have now settled it to Your
Lordships & Satisfaction.

Herewith I have the Honor to lay before
Your Lordship & a List of Provisions received by me with their
prices as above amounting to Rs 19. 19. 56

I have heard with infinite Concern from
Captain Edmonds and others that the Renter in my Absence
wrote several Letters to Your Lordships & that Nobody was
here on my part to receive the provisions (which were laying
in the Streets for want of a person) & that he could not get a
Receipt for the Amount although long delivered in - Give me leave
to assure Your Lordship & that all such Representation was
without Foundation. I had Two Conicoplies here constantly on
that Business under the Direction of Captain Edmonds, who at all
very Times of the Renter's complaints were receiving Baggies
from him, and who were ordered by me, that as soon as the
Stock ordered to be laid in was completed to inform me that
I might

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24th I might give a Receipt.

I had no Interest in withholding from this man his Receipt, but a strong One to give Your Lordship his Satisfaction in the line of my Duty. On the contrary, it was extremely the Renters Interest to have this Business delayed, whilst 5000 M. Pagodas of his Puscush remained in his Hands as a Deposit for 1689 Pagodas worth of Garrison Provisions -

Enclosed I have the honor to lay before Your Lordship a list of the Captures found in the Fort of Cumbum &c. together with an Account Current thereof which I hope will meet with Your Lordship's his Approval.

I have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect

/ signed / ^{his} Robert Gardiner
Baym.

Ongole
20th April 1784

From Storekeeper at
Bommasallee -

From the Storekeeper at Bommasallee (as entered in M. B. (N^o) enclosing an Account of Rice in that Garrison -

From Capt^m Watts -

From Capt^m Watts, as entered in M. B. (N^o) requesting payment of Offreckonings on the Invalid list from July 1/80 to the end of the Year 1783

At

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Fort St. George 24th April 1784

At a Select Committee Present

Saturday
the 24th April 1784

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B. President

Alexander Davidson

Robert Maunsell

Anthony Sadler Esq. & Lieut. General

Ross Lang absent on service

Minutes of the last Committee read and approved

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes with
His Majesty's Squadron under his Command being just come
to an anchor in these Roads the following letter from Sir Edward
is now read

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney K. B.
President and Governor &c Select Committee
of Madras,
My Lord Gentlemen,

From the Admiral announcing the arrival of the
Squadron with the Troops
from Cannanore on board

I have the honor to announce the
arrival of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command in
this Road, and to inform you that the Select Committee of
Bombay having requested I would receive on board the Ships of
the Squadron, that part of the Kings and Company's Troops
destined to return to this place from Cannanore, I embarked
them on the 13th of this month according to the enclosed Order
and beg you will be pleased to order Shore Boats to be sent
to

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to the several Ships, to land them with all expedition.

I have the honor to be,

Yr^o

[signed] Edw^d Hughes.

I guard that the necessary orders be issued by the President for the landing of the Troops on board of the Squadron with all possible expedition, and for their being properly distributed among their own Corps, or wherever they can be most conveniently accommodated.

Read the following letter from the Commissaries appointed to confer with the Marquis de Bussy.

The Right Hon^{ble} George Lord Macartney K. B. Es^r Es^r
President Governor Es^r Select Committee
at Fort St. George

My Lord Gentlemen,

We had the honor to receive Your Commands of the 14th Instant enclosing copy of a letter from the Bengal Government to Your Lordship Es^r with one addressed by them to the Marquis de Bussy.

Our letter to Your Lordship Es^r of the 14th Instant enclosed Copy of one from the French Commissaries appointed by the Marquis de Bussy; and Copy of our Answer.

On the 18th we received another letter from them proposing a Conference in the late Government

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From the Pondicherry
Commissaries containing
substance of the Proceedings
with the French Commissaries

Sultan in Madras Road
the 24th April 1784

Orders given for their
re-embarkation

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Houses on the following day - to which was added and on the Morning of the 19th we assembled there accordingly - our respective Commissions having been produced - they observed that Naricaal was not mentioned in our Commission - to which we replied, that we were authorized to treat about it by subsequent Instructions. With this declaration they seem'd perfectly satisfied. —

The French Commissioners previous to the beginning on the business of the Resolutions before us were asked whether they had withdrawn their Troops from the Assistance of Tippoo Sultan, to this they replied, that no Troops under their authority were at present with him, such French men only being in his Service as were subject entirely to his orders and in his own pay, the Extracts from the definitive Treaty relative to the East Indies were then read, together with the orders from the Company to their Representatives in India, the same as had been communicated to the French Ministry and Copy of the Orders from the French Court to their Commanders by Sea & Land in the East Indies

The French Commissioners were then informed that as the Town, Port & Harbour of Trincomelle came under the description of the 19th Article of the Treaty, which was intended to provide for the mutual restitution of all places taken during the War which were

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were not particularly named therein; we expected it to be
restored to His Britannic Majesty without difficulty or
Compensation.

In return, they observed to us that the Treaty
was clear and explicit - but that the Marquis de Bussy
had received no Orders from France to restore Trincomalee
and notwithstanding the matter of right, to which
they said they could not object, they yet feared there might
be difficulties in complying with our propositions on
this head, as they doubted whether the Marquis de Bussy
would venture to restore it to us without express instruc-
-tions from the French Ministry - that it was a matter
of surprise they had received none, not even the
Definitive Treaty, tho' that Treaty expressed that the
necessary orders should be expedited by each of the high
Contracting parties, that it was extraordinary the En-
glish had brought them no dispatches - in fine they
observed that Trincomalee was not once named
in the Definitive Treaty, yet that it was known to be
in the hands of the French when the ratification took
place, though not when the Preliminaries were signed.

In the Course of this Conversation they
intimated

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intimated to us that a Correspondence had commenced between Mr. Dalck the Governor of Mylon & the Marquis de Bussy respecting Trincomallee, as the Dutch, they understood, were to have it restored to them, but we objected to the interference of the Dutch in any shape whatsoever in the present Negotiation, for, as they themselves had acknowledged that Trincomallee belonged to the French, it was with them alone we were to treat for its Restitution, & from them alone we were to receive it agreeably to the express Conditions of the Treaty. —

The French Commissioners, perceiving that we laid great stress and that we were very urgent upon the 19th Article of the Definitive Treaty & the Orders of the Court of Directors for the restitution of Trincomallee, acquainted us it was necessary for them to refer it to the Consideration of the Marquis de Bussy & therefore at their desire we agreed to adjourn till the following Day. —

They excused themselves from meeting us yesterday as they said they had received no directions from the Marquis de Bussy but we had a second Conference with them this Morning.

At

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At this meeting they informed us that the Marquis de Bussy had declared himself unauthorized to restore Trincomallee to us without orders from his Court, which he had not yet received though they were daily expected; but observed, that the other Articles of the Treaty might be accomplished without making the restitution of Trincomallee a preliminary — in reply we informed them that we had such proposals to offer to them as must evince our earnest desire to fulfil every Condition of the Treaty: but, as they had objected to the restitution of Trincomallee at this time, we did not think ourselves at liberty to proceed further without the Orders of Your Lordship &c and that we should immediately address You on this Subject, the Conference was thus necessarily adjourned and the French Commissioners informed us they would address a letter to us expressive of what had passed on their part at our different Meetings, a copy of their letter waits on Your Lordship &c enclosed — and we shall now take the liberty to subjoin such remarks as occurred to us in the Course of the Negotiation — the Proposals which we had framed and were prepared to have made to them, had they acknowledged themselves

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themselves authorized to restore to us Trincomallee, also and on Your Lordship's & our separate paper herewith annexed.

1st — The Marquis de Bussy in his letter to Lord Macartney of the 24th March 1784 expressly tells him he was ready to fulfil the articles of the Treaty which concerned them in India — but this was found by the declaration of the French Commissioners was not the case.

2^d If the Marquis de Bussy has, as he asserts, no authority to restore Trincomallee to us without Orders from his Court, we conclude he can have no authority to restore Cuddalore neither of the places being mentioned in the Treaty, — if he is not authorized to restore, neither can he be to receive: the most obvious sense, therefore, that can be given to the Marquis de Bussy's letter to Lord Macartney seems to be that he was willing to accept of every Restoration & Cession from the English without being at this time empowered to make them the smallest return.

3^d — The French Commissioners having endeavored to establish in our minds an Idea of a decided Authority existing between the French & the Dutch in the

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the Fort of Trincomalle, and that the former might find it a difficult matter to persuade or compel the latter to evacuate it, so far from that Circumstance having any force in lessening our Claims, we conceived it gave additional Force to them as the greater difficulties they undertook to oppose to the restitution of the place, the more evident would their wishes appear of keeping possession of it - and, therefore, a strong Confirmation, in our opinion, of the necessity of its being made by us a preliminary in the Conference.

We have now as nearly as we can recollect made an exact representation to Your Lordship of every thing material, which has passed in the two Conferences between us & the French Commissioners and shall await Your Orders for our further Proceedings.

We have the honor to be with the greatest Respect

Y^{rs}

/ signed

Charles Floyer
W^m Dalrymple
C. W. Follofield

To Mess^{rs} Floyer Dalrymple & Follofield
Gentlemen

In the first Conference we had the honor

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honor to hold with you. Your first proposition was to treat for the restitution of Trincomallu, we are sensible from the 19th Article of the definitive treaty of peace of the right you have to demand it, and that it ought to be restored to you, but we do not see why it should be the leading proposition and not having received M^r. Puff's Orders respecting that point, we requested you would give us time for that purpose, and probably no time has been lost as you did us the honor to say, that without that Article, being previously agreed to you could not proceed on the purpose of your mission —

Having conversed with the Marquis de Puff on the Subject, we are expressly, authorized by him gentlemen to assure you that he is fully convinced that the Restitution should be made you, but not having as yet received directly or indirectly, any orders from the Minister relative to the execution of the definitive treaty, he cannot at this time deliver you Trincomallu, that he daily expects by a frigate to receive them and that laying aside the positive declaration which he charged us to make you, he conceives that the business in which we are jointly concerned, might be begun in Succession as stated in the definitive Treaty

What confirms him in his present opinion that he ought to wait for Orders from France for the

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the Restitution of Trincomallee, is the situation that we are in respecting that Place, a situation similar to that of a The minister - the french are masters of the Forts, but the civil government is managed by the dutch. they collect the Customs, as formerly, and they inflict punishments on those who do not comply. — It is not then surprising that the Marquis de Bussey is anxious to make a separate Agreement for Trincomallee because that Restitution should be different from any other. —

We are much concerned gentlemen that our Conference must necessarily be retarded as it is requisite for You to wait for Orders from Madras for a final determination. To have avoided this inconvenience It would have been fortunate that the Instructions contained in Lord Macarneys letter of the 9th of March had been sent to M^r. Bussey they were requested by him in his Letter of the 16th of the same month having received none as he remarks in that Letter

The Instructions You were so obliging to send us the day before yesterday make mention of the Restitution of Trincomallee. The Marquis de Bussey would then have

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have made his Remarks to Lord Macartney on the subject, and probably it would have delayed your departure from Madras, which appears only to have been determined since the Receipt of Mr. Bussy's letter of the 24th March last, in which he said he was ready to receive the Commissioners.

We should be happy gentlemen to have undertaken the other object of our Commission, which we had the honor to propose to You, but You have not thought proper to acquiesce.

Pondicherry
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Consideration

I have the honor to be with great

Sir

Attest Translation
signed Thomas Chase
French Transl^r

signed

Continuans Monneron
Morasin

Propositions prepared by the English Commissioners to be made to the French Commissioners as the Basis of our Conference with them.

Art. 1st

The immediate restitution to his Britannic Majesty of the Forts Towns Harbors and Limits of Towns -
- maller without difficulty and without any Compensation what-
- soever. & all the French Troops and those of their Allies who
may be there at the time of such restitution being made,
to be removed from thence, as soon as it may be practicable

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to remove them.

2nd Pondicherry, and the Territories around it, which were possessed by the French at the Commencement of the late War; also eighty Villages in the districts of Villanore & Bahore, as settled by the 14th Article of the definitive Treaty with France (provided the said eighty Villages shall have been first ascertained by the respective Commissaries, which the English Commissaries engage on their part, to lose no time in ascertaining) shall be restored, and ceded to his most Christian Majesty within the span of twenty four hours, after authentic advice shall have been received from Trincomallee of its having been fully restored to his Britannick Majesty and the English Commissaries do also engage and promise that immediately after this having received authentic advice of the full restoration of Trincomallee to his Britannick Majesty, they will communicate the same to the French Commissaries without any reserve, or delay, whatsoever - The English Commissaries do also engage to cause Karical and its dependencies such as the French possessed at the Commencement of the late War, together with four contiguous Magon, as settled also by the 14th Article of the definitive Treaty with France, shall also be restored

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restored and ceded to his most Christian Majesty within
the space of 48 hours after an answer shall have
been received as aforesaid, of the full restitution of Tan-
comallu to his Britannick Majesty and the French
Commissaries on the part of his most Christian Majesty
do hereby engage to restore to the English Cuddalore,
with its dependences within the said space of 24 hours
after they shall have received authentic advice of the full
restitution of Tancomallu and its dependences. That is to say
to restore Cuddalore and its dependences upon the same
day as Pondicherry and its dependences and Fort St.
shall be restored, and ceded to his most Christian
Majesty

Art. 3^d That the intermediate space of time from
the present agreement between the English and French
Commissaries and that at which the several beforementioned
Restitutions shall be made, shall be closely employed
by the Commissaries of both Nations in investigating and
ascertaining the before mentioned right Villages in the
two districts of Villanore and Pichave to be ceded to France
by the 14th Article of the definitive treaty with France,
and also in concerting such measures as shall be deemed
necessary effectual, for securing to France, a safe free
and independant Trade, as stipulated in the 13th Article
of the said definitive Treaty with France. —

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Par. 4th That all other restitutions whatsoever, as stipulated by the 13th and 14th Articles of the said definitive Treaty with France, and which have not been comprehended in the foregoing propositions or Articles, shall be made as soon after, as possible, and in the order which may appear most convenient and expeditions.

These four propositions are grounded upon the following principles —

1st The last dispatches received from Your Lordships & the Committee dated the 13th Inst. say It would therefore be more agreeable to both parties, we conceive, to begin with restoring the places of greatest Consequence and which are nearest at hand, Pondicherry and Karikal to the French at the same time that Triconmalle & Madras are given to us. The other restitutions may be made as soon after as possible, and in the Order which may appear most convenient & expeditions."

2^d The Authority rested in Your Lordship &c by the Governor General and Council of Bengal, in their Letter of the 18th of last month, to make general restitutions over all India, as provided in the Treaty upon which Subject Your Lordship and the Committee have been pleased to instruct us, that it will be necessary to fix

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for a purpose for a general mutual restitution in every part of India in case the French should Object to deliver Trincomallee for any partial restitution.

3^d Because these propositions appear favorable to us as they will if granted, secure to us the certain possession of Trincomallee, before any restitution shall be made on the part of great Britain which must doubtless be a desirable Object, and because the propositions in general appear to us to be as consonant to the Letter and Spirit of the Treaty as Circumstances can well admit where the restitutions to be made are so different throughout India, and

4th As the time for making the mutual restitution is elapsed, we are willing to make such an arrangement with the French, that restitutions of the principal places in this part of India may, in the first instance take place within the shortest time possible.

If the french Commissioners had acceded to our first proposition, (which were strongly enforced by us) it would have been proposed, that the Marquis de Dupleix should have given us an open written Order to the French Officer of the Fort of Trincomallee to deliver the same up to Lord Dalrymple immediately upon his arrival there; that the french Garrison & Troops there should without delay be withdrawn, and should there not be french Transports sufficient in that Harbor to convey them to Pondicherry,

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Colonel Dalrymple would have been instructed to afford every assistance in his power to accommodate as many of the French Troops as possible with a passage to Pondicherry on board the Swallow, for which purpose we should have put Captain Bondy under the Orders of Colonel Dalrymple - But if the French Commissioners should insist upon the restitution of Pondicherry and its dependencies as possessed by them at the Commencement of the late War, together with the two Districts of Villenore & Bahore to be ceded to them, (which in our Opinion ought by no means to be complied with, until the eighty Villages are clearly ascertained by both parties) we must then necessarily trouble Your Lordship and the Committee with a reference of this matter and wait Your further Orders -

(signed) C. W. Fallofield
Secretary

The President delivers in the following Minute in consequence of the letter & Inclosures which have been received from the Commissioners

In Committee April 24th 1784

Read Letters from the Commissioners Mess^{rs} Duple Dalrymple & Fallofield

at Pondicherry dated April 21st

The President has the honor to observe

President's Minutes.
to be delivered to the

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Conducherry Commission
unless Mr. de Bussy shall
immediately put into execu-
tion the terms of the Treaty
of Peace relative to the res-
toration of Blanc

to the Commission that as Monsieur de Bussy in contravention to his express declaration in his letter of the 24th April that he was ready to carry into execution the purposes of the definitive Treaty now declares that he must wait for orders from his Court, for executing that part, which he acknowledges to be expressly stipulated by that Treaty, relating to the restoration of Trincomalee to the Company. It is necessary in obedience to the instructions from the Court of Directors, to put an end for the present to any negotiation relative to the divers Reports to be made to France. It is probable that Monsieur de Bussy is endeavouring to gain time until accounts shall arrive of the definitive Treaty between Great Britain and the United Provinces in order that, if so provided by such Treaty, Trincomalee may at once pass into the hands of the Dutch; and to avoid any possibility of so valuable a harbour being retained by the English. From this line of Policy it is likely enough, that Monsieur de Bussy will not depart, as long as he can continue in it, but if any Circumstances can drive him out of it, and induce him to act in full conformity to the stipulations of the definitive Treaty, it will probably be by an declaration to him on the part of the Company, of the sense in which his deviation from the Treaty and from his own words is necessarily held, by a Communication of the Resolution of the Company to

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with hold all Cessions to France until matters shall be so arranged as that the Restoration of Trincomalee may take place at the same time, and that he may be precluded from any hope of obtaining any relaxation from this resolution, in the course of a negotiation with the Commissioners, and in conformity to that resolution which excludes all negotiation for the present, the President proposes to dissolve the Commission given to Messrs. Floyer, Bellamy and Fullerton, unless Messrs. de Bussy shall immediately conform to the 19th Article of the Treaty.

It is proposed that a letter be written to the Commissioners upon this ground the contents of which they will communicate to M^r. de Bussy.

Signed Macartney

The Committee concurring with the Right Honble President in the sentiments expressed by his Lordship in the foregoing Minute ordered that a letter be prepared thereupon & dispatched to the Commissioners, the contents of which to be communicated to M^r. de Bussy.

Agreed likewise that a letter be addressed to the Governor General Council acknowledging the receipt of their letter of the 18th ultimo with an enclosure to the Marquis de Bussy and acquainting them that Copies of both letters had been transmitted to the Commissioners but as to the letter itself to M^r. Bussy. It is thought proper at present to defer sending it to him & to inform them that in a few days they shall be informed of

The Committee approve
of the President's proposal

Letter to be written to the
Governor General Council
acquainting them that from
the circumstances their letter
to the Marquis de Bussy was
not forwarded.

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Governor General &
ul to be informed that
troops of their establish-
ment have already begun
march —

Agreed that the Governor General Council be informed
that the Troops of their Establishment, have already begun their march
on their return to their own Provinces, and that no time will be
lost in conveying thither by sea the Artillery & Scares as soon as
proper Vessels can be procured for that purpose. —

Read the following letters to the Right Honorable Council
received from Lieutenant Dallas commanding the Detachment
escorting the Prisoners from the Mysore Country, & from the
Paymaster at Vellore on the same subject. —

To the Right Honorable George Lord Macartney K. B.

My Lord

From Lieut. Dallas, has
sent list of Prisoners to Vellore
with an account of
but Macartney could be
entitled for their accompaniment
in

I have had the honor of receiving your
Lordship's letter of the 6th inst. from Vellore, it is the first
letter that has been delivered to me since the embarkation of
the Commissioners I was particular in writing either to your Lordship
or Mr. Staunton once every twenty four hours until the 9th
inst. when I was informed by Penn Row (who conducts us) that
the Nabob had withdrawn all his Troops from the Carnatic
for days before and from my rapid march to Heipcottah I am
glad the Troop and Prisoners would be in the Carnatic as soon
as private Circumstances could reach Vellore. Agreeable to your
Lordship's desire I have sent a list of the European Prisoners
and the number of the Sepoys to Vellore, also have mentioned
to

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and 3095 Sepoys and followers besides his detachment. I have this morning sent him 70 Coolies, 1000 pair of shoes 500 Hats 500 Shirts and drawers. 25 slaughtered Bullocks and 10 bags of Salt. Mr. Falconer writes me the people are falling sick very fast. I have sent him a box of Lead of medicines. I have not a bit in Villor. I have wrote to the General for his assistance in every thing fresh meat is what they want most. They must halt at Bangalore where I have told Mr. Dallas every thing I have or can procure shall be ready for him. I have ordered the Center to send a Bazar there. I have sent Bolts, firewood, Rice, and as many Coolies and women as I could get, with plenty of clean straw for them to lie on. What I am to do with the Sepoys God only knows the 1000 Pagodas Your Lordship left me will go but a little way, and I cannot think of parting with our Rice to them. if there can be a little money spared and dispatched immediately it will save much trouble. I hope your orders to the General is by this time on the road how to dispose of them. He writes me to say he must be guided by them and cannot supply me with five Pagodas. he has ordered Kemworthly to send me all the Arrack & Biscuit he can spare he can spare they are much in want of But what I have got will last them three or four days. I hope in God they want stay long here, they shall have every thing from me that I can give them. I wish your Lordship may be able to read this my hand shakes so with being in the Sun the whole day dispatching the things that I can spare hold the pen,

I am

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I am

Yours &c

/ signed / Tho^s B. Ogilvie

They will be at Sant Ghur tomorrow.

Read likewise extracts of private letters from
Lieut^t Dallas — to Mr. Staunton dated the 6th 7th 8th & 9th
Instant giving an account of Tippees Sultauns having actually
marched on the 3^d instant against the Coorgah Rajah and that
Mr. Sadler was much disappointed & displeased with Tippees for not
allowing him to see Seringapatam whether he had intended to
go but was now returning to the Carnatic by the route of Bengalour
— These letters also mention the great distress Mr. Dallas^{is} in
for want of money for the camp followers each man having re-
ceived but half a Rupee since the Departure of the Com-
missaries from Mangalour, that he is also in want of conveyances
for the Bombay Sepoy Prisoners many of whom are without legs,
that the European Troops are in general very healthy and that he
expects to reach Vellore with all of them by the 25th April —

Read the following Letter from the Commander in
Chief.

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

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From the Commander
in Chief on Quarters for
the Army at Arcot recom-
mends that Capt^l. Bridges
be promoted in the room
of Major Rundle deceased
& Capt^l. Cappege to com-
mand the 7th Corsia
Batt^l. — proposes
that the 4 French B^llor
be sent to Chingleput

My Lord Gentlemen

Yesterday I had the honor of addressing
You respecting the Prisoners to which I hope to be favored with Your
immediate reply. I shall afford them every assistance in my power.

I have this day sent orders to the Commanding Officers
in Camp to move on to this place with all convenient speed, having
first ordered away Colonel Elliott with the Bengal Artillery
Sappers &c to the Presidency and the 23^d Regiment of Dragoon-
s to the Mount — reports to be made to his Lordship upon
their arrival — the remainder of the Troops I hope will
be here in five days —

I have examined all the places both in the
Fort and Pettah of Arcot in which we can accommodate
the Troops — there are places in the Fort sufficient for the recep-
-tion of the Europeans & I shall be able to quarter eight Battal-
-ions of Sepoys in eligible situations in the Pettah — but
with respect to the Officers there is hardly a single House
that can be appropriated to their use — they must therefore
remain in their Tents for some time until I can fit up some
places for them — on this subject I shall write to You here-
-after —

I mean to establish my Head Quarters in
the remains of the Nabob's Palace near to the Gate of
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the Fort, being the only place now remaining that is capable of affording accommodation to me and my Family —

Having been informed that there are among the guns that are preparing to be sent to Vellore four French eighteen pounders — I would propose to your Lordship that those guns should be sent to Chingleput, and that the four lightens / English / that are now there belonging to the Army with their Carriages Stores &c should be sent in their room — As the size of the shot for the French guns differs materially from ours those guns might in the event of a Siege become useless for want of shot that would answer their Caliber & the disappointment be attended with serious consequences — Chingleput being so much nearer the Presidency, the foreign guns may at some future period be exchanged, or a larger quantity of shot sent thither when they are procured, — at present I understand there is but a small number of French shot in store —

Having received undoubted intelligence of the death of Major Rumley I beg leave to recommend that Captain Bridges be made a Major in his room and that Captain John Cuppage be appointed to the command of the 7th Circular Battalion agreeable to a former resolution of the Honble Committee —

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Secret

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I have the honor to be

Y^r
signed Robt Sarg

disposal of the 4 French
letters - approve of

The Committee approve of the recommendation con-
tained in the foregoing letter respecting the disposal of the four
French 18th lbs and the Secretary is directed to furnish the Com-
mittee of Stores with a Copy of the Order in the General's letter on
that subject, that the necessary orders may be issued in consequence.

promotions approved of

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Commander
in Chief Captain John Buffle is appointed to the Com-
mand of the 6th Linear Battⁿ in the room of Captⁿ Thomas
Bridges who succeeds to the Majority vacant by the death
of Major Rumley, - and the following promotions in the
different Ranks of the Army are now made in consequence
thereof.

Capt ⁿ Thomas Bridges to be Major	} date of Rank 10 th January 1784
vice Rumley deceased	

Capt ⁿ Lieut ^t George Stewart to be Captain vice Bridges promoted	} 10 January 1784
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Lieut ^t George Wre to be Captain Lieut ^t vice Stewart promoted	} 21 st January 1784
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Ensign Hope Stuart to be Lieutenant vice Wre promoted	} 21 st do do
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approved

The Committee approve of the Plan recommended by the President for the Arrangement of the Native Cavalry. It is accordingly resolved, that the foregoing Establishment be considered in future as the fixed standard of each Regiment.

Read the following letters from Lieut. Sundt
To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Lieut. Sundt
has taken Possession
of the Fort of Chender-
gung description of the
state of the works, en-
closed a letter from the
Rajah to him
has entertained 400 of
his men in the Compa-
ny's service

In obedience to the orders communicated to me by Lieut. General Lang took possession of the fort of Chenderagerry on the 10th inst. The grain and stores that I have found here are so strongly intermixed, that it will require some little time before I can transmit an accurate return of either; for the present I can only observe that all the powder is totally damaged and only two guns (12 lbs) can possibly be rendered serviceable.

The lower fort I imagine will not be considered as worth much attention, being little better than a ruin and if repaired would from its great extent require at least 3 Battalions to defend it.

The Hills is a place of considerable strength, but its walls have likewise the disadvantage of being too extensive. In the first, which is about half way up the Hill there is a circumference of a full mile to defend, and in the second about

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about half that extent. these works are constructed on that part of the hill which faces the south west, and join a rock nearly inaccessible in every other part, on which the upper fort is constructed. This is again divided into an upper and lower fort, the latter of which is about a mile in circumference, and will require some repairs, both are well supplied with excellent water, and if properly furnished with stores, and provisions, and some heavy metal to oppose batteries that may be constructed on a hill of equal height, opposite the north face, need not be apprehensive of any force.

After considering attentively my discretionary instructions with respect to the Rajahs Sons, I have judged it necessary to retain four hundred of them in the Honble Company's service. It requires one half of my whole force to furnish the common necessary guards, hence it will easily be conceived that a greater number even of disciplined troops would be requisite in case of a siege.

The Right Honble Board will perceive from the Rajahs letter to me (a copy of which with one from the Rajah to his Lordship I do myself the honor to inclose) that I can little depend on supplies from him. There is a considerable crop of grain in the vicinity of the fort, and the Amildar informs me he can furnish any quantity should he receive orders

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orders for that purpose meanwhile until I receive instructions on this head, the Detachment may be supplied from the grain in the fort.

The Rajah's people I find are six months in arrear and have frequently been clamorous on that subject; A month's pay at this juncture would probably have a good effect, and dispose them to obedience and discipline, of which they seem at present to have little Idea.

Hisma Row the person formerly sent here, to superintend the stores he wishes to know whether he is to be dismissed after delivering his accounts or still retained, and in what capacity. As I have no instructions with respect to this man, I have desired him to remain here, until I shall receive the orders of the right Honourable board on the subject.

Chenderragerry
April 12th 1784

I have the honor to be

De^d

(signed)

J. Lund, Lieut^t
Command^t

Copy of a letter from the Rajah of Calastroy

I shall not have it in my power to furnish provisions for the people at Chanderagerry, as ordered by the Governor, because I am under an engagement to send a quantity of grain to Vellore. I hope therefore that an order will be sent by the Governor

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Governor to Government to assist me in this respect and
to pay of the arrears of Batta due to my Beas stationed at
Chanderagum to this time

My Lord & Gentlemen

From the same
inclosing a letter from
the Calcutta Begah

I have just received a letter from the Calcutta
Begah a copy of which I have the honor to inclose. I have
answered him that it is impossible for me to comply with
his request, until I shall receive an order for that purpose.
I shall immediately communicate the contents of his
letter to the right Honble President and Select Committee
and that he may expect to hear, that suitable orders will
be issued without loss of time

Chanderagum
April 14th 1784

I have the honor to be

Yours
(signed) J. Sundt Esq.
Commanding

a letter to be written
to Sundt Esq. acquaint-
ing him that Kishan
Row will soon be
arrived. Desiring his
opinion from what
Place he can best be
supplied with Provisions

Agreed that a letter be written to Sundt Esq. acquainting
him that Kishan Row will soon be recalled & Desiring that
he will return only such a number of the Calcutta Beas as
shall be absolutely requisite as their pay must be deducted
from the Begahs Bazaar - directing him to acquaint the
Committee from what place he thinks he can be best sup-
plied with Provisions &c. that the necessary orders may be
issued

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Spent and informing him that a letter having been written to Tippoo Sultan & Kurnumur Ud Dien Cawn, on the difference between the Calcutta Rajah - the Committee hopes he (the Rajah) will have no further reason for Complaint -

Read two letters from the Rajah of Calcutta and one from the Rajah of Travancore / as entered in C. C. No. 1

From the Rajah of Calcutta (No. 1) requesting that Kurnumur Ud Dien Cawn may be desired to withdraw his Troops from the Districts of Bapoor & Setheram, where they had committed Depredations by which the Ryots had been obliged to abandon their Habitations. From the Rajah of Calcutta (No. 2) mentioning his having sent 2000 Peons to Bapoor & Setheram for the defence of those Districts, & of his Intention to reinforce them, & desiring that an Order might be sent to withdraw part of the present Garrison of Chundergherry as he required the Services of his Peons.

From the Rajah of Travancore requesting to be informed whether Peace has been actually concluded with Tippoo Sultan, as such an event has reached his Ears - desiring that he may be considered as the Friend & Well Wisher of the Company

The President lay before the Committee

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two letters which his Lordship had written to the Rajah of
Salem & to Kummur Ud Qienbawn (as entered in L. B. N)
the former acquainting him that a letter had been written
to Kummur Ud Qienbawn to withdraw his people from the
Districts of Bapoor & Setheram, but that, as a Peace had
been concluded between Tippero & the Company, — none of
their Troops can be sent against the people of whom the
Rajah complains — and to the latter, desiring him Kummur
Ud Qienbawn as Peace had been established that he
would give orders to his people not to enter any District
belonging to the Carnatic — The foregoing letter meets
with the full approbation of the Committee —

Read the following letter from Brigadier Genl.
M^cLeod enclosing the Copy of a letter he had written
to the Governor General Council with other papers, and
a sealed address for that Government, which the Sec-
etary is directed to forward by the first safe conveyance

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

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to acquaint you

that Sir Edward Hughes anchored here yesterday morning
with

From L. B. N. MacLeod
enclosing Copy of a letter
to the Governor Genl.
Council relative to the
Payment of the Troops
from the Coast.

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with his squadron. I immediately went on board, and after a consultation it was determined to embark the detachments of the 36th, 52^d, 98th and 102^d Regiments, and the Manoverians, also a part of the 9th Carnatic Battⁿ. retaken at Bidanore.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have this day written to the Hon^{ble} the Governor General and the Supreme Council, which will explain the motives of this measure and the steps I have been forced to take in consequence respecting the payment of the troops.

I beg leave to intreat You, in the strongest manner My Lord and Gentlemen, to pay these troops immediately on their arrival the sums contained in the certificates.

The certificates being up the subsistence of the 36th and 52^d Regiments to the 24th April and the Gratuity to the 15th. I have likewise paid the Officers one month's Table money at the rate of five shillings per day each. The Manoverians are paid their subsistence and Gratuity at Fort St. George.

They have also received one month's Table money as above and field allowances to the 15th inst^t. a few remains of the 98th and 102^d Regiments are unsettled with, having no Officer to make out their arrears of pay. The Paymaster of the Company's Troops has given a certificate to

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To Lieut. Monro of your establishment, of the time to which
the Carnatic batt^y have been paid.

I have the honor to be

Y^r

signed

Norman Macleod

Brig^d. Gen^l

The Honble Lieut. Col. Knice
will deliver this packet Colonel
Gordon having expressed a wish
to go with me to Bombay.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r
Governor General & the Supreme Council
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Gentlemen,

I am compelled by duty to do my-
self the honor of addressing you, to lay before you the
distressing circumstances in which I am placed, and to explain
the reasons of some steps I have been obliged to take, in
a situation where much responsibility has been thrown
upon me. — Having been highly favored by the Honorable
Company, having been so fortunate as to acquire some honor
in its Service, I am deeply penetrated with the most
grateful affection for it. I am conscious of having been
guided by that impulse in all my actions relating to it.
This gives me a reasonable hope of your support &
approbation of my conduct, when forced to act
discretionally

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discretionally by receiving no instructions from those who might have given me positive directions. — I enclose an extract N^o 1 from a letter of the Select Committee of Bombay to me, N^o 2 the same by which you will perceive the eagerness of that Presidency for dismissing the reinforcements of Europeans received last year from Fort St George. Many conferences with the Committee, when I was last at Bombay, many conversations and letters, which passed between them and their Secretary, and me, tended to enforce the necessity of this measure — The total want of money, & of provisions, served to justify that eagerness —

On March 18th I met Mess^{rs} Staunton & Hudleston at Tellicherry, on my shewing them N^o 1. they expressed the greatest disapprobation of the measure, they enlarged on the character of Tippoo, saying positively that, though peace was made & signed, they had no dependence on his faith in executing it, except by keeping together, in readiness to act, the Armies under me and Colonel Fullarton. They earnestly insisted on my not sending away my Europeans. & they wrote to the Presidency of Bombay in the same terms. I desired them to give me an order or requisition which might justify me in keeping the Army together; this produced N^o 3. which is not conclusive enough to authorize me to suspend obedience to the orders of the Presidency. In this dilemma of being ordered by the Presidency to send away the Troops & of being so strongly requested by the Commissioners

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Commissioners to keep them, I wrote N^o 4 to the Admiral; he declined giving me any advice officially or to take any responsibility upon him - I therefore, determined to embark the Troops. & they will accordingly go on board the Squadron tomorrow morning

By the latter part of N^o 4 will be seen the difficulty under which I laboured for want of money to pay the Troops: they were extremely unwilling to take Bombay transfer which is at the discount of forty five percent, they could not be sure of being paid by the subordinate Presidency of Fort St George, pay & Allowances owing by that of Bombay, nor had I a shadow of a right to draw bills on Fort St George. This induced the Field Officers whom I assembled on the occasion to advise me by N^o 5 to give to each Officer a certificate of the sum due to him signed by the Paymaster & countersigned by me which they were to present to the Government of Fort St George. If paid then all would be well; if not I was to subjoin a bill of exchange on You, Honorable Sir Gentlemen, Copies of the forms of the certificate, & bill of exchange are in N^o 6, & 7 is an abstract of the sums so drawn -

To pay the men, I tried every means to raise money: by N^o 4 you will see the applications I condiscended to make

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make, but all in vain, I was therefore obliged to give a certificate & bill to each Commanding Officer for the sum —

Thus Honorable Sir & Gentlemen have I given you a plain state of the facts which have obliged me to break up this Army notwithstanding the instances of the Commissioners & to draw bills on you without having authority from you or the Select Committee of Bombay, & I hope the necessity will justify me —

In justice to the Officers & men, I must acquaint you that they have borne this circumstance of not being paid, and of being placed in such uncertainty with respect to their pay, with the greatest temper; they indeed know that their distressed Commander sincerely loved them, & did for them all that was in his power, his mind will be much eased by your thinking that he has done nothing improper —

I am now left with the remains of the 4. 2^d. & 100th Regiments & the Sepoys as formerly, it is perhaps my duty to acquaint you that the greatest part of these troops are sixteen months in arrears, that I am utterly destitute of money, that from Bombay they give me no hopes of

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of a supply. Whatever may be the distresses of the
great empire under your authority I hope you will
relieve the distresses of men who have bled profusely in
your service.

Cananore

12th April 1784

I have the honor to be

Wthble Sir Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble servant

(signed) Norman Macleod

To Col: Gordon the Wthble Lieut: Col: Knox Lieut:
Col: Barry & Major Thurse
Gentlemen

I find a most painful circumstance has
occurred, which obliges me to demand your advice

The Presidency of Bombay have ordered
me to send the troops, mentioned in the orders of yester-
-day, to Madras on board the Squadron, but have
not accompanied that Order with any money to pay
up the men and Officers.

I am endeavouring, on my private credit,
to procure a sum sufficient to pay the Non Commissioned
and Privates but it will be totally impossible to clear
with the Officers in cash.

I desire your advice on the following heads

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So If I should not succeed in procuring money to pay
the men, what is the most satisfactory mode of settling with
them, that can be adopted?

2 What mode would you recommend to me to
adopt to secure payment to the Officers?

Cananore
April 8th 1784

I have the honor to be
Sir

(signed) Norman Macleod
Brig^d Gen^l

Sir

We have before us the Honor of your
letter of this date. We feel the painful Circumstance you men-
tion, and will be happy to do every thing in our power to mitigate
it.

To the first point in respect to the men we trust that
You will be able to furnish the greater part, if not the whole of what
is due to them, and in the first Case we shall do our endeavours to make
it as satisfactory to them as possible.

To the second point in respect to the Officers. We feel for the
awkwardness of some of their situations, under debts which they have
contracted, and for want of present money are unable to discharge.
We therefore hope, should any Surplus remain after counting with the
Men it may be distributed among the Subalterns as their wants
are greater than those of the other Ranks.

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What may remain due to the Officers, we wish may not be liquidated in the Transfers of this Presidency but that we may take with us to the Presidency of Madras certified accounts, as likewise Orders for immediate payment of the Balances on that of Fort William - leaving it optional with Lord Macartney, and the Select Committee, which to discharge.

We have the honour to be

Cananore

April 8th 1784

(signed) {
Gordon
Knox
Barry
Kaise

Wth
Extract of a letter from the President & Select Committee of Bombay to Brigadier General Macleod dated 27th Dec. 1784

If the peace is concluded, it is our intention to return to Fort St. George the detachment of His Majesty's troops which came round under the command of Colonel Andrew Gordon, and the Hanoverians. The Admiral will call at Tellicherry with the Squadron, in his way round, to take them on board, by which means they will be furnished with a safe & speedy passage, and you will accordingly order them to be embarked on board of the fleet.

The remains of the 42^d & 100th Regiments we desire may be sent to the Presidency, by such vessels as may be then at Tellicherry, as well as all the ships except such as are

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are to be left for a garrison to that settlement. of which we shall write you more particularly "

Nº 2

Extract of a letter from the President and Select Committee of Bombay To Brigadier General Macleod dated 27th March 1784

We anxiously hope that the first advices will bring us the much wished for & pleasing intelligence that the peace is made & declared, in which fortunate event taking place, we trust no endeavour of Yours will be wanting, to carry the instructions we have already had the honour to give you respecting the breaking up the army under your command into immediate effect.

To Brigadier General Macleod

Commanding the Forces on the

Malabar Coast

Sir

By the 4th article of the treaty of Peace made on the 11th inst^t at Mangalore the fort & district of Cananore are to be restored to the King, from whom it had been lately conquered by the army under your command. But that restoration is not to take effect till after the release & delivery at some English ports or settlements of all the persons, European & Native, now alive, who were taken & made prisoners by the late Hyder Ali, or by the present Nabob Tippu Sultan

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Sultan - the latter has stipulated to cause those persons to be so delivered up in thirty days from the signature of the treaty, but as considering the disposition of Tippoo Sultan, it is possible that such stipulation may not be punctually executed, and especially as the same might be less likely to be so, if notwithstanding the infraction of it, Tippoo Sultan could easily take possession of the places which are meant to be retained until, and as a security, for, the due performance of such stipulation, we think it our duty to declare to You our opinion that it is highly expedient that such a competent force be continued in the fort & district of Cananore, until the event of such performance shall take place, as will enable You to defend the same and to repel any attempt that might be made against You.

We conceive likewise that the presence of such a respectable force on this Coast may give weight to the provision made in the late treaty for preventing the Malabar Princes from being molested, on account of any assistance given by them to the Company during the late war, We therefore do as far as we are authorised to do, require You to retain such a force in the Fort & district of Cananore, as will be sufficient to repel any force that may be brought against You until all the prisoners shall be released as before mentioned, of which You will receive notice by the Presidency of Fort St. George or that of Bombay.

We

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Tellicherry

17th March 1784

We have the honor to be

S^r

signed

{ George Leonard Staunton
John Huddleston

To Sir Edward Hughes K. B.

Sir,

I find myself, under the necessity of laying before Your Excellency the perplexing situation in which I am placed, and of soliciting Your advice & assistance.

By the accompanying papers You will perceive the strong desire & repeated injunctions of the Presidency of Bombay, to break up this army, by sending round under Your protection almost all the Europeans.

You will also see the opposition given by the Commissioners Mess^{rs} Staunton & Huddleston, to this measure. They have written to the Presidency of Bombay, that they declined altogether for the execution of the treaty, on the keeping together this army and that of Colonel Fullarton. Since these letters have reached Bombay, I have had no Instructions.

The difficulty of paying or maintaining the troops on this coast will also appear to Your Excellency, I therefore humbly intreated that You would be pleased to take these circumstances into consideration

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consideration, and to give me Your Opinion, whether in this situation I ought to embark the troops or not. I have ordered them to be in readiness, and only wait for Your decision.

Although the Presidency has expressed the strongest wish to send away the troops, not a rupee has been sent to pay them their arrears.

I assembled the For^d officers to ask their advice on this painful circumstance, by the accompanying letter from them they give it as their opinion that it was absolutely necessary to pay the privates, being 40000 Rupees; I tried all means to procure it but in vain; I applied to the Biby, to Mr. Church, to the officers, and even to the butlers of the army, offering my own private bills on Bombay payable at sight;

I therefore most earnestly implore Your assistance on this occasion; I know the difficulty there is of obtaining repayment of any loan made to the Company, but I do not wish to borrow on their account; I have of my own property at Bombay more than that sum which I will cheerfully expend to pay the troops - and beg of Your Excellency to assist me in procuring this money on my own bills.

I have the honour to be in very great distress but with infinite respect

Your Excellency's Most Obedient
humble Servant

(signed) Norman Macleod

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Sir

We have before us the honour of Your letter of this date. We feel the painful circumstances You mention and will be happy to do every thing in our power to mitigate it.

To the first point, in respect to the men, we trust that You will be able to furnish the greater part, if not the whole of what is due to them, and in the first cases, we shall do our endeavours to make it as satisfactory to them as possible.

To the second point, in respect to the Officers, we feel for the awkwardness of some of their situations, under debts which they have contracted, and for want of present money are unable to discharge, we therefore hope, should any surplus remain after counting with the men, it may be distributed among the subalterns, as their wants are greater than those of other ranks.

What may remain due to the Officers, we wish may not be liquidated in the transfer of this Presidency, but that we may take with us to the Presidency of Madras certified accounts, as likewise orders for immediate payment of the Balances in that of Fort William — leaving it optional with Lord Macartney & the Select Committee which to discharge

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We have the honor to be

Cananore

April 8th 1784

signed

by

A Gordon

J. Knox

W. Barry

Thross

This is to Certify that the Honorable the English East India Company are indebted to

of his Majesty's

Regiment the sum of

for which sum the following bill in

his favor has been granted on the Honble the supreme Council of Bengal being arrears of Pay and Batta due him for the time he served on the Coast of Malabar in the Bombay army under the Command of Brigadier General Macleod

(signed) Norman Macleod B. G. L. signed Tho^s. Lighton

Paymaster to his Majesty's troops on the Malabar Coast.

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq^r.

President of the Supreme Council

Bengal

Honble Sir Gentlemen,

Thirty one days after sight please to pay to of his Majesty's Regiment or order the sum

of (as above certified) being arrears of Pay and Batta due him for the time he served on the Coast of Malabar in the Bombay army under my command -

I am

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April 11th 1784

I am.

Honble Sir and Gentlemen

I am

[signed] Norman Macleod

Brig^d Genl[signed] Tho^s LightonPaym^r

An Abstract of the sums of money for which certificates have been granted and bills of exchange subjoined on the Honble the Supreme Council by Brigadier Genl. Norman Macleod

To the Officers and men of the 36th Regiment
for arrears of pay and allowances due to them while
serving in the Bombay Army ————— } 60924 3. 3

To the Officers and men of the 52^d Regiment for
arrears of pay and allowances due to them while serving
in the Bombay Army ————— } 61574 1. 39

To the Officers of his Majesty's Electoral troops
while serving as above ————— } 41859 .. 66

To Ensign Mucra of the 100th Regiment — . . . 6530 2 96

To Lieut. Unwin of the 102^d Regiment — . . 4034 .. 86

To Lieut. Home, Aid de Camp to Colonel Gordon 2744 2 32

Rupees 177287 3 22

Errors excepted, April 12th 1784

[signed] Tho^s Lighton
Paymaster

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Read the following letter from the Commissioners
deputed to Pondicherry, enclosing letters from M^r. Paul Ben-
field Baymaster at Birmaham

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor of the Select Committee

at Fort St. George

From the Pondicherry
Commissioners

My Lord & Gentlemen,

This serves to cover a letter ad-
-dressed to Your Lordship by M^r. Paul Benfield accompa-
-nied by one from that Gentleman's sons, which likewise waits
on Your Lordship &c^{re} enclosed

We have the honor to be with the

greatest respect

&c^{re}

Pondicherry
20th April 1784

(signed)

Charles Floyer
W^m. Dalrymple
C. W. Fallofield

Charles Floyer Esq^r &c^{re} Gentlemen of the
Commission to Pondicherry
Gentlemen,

The accompanying letter I have just
received; and as I observe the letters sent to the Select Com-
-mittee from you of the 13th Inst^t. in the morning, had not
then

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then been taken into consideration. I am yet totally at a loss what I am to do, or what course of medicine I may be allowed to take, and in my distressed situation You must be sensible how much I must suffer by a delaying the course I am advised to. what is it possible gentlemen, I can do, in such dilemma? I have addressed myself to the select Committee again, as well as I am able, which I have the Honour to Inclose, and request You will do me the favour to forward it, with such remarks as may occur to You gentlemen, who are on the spot, on the distresses of my case.

Nelly Tope

19th April 1784

I am with Respect

Y^r

/ signed /

Paul Benfield

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K: B:
President Governor & select Committee
Fort St. George
My Lord & Gentlemen.

I had the Honor to address You from hence of the 12th Inst^t through the means of Mr. Floyer, & a gentleman of the Commission to Pondicherry, who accompanied my letter with one from themselves dispatched by Tappal the 13th in the morning representing to You the eminent danger I lay in here, which in ordinary course would be at
ma:ra

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Madras the 14th at night I have this moment received your
 Secretary's letter dated the 14th Inst^l in answer to my letter
 from hence of the 4th but I have no notice yet of those
 representations from the Commissioners being received: and
 in the lingering and declining state in which I lay, it really
 leaves me in a situation that my Constitution is little able
 to bear, not knowing what course of Medicines I may be allow-
 ed to pursue for my recovery: as I have before observed I look
 upon my removal to Permacoil as inevitable death from
 what I have already experienced having totally lost my
 Constitution by what I have suffered there, and the Surgeon
 who was there it is well known died of the same complaints
 of which I am affected; I cannot think it that healthy place
 You are pleased to suppose, but the contrary, and indeed
 all the Rocks of this country as Ginger Bra are complained
 of in the same way; but at Permacoil, added to the badness
 of the air, there are no suitable Accommodations for a per-
 son in my very infirm state of Health, nor have I heard
 of any Surgeon being there, if there were. It is certain that
 casual and ordinary cases are administered to by Surgeons
 on the spot, of your appointment, yet I must say that I trust
 I hope when you consider my representations to you of
 my very distressful case and my two letters to M^r Hays,
 transmitted

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transmitted to you by the Gentlemen of the Commission to Pondicherry with a Letter from themselves, shewing the eminent danger to which my life is exposed; that you will see I am in a State that requires at least the Indulgence of some choice of situation & of the Medical Assistance I am to apply to for my safety; and such I believe hath at no time been refused.

It must be evident to you my Lord & Gentlemen I can have no object but the safety of my life, and I am reduced in Constitution and so low that the Gentlemen of the Faculty think me in no situation to encounter the severity of the land - Winds on this Coast, and recommend I would avail myself of some salubrious change they wish me to try the Northern parts of Bengal as soon as I can be moved with any safety, but they assure me that a course of Medicine is absolutely necessary. Yet I am totally at a loss to know how far I am at liberty to follow their advice or regard them as my Physicians.

Nelly Tope
19th April 1784

I have the honor to be

[signed] Paul Benfield

In the letter written to M^r. Benfield on the 14th inst. by the Secretary - it is expressly mentioned, that he is not

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not desired to remove from his present situation, while there is reason to apprehend any danger to his Health from the January, — The Secretary is directed to transmit to M^r. Benfield a duplicate of that Letter, & to repeat to him the same declaration on the part of the Committee, that he may be perfectly easy in that respect — Should New Town or Cuddalore be judged more favorable to M^r. Benfield's Health, than where he now is — it is agreed that he be granted permission to proceed to either of those places, — but the Committee expect that M^r. Benfield will entertain a proper sense of their Indulgence, & that he will not trespass upon them, or the Commissaries with his letters in the manner he has hitherto done — but that he be desired to consider these directions & those expressed in the Secretary's Letter of the 14th Inst^t as the rule of his conduct

Read the following letter from the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor & Council of

Fort St. George

My Lord & Gentlemen

On the Commencement of the War

M^r. Benfield permitted to remain at Pondicherry or to remove to Cuddalore if he judges that to be more conducive to his Recovery

From Vizagapatam
respecting two Foreigners
who were ordered to a virtual
settlement on the Commence-
ment of the war.

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War. two foreigners one / Mons^r. Martin / Surgeon, at
the Can^looments at Aska, the Other (Mons^r. Comarade)
a Draftsman at Ganjam were ordered by the Honble
the President and Council to remove to a neutral settlement
during the War - They have accordingly lived ever since
at Pernilipatam in our Neighbourhood where they have
been regularly paid their Pay and Allowances, but the Cause
of their Removal being now ceased, We take the Liberty
of representing the Circumstance to Your Lordship H^c
that we may be favoured with Your Orders concerning them.

We are very respectfully
H^c

Vizagapatam
16th April 1784

/ signed

{ Claud Russell
Chas^r. Maxtone
Is Baker
M^r Keating

Agreed that a Letter be written to the Chief & Council
at Vizagapatam, acknowledging the receipt of the foregoing
Letter, & acquainting them, that it was not the intention of the
Committee that the Allowances of Mess^{rs}. Martin & Comarade
should be struck off, - but that it is their wish to be in-
formed by them, in what situations those gentlemen can be
employed

Their Allowances to be
continued & the Opinion
of the Gentlemen at Vizagan-
-patam requested in what
manner they may be employ-
ed in the Company's Service

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employed most advantageously for the Company's Service

Read the following letter from Lieut^t. Colond
Sterling Commanding the Troops in Camp

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
Sir Sir Sir

My Lord

From Col. Sterling
the army marches
to Arcot.

I have the honor to inform Your Lord-
ship - that this Army marches for Arcot tomorrow morning
His Majesty's 23^d. Reg^t. of Light Dragoons, to Lieut^t.
Thomas's Mount and the Bengal Artillery to the Island
near the Presidency.

I have the honour to be

Sir
(signed) M. P. Sterling
Lieut^t. Col. in India

Camp
April 23^d. 1784

The Detachment of
the 23^d. Dragoons from
the Army to join the
Reg^t. at St. Thomas.

Agreed that the Detachment of the 23^d. Regiment
of Dragoons which is expected at the Mount, - be directed to
join their own Corps at St. Thomas.

Read the following letter from the Governor General
Council

To

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To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
President of Council

Fort St. George

My Lord Gentlemen

From Bengal - request
that the men of the Young
Regiments who chuse to
enlist on the Bengal
Establishment may be
received as Recruits &
Capt. Williamson is
appointed on that service

The Honble Court of Directors having
acquainted us with his Majesty's Acquiescence in their request
that the Non Commissioned Officers and Men of the four
Additional Companies and of the four Youngest Regiments
who were permitted to enlist as Volunteers in the other
regiments which are to remain in India might have
that option extended to the Company's Service, We request
that such Men who prefer the Services in Bengal may be
received as Recruits for this Establishment, and to effect
this with as little Trouble to You as possible we have
directed Captain Williamson who is now on Service with
the Detachment of our Troops under Your Presidency to take
Charge of such Men as are willing to enlist in the Bengal
Army. Strict Orders will be given to this Officer by the Com-
=mander in Chief not to offer a greater Bounty than that
which is given by the Kings Regiments, and we request You
will permit him to enlist Men of the above description
and

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and that you will refer to him, the application of such as express
to you their Preference of this Establishment, to that of Fort St.
-George -

We have the honor to be

S^r

Fort William

the 5th April 1784

/ signed

Edw^d Wheeler

John Macpherson

John Stables

Resolution thereon

Agreed that the Gentlemen at Bengal be infor-
-med that it is not expected that the number of Men from
the reduced Regiments who shall entertain in the Service -
- will be sufficient to complete His Majesty's Regiments,
which are ordered to remain in India, - but should any
overplus remain, and the Recruits prefer the Bengal Service
that every attention will in that case be paid to the Request
of the Governor General Council.

Read letters as entered in the Miscellany Book

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From Colonel Bease - advising of the arrival of the Bengal
Detachment at the Kortalar River being the first Stage from
the Presidency, that is mentioned in the Route which he delivered
in to Government

From the Resident at Anjengo - advising of the death of
Colonel Campbell, who so gallantly defended the Fort of Mangalore
against

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against the Nabob Tippoo Sultann.

From M^r. Amos - offering to relinquish the amount of the Freight for the Masulipatam Stores shipped on board of the Snow Rachael. & requesting that he may be permitted to land them at Coringa -

Agreed that M^r. Amos's proposal be accepted, and that the Resident at Ingeram, be directed to take charge of the Stores & to convey them to Masulipatam / the place of their destination / in such manner as he shall judge most expeditious & the least expensive

Several Articles for the use & accommodation of the Prisoners having been forwarded to Vellore during the absence of the Agent, - ordered that the amount of those Articles with booley Hire &c being Rs. 1653. 18. 40 be forthwith discharged.

Agent's Bill for Articles sent to Vellore for the accommodation of the Prisoners to be discharged.

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M^r. Amos

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Despatched Letter to M^r. Amos as enter'd in Miscellaneous Book, accepting his proposal of relinquishing Freight for stores to the Northward.

Despatched the following Letters

Mess^{rs} Floyer Dalrymple & Tallophie Gentlemen,

To the Commissioners upon the Subject of the Cessions to be made by the English & French are directed to give orders for the Cession of Karikal that is Nagam as M^r. de Bussy is ready to give up Trincomalay which if he refuses they are to return to the Presidency without delay. P. S. Directions to be sent to morrow for the further disposal of the small one in case of M^r. de Bussy's refusal.

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 24th Instant inclosing with other Papers a Copy of a letter to you from the Gentlemen appointed by the Marquis de Bussy as Commissioners to treat with you on the Subject of carrying into Execution the Proposes of the Definitive treaty between Great Britain and France as far as the same relates to their respective Commerce in India - as that Treaty directs that the Cessions intended to be made in pursuance of it should take place within Six Months from the Date of such Treaty or Sooner if Possible we lost not a moment after its arrival in appointing Commissioners on our part to join with such Commissioners as should be appointed on the part of the French Government for the settlement and Interchange of those several Restitutions M^r. de Bussy's letter signifying that he was ready on his part to execute the same and after the arrival of our Commissioners in Pondicherry in consequence of such

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24 such Declarations it cannot but be a Subject to us of
some surprize that he should now declare that he was
only ready to make part of the Cessions stipulated by
that Treaty as he says that he is not ready to cede Trin-
comalay tho he acknowledges it to be a part of the
Cessions stipulated by that Treaty - The letter to M^r
de Bussey applied to the whole of these Cessions and
this answer that he was ready applies to a Readiness
of ceding the whole It was not the Business of this
Government to Particularise Trincomalay as the Fre-
nch Commissioners imagine or to suppose that there
would be any difficulty on the Part of M^r de Bussey
to carry any part of the Treaty made by his sovereign
Punctually into Execution Either he has had special
Orders from his Court upon the Subject of Executing
the Treaty or he conceives himself sufficiently authorized
by the authentic Copy of the Treaty and of the Instructi-
ons to us communicated to the Court of France -
Expressly mentioning Trincomalay in either of which
cases he was right to declare his Readiness to execute
the same and thus to induce us to send you to Termin-
ate this Business or he has not received those spe-
cial orders and does not conceive himself without them
Sufficiently authorized to act in pursuance of the
Treaty in which case he must differ now from the
Disposition and Opinion that led him to write to this
Gov^{rn}

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Government that he was ready to execute the same but as it was plainly the Intention of the respective Sovereigns of Great Britain and France and the obvious meaning of the Treaty as implied in every Convention that it should be completely not partially executed it ceases to be possible for as to make the Cessions on the part of England while M^r. de Bussy declines taking steps for fulfilling the Reciprocal Obligations on the part of France the nature of the Treaty implies that there is to be no other precedence in the order of those Restitutions than what their Nature and situation render necessary - On this Principle as soon as Monsieu^r De Bussy shall give an open positive written order for the Delivery to you or one of you of the Fort or District of Trincomalay you will give him an order for the restitution of Chandernagore or Karikal with the four Nagars and you will proceed to ascertain the Boundaries of Vellour and Bahour in order to yield him Possession of those Districts with that of Pondicherry on receiving an account of the actual restoration of Trincomalay. But if M^r. de Bussy shall persist in withholding such Order for the Cession of Trincomalay you will declare to him the Determination of this Board which

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to
24th which we now communicated to you that you returned
this Presidency without delay signifying to him that
whenever he shall be empowered and disposed to
fulfil the obligations on the part of France ste-
-pulated in the Definitive Treaty in relation to
India that we shall immediately proceed to ful-
-fil those which are reciprocally obligatory on
Great Britain and that the Delay in the mean-
-time in Carrying those purposes of the Treaty
into Execution are not to be imputable to the
Representatives of that Sovereign who are now
ready to concur in the entire and reciprocal per-
-formance of them you will please also to signify
that this Delay shall make no Difficiency in
the Disposition of this Government to accom-
-modate and assist M^r. de Kussy and the Troops
of his most Christian Majesty who shall still
have liberty to remain at Pondicherry but the
Possession and Government of which place must
continue with us until the final arrangement
shall take effect for all the mutual Restitu-
-tions stipulated by the Treaty

We are

Gentlemen &c^{ts}

P.S. We shall send you directions by tomorrow
with

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24 with regard to the further destination of the Swallow and the disposition of the Troops in her in case of M^r De Bussy's persevering in refusing to cede Trincomalee.

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To Lieutenant Sundt

Commanding at Chundergurry

Sir I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter to them of the 12th & 14th Instant.

To Lieutenant Sundt
respecting Kishen Row
to retain as few as possible
of the Rajah of
Calcutty. Prone to advise
the best place of
posting provisions and to
make regular Returns.

With respect to Kishen Row I am directed to inform you that he was deputed to Chundergurry by the Committee of assigned Revenue to ascertain the exact number of Beons that were entertained in that Garrison by the Rajah of Calcutty. Since your appointment Kishen Rows Services are of course become no longer necessary and he will accordingly be soon recalled - as the Rajah of Calcutty charges the Company with the pay of his Beons and as this Sum must be deducted from his Beircash the Committee desire you will only return as many as shall be absolutely necessary.

You will be pleased to acquaint the Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee from what place in your Opinion you think you

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^{1st}
2^d you can be best supplied with Provisions that the Company's Renter may be directed to furnish you with such a Quantity as may be necessary for the Garrison which shall be Ordered to remain in the Fort of Chundergurry and it will be necessary that you should regularly Transmit to the Right Honble President a monthly return of its strength and consumption

The Select Committee are of Opinion that the Casteeloy Rajah appears too anxious to proceed to Military Extremities he knows whether the differences can be adjusted but the Right Honble the President having written to the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun and to Hummer ul Dean Cawn the Committee hope that the Rajah will have no further reason for Complaint

I am Sir

(Signed) W. G. Masey
Acting Secretary

Fort St. George

4th April 1784

To Paul Benfield Esq^r

Paymaster at Permacoil
Sir

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

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to Mr Benfield
remitted to remain in
his present situation or
Cuddalore not to
trouble the Committee
with his correspondence

2^d The Receipt your Letter to them of the 19th Instant and
by their Orders to refer you to the Letter written to you
by their Secretary on the 14th Instant in which it is ex-
pressly mentioned that you are not desired to remove
from your present Situation while there is any dan-
ger to be apprehended to your Health from the Jour-
ney Enclosed I have the honor of Transmitting
to you a Duplicate of the abovesaid letter
and am directed to repeat to you this Declaration
from the Committee that you may be perfectly
easy in that respect and they are further pleased
to extend their indulgence to a permission for
you to Proceed to New Town or Cuddalore should
Either of those places be judged more favorable to your
Health there where you are but I am directed to Express
to you the hope of the Committee that you will enter-
tain a Proper sense of this Indulgence and that you
will not trespass upon them on the Commissaries
with your letters in the manner you have hitherto
done this letter and the same one of the 14th are to be
Considered by you as the rule of your Conduct

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) W. G. Wasey
Acting Secretary

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24 To Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Ross

&c^a Members of the Committee of Stores

Gentlemen

To Committee of
Stores four 18 Drs to
be sent to Chingle
put 8 four 8 Drs
to Vellore

I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble}
Council the President and Select Committee to furnish
you with the enclosed Extract of a letter from the Com-
mander in Chief and to desire in Compliance with
his Recommendation that the four French 18 Drs
which were preparing for Vellore - be sent to Chin-
gleput and that the four Eighteens (English) now
there belonging to the army be forwarded to Vellore
on their room together with their Carriage Stores &c^a

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I have the honor to be

&c^a
(signed) John Huddleston Secretary

To M^r William Collins Jackson

Secretary to the late Embassy to Tippoo Sultan

Sir

In answer to your letter to the

Right Hon^{ble} the President and Select Committee
requesting to know to whom you are to deliver the
Presents received by the Commissioners from the
Nabob Tippoo Sultan I am directed by them to
send you the enclosed Extract from their Minutes
of the 12th Instant -

I am Sir

&c^a
(signed) John Huddleston Secretary

To M^r Jackson
regarding the deli-
very of the Presents
received from Tip-
poo Sultan

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24th April 1784

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24 To William Hamilton Esq^r

Resident at Ingeram

Sir

To Mr. Hamilton to
receive from the Snow
Rachael what Stores
may be tendered

The Snow Rachael with several
Stores on Board on account of the Company which
were intended for the use of the Garrison of Masulipa-
tam having unfortunately received a damage in
her Rudder which together with the lateness of the
Season renders impossible her Passage from Coringa
(where she now is) to Masulipatam. I am directed
by the Right Honble the President and Select Com-
mittee to desire you will receive from the Snow Ra-
chael such articles of ordnance Stores &c^o as shall
be tendered to you and that you do Transport them
from Coringa to Masulipatam in such manner as
you shall judge to be most Expeditions and the
least Expensive.

I have the Honor to be,

S^r

(Signed) John Ruddleston
Secretary

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25 Received the following Letter from General Sir
To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney
to the President and Governor &c^o Select Committee
My Lord & Gentlemen Fort St. George

Enclosed I have the honor to
Transmit you a Copy of a letter I have received from
Captain Crippage together with my answer thereto
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For Geo To George April 1784

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From General Lang
enclosing letter to
and from Captain
Carpenter on sending
Sepoy to Lieutenant
Dallas Captain
Macalister to pro-
ceed to Lieutenant
Dallas as also Col.
Davies.

I have given orders to Captain Macalister who arrived
here this evening to march tomorrow morning to the
house and to move on with all expedition to meet Lieu-
tenant Dallas.

As the appearance of an Officer of
rank among them may be attended with good con-
sequences should their intentions be such as are ap-
prehended I have ordered Lieutenant Colonel Da-
vies to proceed with Captain Macalister. I have
made him fully acquainted with the Circumstances
as they have come to my knowledge and with my
ideas on the subject and have every reliance on his
prudence and good conduct.

As the Officers who have been
in captivity cannot untill released have the smallest
Command over the private men I have directed
Colonel Davies to propose to the person Command-
ing the Court of Tippoo Sultans People to liberate
them on their Parole on which case they will be restored
to their authority over the men and perhaps have it
in their power to prevent the fatal Consequences
that may otherwise ensue.

I hope what I have done will
meet with the approbation of the Honble Committee.

I have the honor to be

(Signed) Robt Lang

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25th Captain Cuppage

Copy

Sir

I am directed by General Lang to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 1 O'clock P.M. 23 April and to inform you that the General cannot send you any Sepoys at present not having any with him here but that he will order a Regiment of Cavalry to march to Vellore tomorrow morning & desires that you will send off immediately to Lieut Dallas to inform him that the Regiment will join him on his entering the Carnatic or as soon as possible.

Recd 23 April 1784
8 O'clock P.M.

I am Sir

&c^o

(Signed) Joseph Garraway
Secy^y Commander in Chief

To Lieutenant General Lang
Commander in Chief &c^o &c^o

Sir,

I have this moment received a Letter from Lieut Dallas dated at Vengaty quary the 25th Instant informing me that he is under great apprehensions of a disturbance happening between the Prisoners and the Nabob Tippoo Sultauns people who escort them on their entering the Carnatic and requesting I would send some

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some Companies of Sepoys from this Garrison to
prevent their putting a plan formed for beating &
perhaps killing their people. It is altogether out
of my power to send him any assistance as I have
not 50 Sepoys off duty but shall take every me-
ans that is in my power to prevent such fol-
lowing in their own way and agreeable to his re-
quest they shall not be served any until they
are cleared of Tippus Sultans people. I beg to
have your instructions in this business and if
you can spare him any support they shall be
joined with every Sepoy I can possibly spare.

I have the honor to be

Vellore 23rd
April 1784
10 Clock PM

true Copy

Joseph Garrow

Secretary Commander in Chief

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble George Lord
Macartney K^t. B^t. &c^t. &c^t. &c^t.
President and Select Committee of
My Lord & Gentlemen Fort St. George

In compliance with the orders
of the Commissioners I have the honor to inform
you

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From L^t Macalister
A Detachment of the
20th Battalion meeting
advances the Prisoners
some money receives
1000 Pag^{as} will arrive
at Vellore the 26 April
The Carnatic Inhabitants
detained at
Mysore Country -

26 You that since we began our March the 13th ultimo
we have been under the Necessity of allowing our
followers one Seer of Rice or one Tamam a Day
and only one half Rupee advanced each, on Account
of their pay, since we left Minigalore at Vistu
on the 23 the Detachment of the 20th Battalion
Sepoy Mutiny upon us and Demanded four M^{os}
in the pay) when their arrears of pay after making
the usual stoppages for Rice did not amount to
two) this extraordinary Demand I absolutely refus-
ed to Comply with after consulting with M^r
Dallas on this Occasion we agreed to pay the whole
one Months Pay and Batta which the Cavalry re-
ceived and was refused at that time) by the
Detachment of the 20th Battalion but soon after
requested it which was granted when tis needed
for me to enter into a detail of this matter as
I suppose M^r Dallas has written a full account
of it to the Presidency already -

We arrived at Sacrapatam the
24th where we met the first Division of our Pris-
oners I have advanced each of the Officers from
five Star Pagodas to Ten, and provided for them
Daily Beef Mutton Fowl &c. the Nabol allow-
ing each only two dabbas and one Seer of Rice
The Prisoners from Bangalore joined us the 13th
April

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We Intend to continue the same allowances to them as the former we have been obliged to pay a most exorbitant price for all kinds of Provisions & other Necessaries in passing through the Nabob's Country from orders sent by him to the different Towns & Villages this has been often represented but never once redressed.

Three Days ago I have had the pleasure of receiving two letters from the Secretary of Fort St George one of the 25th and other of the 29th Ultimo with one thousand star Pagodas the Gallier Beers who brought this Sum told me they were detained eight Days in Mier Muden Chawm Camp the above mentioned Sum together with the Balance of Cash now in my hands will be sufficient to Carry us to Madras as we understand necessities of all kinds in preparing for the Prisoners at Vellore Tents Shoes and Conveyances for the sick will be most wanted.

I would Certainly have written regularly to the Presidency in our rout from Mangalore to the Carnatic but we were given to understand very early by Beem Rowf the person who has conducted us from Nabob's Camp and is to deliver over the prisoners at Vellore that a Communication with Madras would not be allowed and that the Nabob had then detained

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26. Mr. Tappan in his Camp indeed we have every reason to suppose his report just, as we have not as yet received an answer to any of our letters since we left Mangalore.

As to a regular account of the different disbursements of Cash made by me is at present impossible for me to transmit to the Presidency what with constant marches crowded Tents and constant attendance upon our poor Country men who in spite of all our exertions are partly exposed to the weather. The small Business I have upon hands cannot be attended to, I therefore Request my Accounts may not be required of me by the Board until we arrive at Madras, where I shall be ready to give a regular account of the whole.

We arrived this Morning at Santigere and expect to be at Vellore the 26. Our communication is this morning opened with that Quarter so that our Capt. supplies for the Prisoners tomorrow the Carnatic Inhabitants were all kept Prisoners in Mysore and not suffered to return with us excepting a few who required our assistance this Morning in getting them through the Pass of Cudapanaturn at which place there is strict orders given by the Nabob Tippoo Sultan not to let one single Inhabitant pass into the Carnatic. I have the honor to be

(Signed) Genl. Ruth Macartney
Paymaster to the British

Santigere 28
April 1784

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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney K.B.
President & Chief Committee
of Fort St. George
My Lord & Gentlemen

Your Commands of the 17th

ultimo and the duplicate of them dispatched on the
15 Instant have been duly received by me. A service
illness prevented me from proceeding to carry your orders
into Execution immediately as they were delivered to
me: the first use I made of returning health was to
Communicate to his Excellency the Raja the purport
of your instructions and to explain to him the train
of Events which had given rise to the engagements
extended into relation to the Cession of the four moun-
tains or districts of his Country. I will not
Trouble your Honourable Board with a detail of
what passed in a Conference of three hours on this
Subject because the Raja informed me that he would
state his objections to such an alienation of his
resources in a separate address to the Raja. Honble
the President and because however strong these ob-
jections may be his Excellency feels the dependence
of his Situation too much not to yield to demands
which he knows to proceed solely from our desire of
putting a Stop to the ravages of war.

In the full Conviction of his Compliances
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From Mr. Sullivan
regarding the cession
of the Seven Moun-
tains—

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I have assured your first Commissioner at Pondicherry that the Execution of the Articles of the Treaty will meet no delay here I have been in daily expectation of the Raja's letter to the President or Secret^y and have deferred so long to have Communicated to your Hon^{ble} Board the result of my Conference on the 18th Instant

I have the honor to be with great
Respect &c^o

(Signed) John Sullivan

Karikal 23rd
April 1784

The Right Hon^{ble} Lord Macartney
President and Governor &c^o Select Committee
Fort St George
My Lord & Gentlemen

From General Lang
enclosing Copy of his
instructions to Col^l
Davies on his march
going to Meet P^r
Dallas and his
letter to Lieutenant
Dallas

I have received M^r Secretary
Haddleton's letter of 22nd Instant by which I observe a
supply of money &c^o has been ordered for the Prisoners
and that I may expect soon to receive your directions
regarding the disposal of them

I informed your Lordships &c^o
that I had ordered a Regiment of Cavalry to march
to Vellore and to proceed with all expedition to meet
Lieutenant Dallas. Captain Macalister accordingly
by Marched this morning under the Command of
Lieut

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Forb St George April 1784

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26 Lieutenant Colonel Davies

I have the honor to enclose a
Copy of my letter to Colonel Davies and also of what
I have written to Lieutenant Dallas

Recd 24th

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& am

My Lord & Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Ross Lang

P.S. I have just received information that ^{the} ~~the~~
Shah with all his people is gone out of the Country
thro the Changuinath Pass

To Lieutenant Dallas

Sir

In consequence of a letter from Captain
Cuppage informing me of your application to him
for an addition to your force as you are apprehensive
of a disturbance between the Prisoners and their Escort
I have sent a Regiment of Cavalry with orders to join
you as soon as possible - I have also ordered Col.
Davies to proceed with the Regiment as the appearance
of an Officer of Rank may have a good effect upon the
minds of the People I have directed him to take the
Command of the Detachment leaving to your
direction and management the Victualling and
money concerns you will consult with Colonel
Davies and give him every information in your
power

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We Power and take such measures in conjunction
with him as you may deem most necessary for
the public welfare and to prevent any misunder-
standing between our People and the subjects of
Tippoo Sultan.

Colonel Davies will make you
acquainted with my instructions to him as I am
not fully informed upon the subject I cannot take
upon me to point out any particular line of
conduct to be observed your own judgements and
observations will dictate the necessary measures.

Arcoth 24th
April 1784
10 O'clock AM

I am
Sir
Sir

(Signed) Ross Lang

True Copy

Joseph Garraw

Secretary Commander in Chief

Lieutenant Colonel Davies

Sir,

I made you acquainted with the
reason for my sending you with Captain Macalis-
ter's Regiment of Cavalry to meet Lieutenant
Dallas who is returning with the Prisoners and
Communicated to you my ideas respecting the
mode I thought most proper to be pursued
should any likelihood appear of a dispute arising
between the Prisoners and the people belonging to
Tippoo

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26 Tippoo who are Escorting them - It appears to me
that you should proceed as quick as possible to
meet them but that you should not enter the Sa-
tan Country untill you have first acquainted the
manager of your desire so to do and have obtained
his permission for that purpose as the Privateers
are not in any degree subject to the Controul of
the Officers whilst they are considered as Prisoners
it might be attended with advantage & possibly
prevent any disturbance should the person who is
in charge of them set them at liberty upon Licence
and Dallas given a receipt for them in which
case they should be restored to their authority over
the men you will be better able to form a judg-
ment of the propriety of such a measure when you
have conversed with Mr Dallas If you see Occa-
sion you will take the Command of the whole &
as I am not acquainted with the Circumstances
sufficiently to give you more particular instructions
for your conduct I must rely on your prudence &
good management and doubt not that you will
act for the best for the public good the detail and
management of Victualling and money concerns
you will leave to Mr Dallas as he has hitherto
transacted them

I have heard from Madras
that

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26th That a supply of money Cloaths &c.^o are sent to
Vellore for the Prisoners -

You will keep me constantly
advised of your proceedings -

I enclose you a letter for Lieut
Dallas which I left open for your perusal and
which you will deliver to him -

I expect instructions from
the Presidency respecting the disposal of the
Prisoners which you shall be acquainted with
immediately -

Yours Sir

(Signed) Rofs Long

A true copy

Joseph Garrow

Secretary Com^o in Chief

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

I have accounts this morning
of Lieut Dallas with the Prisoners being at Gar-
niattam and that they will be at Brimgevaram
to morrow Morning -

Captain M^o Alister with
his Regiment of Cavalry arrived here this morning

On

Arched 24th
April 1784
10 O'clock am.

From Captain Cup
page Captain Maca-
liston arrives on his
way to meet the Pri-
soners detaches two
Companies of Sepoys
apprehensive the
Prisoners will be
troubled soon -

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26 On his way to meet them at the request of
Lieut. Dallas I have this day detached two Com-
panies of Sepoys to Boingeveram as he is under
some apprehensions that the Soldiers and Sailors
would be trouble some on their being delivered
up by Tippoo Sultans People with the force that
will be there to receive them every thing I hope
will be carried on with regularity and Order.

Vellore 24th
April 1784

I have the honor to be

^{Yours}
(Signed) John Cappage

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R. 13
President and Governor & Select Committee

My Lord

of Fort S^t George

From Mr. Ogilvie
his apprehensions
of the consequences
of the delivery of
the Prisoners with
Mr. Dallas should
be avoided into ex-
ecution Captain
Macalister Bayma
enter the Camp of
Sepoys to march
to forward them -

them

writes
he dreads
at

I have the pleasure to acquaint your
Lordship that I received a letter from Mr. Dallas
at about 9 hours of yesterday's date he will be at Carnatic
this day and at Boingeveram tomorrow. It is
most fortunate that Captain Macalister arrived here
this morning with his Regiment they with two Com-
panies of Sepoys from hence go off this Evening to meet
them and if possible meet them in order for they are
determined to murder every man belonging to the
as soon as they arrive in the Carnatic. Dallas writes
me their plan has been over heard and he dreads
the consequences the Spaniards are of the head of it. I
glad

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glad to hear the whole of the Cavalry are on their
march to assist and prevent their carrying their
threats into execution I have every thing at Denger
nam that they can want in the Tower Pagoda
guarded by two Companies of Sepoys and the Gate
shutt for fear of accidents have only sent three
drums of Arrack for each man more can go if
we find them moderate I shall keep at distance
for fear they mistake me for Beemrow who had
better take his leave of them at Saut Ghum I
hope the orders of Government is on the road to
impower some person to release them till they
are free and consequently under the Command
of their ~~own~~ Officers they will be ungovernable

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Thomas B. Ogilvie

His Honorable Lord

Macartney, Gouverneur. &c &c
at
Madras

My Lord

J'ai reçu la lettre du 19. Mar
que vous m'avez fait l'honneur d'écrire & je vous
fais mes remerciement des plus sinceres pour la
communication du traite préliminaire conclu
entre

Vellore.

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From M. F. F. F.

is thanks for the
Preliminary Treaty
between the English
& Dutch sent by
the Government

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entre la Grande Bretagne & la Hollande jusqu'à l'heure qui est par les gazettes. Nous ignorons de même l'arrangement arrêté entre les cours de France & d'Angleterre par rapport à la restitution de Trinquinamale, par ce que le gouvernement Français se trouve encore sans ordre à ce sujet. En attendant Je m'empresse, My lord, de vous informer, que M^r le General de Suffren, d'abord après la réduction des forts de Trinquinamale, ne s'est considéré que le droit de garnison jusqu'à nouvel ordre de Sa Cour & qu'il a remis entre les mains du Commissaire, qui y fut envoyé de notre part le gouvernement territorial revenues &c. de sorte que le Commandant Français ne donne ses ordres que pour ce qui regarde les deux forts, tandis que tout Trinquinamale, avec ses dépendances à l'exception des deux forts est rentré sous l'administration Hollandaise depuis le 1^{er} Sept. 1782. Nous avons en outre dans les forts un bataillon de nos troupes. Malais

+ L'article 9. du traité préliminaire a stipulé que les restitutions de Trinquinamale & de toute autre conquête se feront aux Hollandais en même temps que les restitutions se feront entre la Grande Bretagne & la France. Il paraît donc superflu que les Commissaires que vous avez dessein d'envoyer à Trinquinamale gardassent les forts jusqu'à la réception

du

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du traité définitif. Il abonde que les Français
auront évacué Goudelour & que Pondichéri.
leur aura été restitué, il est évident, que
suivant l'intention des parties contractantes
& le Sens clair de l'art 5 & 9 du traité
les restitutions doivent être exécutées aux
Hollandais sans attendre le traité définitif
dont la conclusion paroissoit assurée au
moins maintenant. on en a eu besoin d'ajourner
la restitution comme cela a eu lieu par rapport
au traité préliminaire entre la Grande Bretagne
et la France —

Je suis persuadé que l'énonciation
évidente des articles allégués ne soulera
aucune difficulté de votre part, & que vous
donnerez des ordres en conséquence. & par
rapport aux forts de Trinquebar, &
pour ce qui regarde nos anciens établis-
sement sur les côtes de Coromandel & de
Madure —

J'ai l'honneur d'être avec la
Considération la plus distinguée —

My Lord

Votre très humble & très obéissant
Serviteur

Colombo

le 7th Avril 1784

(Signed)

Am: Will: Falck

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At a Select Committee Present

The Right Honble G. Lord. Macartney Presd.

Alexander Davidson Esq. Robt. Maunsell Esq.

Anthony Sadler and Lieutenant General Lang

absent upon Service - The Minutes of the last

Committee read and approved -

Read Letter from Tippoo

From Tippoo
Sultana entered
in C.C. -

Sultana / as entered in Country Correspondence / acknow-
ledging the receipt of the Presidents Letter with the
Treaty signed and sealed by his Lordship & the Select
Committee - expressing his hope that the Peace which
has taken place between the Company and him
will be a means of happiness and ease to the people
of both Countries - that it is his wish to discharge
the Engagements of the Treaty and he doubts not
but the President will also adhere to it and have
it in his view at all times that no disturbances
may happen either in his or the Company's Country
and that their friendship may constantly increase
that he is convinced the President will send him
shortly the Treaty executed by the Governor General
and Council and the Government of Bombay
that his people in the Bay of Ghaut will leave the
different places in possession of the Company's people
and return to the Malaghaut and that the European
Prisoners &c have been sent to the President with the
Company's Officers

Ordered to lie on the Table for consideration -

Read Letter and enclosure from
Brigadier General Macleod mentioned in the proceedings
of the 24th Instant enclosures mentioned in his letter
to the Governor General & Council are lodged in
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The Officer

Read also the following letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Knox -

To the Right Honble Lord Chancery
President and Governor &c. &c. of the Committee
of Fort St. George,
My Lord and Sir,

The Detachment of the 36th

From Sir Col. Knox

Regiment which was sent to the Malabar Coast in
September last has returned without having received
the Pay and customary allowances of Troops serving
there.

We have brought with us certified accounts and
orders for the amount on the supreme council signed
by the Commander in chief and the Paymaster of the
King's Troops on the Malabar Coast -

The suddenness of the Order for Em-
barcation rendered it impossible to obtain regular
Bills drawn by the President and Council of Bombay
but the Officers and men of the Detachment cheerfully
acquiesced in a measure of ardent necessity not doub-
ting but that the Presidency of Madras who sent them
round to the Malabar Coast would give Orders for
the immediate payment of their several demands.

Madras

I have the Honor to be

(Signed) John Knox Major 36th Reg^t
Lieut Col^l in India

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minute thereon

The return of so great a number of his Majesty's Troops with a demand of arrears for the whole time they have served on the Malabar Coast is very considerable and unlooked for addition to our embarrassment at this juncture burthened as we are with 10 months arrears due to our own Troops with demands from every quarter and our repeated applications to Bengal for assistance unattended to. It appears extraordinary also that the Gentlemen at Bombay should order now and these Troops without either making any Provision for the payment of their arrears sending us an authenticated account of them or even mentioning the subject in their despatches as for however as our ability extends we shall discharge those parts of the demand of which the particular Sums due can be exactly ascertained. The subsistence of his Majesty's 36th & 52nd regiments to the 25th June next has been already issued to the Paymaster of the Kings Troops and the Gratuity may be immediately discharged. It appears that the allowance of Table money has been paid by General Macleod respecting the Batta and other Charges the accounts for such Charges ought to be regularly audited and checked by the Commissary before they are paid, or there should have been a

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Certificate of their having passed the Inspection of the
Committee of Accounts at Bombay and been approved
by that Government the Officers holding the Certificates
should account with the Kings Paymaster for their Sub-
sistence and with the Companys Paymaster for the
Gratuity and Batta and when the Batta shall have
been ascertained the Committee will use their endeavours
to discharge it there will then remain only the Tent
money and staff allowances which can only be
Paid by an authenticated Account and draft from
Bombay -

Read the following letters from the
Committee of assigned Revenue -

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

After maturely considering the
letter from Captain Sale referred to us by your Lord-
ship &c. in your commands of the 31st Ultimo we
are of opinion that he has vindicated his Conduct
against the Accusations of the Printer of Impago-
res except in the article of duties which he acknow-
ledge

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owledge to have collected agreeable to a Practice
which we understand to be General in all the
our Garrisons.

We beg leave to recommend
it to Lordships &c. to come to some determination
on this point as it is at present a constant source
of Dispute between the Commanding Officers
and the Renters of the Districts no Provision
being made for it in Cowles the Renters consider
this Collection of Duties by the Commanding
Officers as an Infringement upon their Right.

We have the honor to be,

&c.

Charles Cakley

(Signed)

David Hale Burton

George Moubray

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

My Lord and Gentlemen

We beg leave to lay before you
Extract of a Letter from the Renter of Kellone
and at the same time to represent that if it is
deemed

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Expedient to withdraw the Garrison from Ramponi
and the other small Forts in the Nellore Country
it will be impossible for the Penter to take care
of them as the number of his Subbendy is very small
and sufficient only for the purposes of
Collection -

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We have the honor to be
Sir
Charles Cauley
Signed, David Haleberton
Geo. Moubray

Extract of a Letter From the Penter of
Nellore to the Governor,

Dated 25th Sunday at anel 17th April 1784

W^m Sind has recalled the gar-
risons of Ramponi Cundoor and Herwer which
are now without Troops excepting that of Cundoor
which is near the Chauli and on that Account
I have kept ten Subbendy peons the money col-
lected in that part of the Country must also be
sent with an escort and there are now troubles in
the Country for the enemy's Horse are now at Coma-
Agurry and Sittaramponi and have committed
ravages in these districts. It would therefore be
improper to let these Forts be without Garrisons
and

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and if your Excellency orders it a Lilladar and
Mushref with 28 Subbendy Peons will be sent to
each of these Forts

A true Extract

(Signed) Sandon

Secretary

alluded

Agreed
forts

Garrisons to be left
in the Forts with Dis-
tricts of the Nellore
District for the present
on his Representa-
tion —

The letter attended to from the Nellore sent
Comptains of the Garrisons being with drawn from
Rampoor Candor and Kerevir as threatening dan-
ger to the Collections agreed that Garrisons be
left in those Forts for the present and that Mr
Sind be directed to inform the District that orders
for that purpose will be given to the Commanding
Officer —

levying
pretence

To Commanding
Officer to levy duties
of any kind on paper
& Removal from
his Commands

Resolved that a General order
be issued prohibiting all Commanding Officers
from having duties of any kind or under any
pretences whatsoever and that any will founded
Complaint of a Breach of the Order shall be
followed by the removal of the Officer from his
Command —

Read the following letter from

Colonel Pearce —

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

Esq. Governor of Madras

My Lord

I was duly honored with

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with your Lordships Letter relative to the Bullocks & am
very sorry to give you the trouble of a renewal of the sub-
ject -

Bullocks for the Bengal army are
furnished by contract but I think that about this
time a change has taken place by which some body man-
ages it by agency as with you & that Sir John Ble-
mont is appointed agent of which Mr. Munson has
received notice from him tho I have not heard of it
from our Government or from our Commanders
in Chief -

I would not have troubled you concern-
ing them at all if you had the means of supply-
ing our wants without your aid, but as we have not
any left to advance or to pay the agent it will not
be in my power to get them by the mode your Lord-
ship proposes because whether we hire or buy ad-
vances must be made to the Contractors or sellers
which is impossible -

I have great reason to believe
that those we have will not go. Collore indeed Capt
Moorthouse suggested it to Major Deane & told him
that he had settled for their going to that place but
could not get them to engage to go further -

When this came to my knowledge I made
my application to your Lordship and I hope this
will induce you to send orders on the subject

Yours &c.

(signed) J. D. Pearce

Commanding the Bengal Troops in
the Carnatic -

Gomraipoodee
26 April 1784

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Agreed that Colonel Pearce be informed we cannot consent to his purchasing Bullocks that such as are necessary must be hired by the Paymaster —

The President informs the Committee that the admiral has intimate to him his Intention of shortly dispatching one of his Majestys ships to England —

Resolved that the admiral be requested to permit Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm to Embark on the said ship with the Company's Dispatches and to Order a passage and Accommodations for him —

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Dispatched the following Letters to the
Commodore at Pondicherry and to Vice Admiral
Sir Edward Hughes

To Messrs. Hovet Dalrymple
and
Fallofield

Gentlemen,

To the Commodore
directing them to
return to Madras
Should Sir Bussy
persist in his former
opinion of Dalrymple
to remain at Pondicherry
and to host the
English Flag but in
any every particular
to consult the Amusement
of Sir Bussy & the
French Inhabitants

If notwithstanding the determi-
- nation of this Government communicated
to you in our letter of the 23^d Instant and which
no doubt you immediately signified to the
Marquis de Bussy, he shall have persisted
to withhold his Order for the Prestidition of
Trincomalay, you will on the receipt of this
letter direct the Troops on board the Swallow to be
landed at Pondicherry to remain there and be
in readiness to embark from thence for Trincomalay
where the orders from France for the Arrival of
that Place shall arrive and which cannot be
long delayed. We judge it right that Colonel
Dalrymple shall in the meantime remain
at Pondicherry where we earnestly recommend that

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in Quartering these Troops he will consult as much
possible The Convenience of the Marquis de Bussy
and the French who are there between whom and our
Troops we depend on Colonel Dalrymple care for
preventing every Occasion of Dispute But the
English Flag and the Authority of this Government
are to be maintained at Pondicherry until we
shall agree to give Possession of that Place in
form to the French in performance of the Treaty
and whilst we are ready to do the moment the
Marquis de Bussy shall agree to perform
what the same Treaty requires to be done on
his Part Colonel Dalrymple will detain the
Swallow and Mr Mitchell will remain with
the Troops till further Orders Mr Floyer and
Mr Tallofield may return as soon as they
think proper

We have the honor to be &c &c

Signed Macartney

&c: Secret Committee

Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes K.B.

Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Ships in

India

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Sir

To Lieut Edward Hughes
requesting a passage
for Lieutenant Colonel
Malcolm on board
of the Fortin

We have the honor to acknowledge your
Letter of the 24th Instant and to congratulate
you on your arrival on this Coast.

Our President having informed us
that you have been so good as to communicate
to his Lordship your Intention of shortly
dispatching one of his Majesty's Ships to
England we request the favor of you to
permit Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm to
embark on the said Ship with our Despatches
for the Honorable Court of Directors and
that you will be pleased to order a passage
and Accommodations for him.

We have the honor to be Sir

Signed Macartney &
Lieut Commr

Received Letter from Captain

Forwarded to the Commander in Chief for interest
in Mr. Murray's Book requesting leave to proceed to Bengal

Received

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From Captain

Goode

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Lt. Macaulay -

Received Letter from Lieutenant Macaulay
Acknowledging the receipt of 1000 Pagodas which
will be quite sufficient for ordered in R. B. H. /

From Capt. Dames

From Captain Dames for ordered in
Miscellany Book representing that the
Garrison are in great want of pay.

To Mr Woolf

To Mr Woolf to send all the stores
to Ponnammallu & to remain at Fort St George
till it is destroyed for ordered in Miscellany Book

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

From Lieutenant
Macaulay enclosing
Letter from Lieutenant
Darling sent to
release the prisoners

L. B. President & Governor &c. Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the Honor to transmitt
you Letter which I received from Ensign
John Darling, who was sent from hence to
Siddahak to release the prisoners and has been
detained for many Days at different places
on his way thither. - I have the honor to beg

Hellort
April 23/ 1784.

Yours
Thos. Meller

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To Lieutenant Blakeney Miller

Commanding Hellow

Sir

I have the pleasure to acquaint you
that I arrived here the 18th in the morning on the
night of the 17th I received a letter from the Habob
desiring me to halt at this place & informing me
he received a letter from Suppos Sultans Behaudin
desiring he would let him know when the officer
for the Prisoners arrived that he did so and
that it would be seven or eight days before he
could have an answer every necessary attention
is paid me, and I have much satisfaction in
assuring you the Prisoners are well attended to
The Habob has given me permission to send
refreshments of every kind to them.

I am &c

(Signed) John Darley

Tope within

5 miles of

Luddapah

April 20th 1784.

P. S.

The Habob says he can't have an
interview with me till he hears from Suppos Sultans.

End

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Lord Macartney

My Lord

Agreeable to your Order of the 16th

by letter from Captain Sutherland I have this
Day sent down to the Presidency the people
who were concerned in the Correspondence with
the Cuddalore nabob their names as following
Muran Sah Ball Kistnah Ramnair Ball
Ching Mohomed Ghum Sah Mohomed
Petchimondas The latter the only persons who attended
the Company's Sepoys -

I was yesterday honored with your
Lordship's letter of the 14th through the hands of
Venkatarao sent of mullora whose requisitions
shall be complied with agreeable to your Lordship's
letter and have hitherto been except one made to
me by him for two Flavelars Guards to go from
hence to Jonowadack where he was going to perform
some Ceremony I told him without your
Lordship's orders I could not comply with his
requests

From South Mellore
sent to the Presidency
the People concerned
in the Correspondence
with the Cuddalore
Nabob's Viceroy
Sepoys for Sepoys

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request Except for the Collection of the Revenue He
has for that purpose 2 Jemadas 2 Havalas 4
Nagurs & 106 Sepoys Total 114

Mellore 23

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I have the honor to be Y^r O^bd^t

Signed B. Miller

To the Right Honble George Lord Macartney

K B President of the Select Committee

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to send you a

receipt of Arms Delivered by order of Colonel
Drathwaite at Pondicherry The property of Mr
Cornett Inhabitant of that Place and I have to
request that your Lordship Y^r will be pleased to
order that The said Arms Y^r may either be
restored to Mr Cornett and Delivered to me for
that purpose at least I may be paid their Value
so much as you think proper.

I have the honor to be Y^r O^bd^t

Signed Roche

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I Acknowledge to have received from Monsieur
Cornette Inhabitant of Pondicherry the following
Arms and Stores which by order of the Governor
and Select Committee I have sent to the Honble
Company's Store at Madras -

French Muskets 66

Bayonets - - - 55

Sabres - - - 20

Iron swords - - 66

Pistols wooden
swords - - - 227

D'unservicables - 8

NB The whole are old.

Given under my hand at Pondicherry
May 29th 1780.

Signed John Brathwaite
Colonel Commanding.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

President and Governor and the Honble the

Select Committee of Fort St George

My Lord & Sirs

Brigadier General Macleod

having stated to you the amount of Bills

From Lieutenant
Colonel Barry
requesting the
payment of Bills
drawn by General
Macleod in favor
of Detachments
of the 5th Regt.

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^{no}
2^d drawn by him in favor of the Officers and Men
of his Majesty's 52^d Regiment who were under
my command on the Malabar Coast: it only
remain for me to have the honor to inform you
they were drawn by the Brigadier as the immediate
Sections of the Kings Fleet would not admit of
the accounts on which they are founded being
transmitted to the Presidency of Bombay and
the Drafts being returned in from thence: and
that they are solely in discharge of the usual Pay
Gratuity and Field allowances of that Post-

I am therefore to request you will
be pleased to direct these Bills may be put in
order of due Payment with as little delay as
possible - I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed H. Barry,

Lieut Colonel

Pondamallu
April 26th 1784.

Despatched the following Letters -

To Lieutenant Miller.

Commanding

at Mellor.

For

I am directed by the Right Honble

To Lieutenant Miller
to forward the Garrison
of Pondamallu and
to remain

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Honorable the President and Select Committee to
Signify to you their orders that you permit the
Garrisons of Rampours Condorees and Kinner to
remain in those Forts for the present.

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I am &c

John Ruddlestone

To the Honble Lieutenant Colonel Knox.

To Lieutenant Colonel
Barry & Knox regarding
the paying of the 36th
Regiment, which
is the other fort.

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President and Select Committee to acknowledge
your Letter to them of the 25th Instant and to
inform you in answer that the Substence of
his Majesty's 36th Regiment to the 25th of June
Next has been already paid to the Paymaster of
the King's Troops and that orders are given for
discharging the usual Gratuity the Allowance
of Table money it appears has been paid by
General Mackenzie respecting the Battle and other
Charges the Select Committee direct me to observe
to you that by the established System of

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^{no} 27 of the Company on this Coast the Accounts for
Such Charges should be regularly audited and
checked by the Commissary, before they can be paid the
charges should also be more particularly specified
than those in the Account signed by General Macleod
or there should be a Certificate of their having passed
the Inspection of the Committee of Accounts at Bombay
and been approved by that Government

The Officers holding the Certificate should
Account with the Kings Paymaster for their Subsistence
and with the Companies Paymaster for the Gratuity
and Batta which will be shown by the muster Roll
and when the Batta shall have been ascertained
the said Committee will use their endeavours to
discharge it here there will then remain only the
Tent money, and Staff allowances which can only
be paid by an authenticated Account and Draft
from the Bombay Government

I have the honor to be Sir

[Signed] John Rudington

The same to

Lieutenant Colonel Barry of his

Majors 5th Regiment

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Fort St George April 1781

To the Honorable Edward Coles Esq

To the Honorable advising
of the arrival of the
Swallow with accounts
of the definitive Treaty
between France and
America being signed
Paris on the 20th
September the morning
has despatched to
receive the French
and some people
detaching us sending
our people into the
Lagoon of L'Esper

President of Governor &c Select Committee

Fort Marlboro

Gentlemen

We have had the honor to receive
your Letter of the October last.

On the 18th of February the Horatio
Company's Packet the Swallow imported here and
conveyed to us the agreeable intelligence that the
definitive Treaty with America France & Spain
had been signed at Versailles by the respective
Plenipotentiaries on the 3rd of September last - and
the Majesty's Frigate Curieuse which arrived here
on the 8th hath confirmed these accounts and
brought us duplicates of the Dispatches by the
Swallow together with the Preliminaries with the
States General which were signed on the 2nd of Sept^r
and of which we have the honor to enclose your
Copy as likewise of the definitive Treaty with
France & Spain -

J. W.

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We are happy to inform you, that the general Peace which has taken place in Europe has been followed by a determination of Hostilities on this Coast and that a Treaty of Peace was interchangeably signed and executed on the 11th between the Nabob Tippoo Sultan and the Commissioners who were deputed by the Government to negotiate with that Chief - a Copy of that Treaty is likewise transmitted enclosed.

By the 2^d Article of the Treaty concluded with Tippoo Sultan which provides for the release of the Prisoners in his Hands you will observe that it is agreed that "if any person or persons belong to the said Nabob and taken by the Company in the late War be now alive and in prison in Bangalore or other Fortresses of the Company: Such person or persons shall be immediately released and if willing to return, shall be sent without delay, to the nearest Port or Settlement in the Mysore Country."

In compliance with this Article

We now dispatch to your Presidency the Morning Star to receive on board the Prisoners mentioned

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in the enclosed List who were sent to your
Settlement in the year 1781 as likewise any other
persons belonging to Tippoo Sultan who may
have been conveyed thither - That no time may
be lost in executing this Article - We request
you will be pleased with as little delay as possible
to dispatch the Morning Star with the Prisoners to
Bombay and desire the Select Committee there to
cause them to be conveyed to the nearest Port or
the possession of Tippoo Sultan and take a receipt
from his Officers for their delivery -

We send to you some Persons who were
formerly in the service of the nabob Wallajah
and stationed at mellore where they had been
some time ago discovered in endeavouring to induce
our people into the service of Tippoo &c during the
War - you will dispose of them as you judge
best in the public service not permitting them
to return to India

Fort St George
27 April 1784

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

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Fort St George April 2/84

27th To Captain James of the morning Star
[as entered in Auxiliary Books] to proceed
to Fort Marlborough

28th Despatched the following Letter to Col.
Pearse

To Colonel Thomas Deane Pearse

Commanding the
Bengal Detachment

I should have
not to purchase
Bullocks but
hire them

Sir

The Right Honorable the President
having laid before the Select Committee your
Letter to his Lords dat^d of the 24th Instant. I am
directed to inform you that it is their desire
that no new Bullocks be purchased but that
your Paymaster do hire such a number as
shall be absolutely necessary for the artillery
& stores of the Detachment under your command

Should you find it impracticable
or very difficult to hire Bullocks the Select
Committee recommend that you leave your
artillery, or a considerable part of it at
Masulipatam from whence it can be forwarded
by Sea. I have the honor to be

Fort St George
28th April 1784

(J. Ligon) John Huddleston
Adjutant

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Fort St George April 1784

Received the following Letters -

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

From Lieutenant

K. B.

Dalles the prisoners
arrive at Benjivaram
in want of Rice receive
1000 Pags distributed
at the Bombay
Supplies in great distress

My Lord.

The Escort under my Com.

mand and the Prisoners Arrived yesterday
at Benjivaram where I met Col^d Davis who
was sent by the General with instructions for
me to advise with him concerning provisions
for the Prisoners we found it impossible to remain
at that place having no Rice for the natives nor
a probability of getting Supplies before they
came from Madras therefore it was determined
that we should march on without delay
Captain Davis informs me that it is not in
the Generals power to give them one days rice
I have received the 1000 Pagodas from Mr. Agnew
and paid one Rupee to each natives which I
expect if the General does not order me to
halt I will lead them to Tripuchanore to
which place I hope your Lordship will order
Supplies of Rice from Madras sufficient for

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for five thousand men - The List of His
 Majesty's and Company's Regiments I have
 put into Vellore which will enable me to bring
 all the Garrison to Madras. I intend proceeding
 to Arcot this evening to give the General inform-
 -ation about the Europeans whom I understand
 are to be kept at Arcot this will save one day's
 halt at that place. The Bombay Europeans
 in terrible distress having no cloaths or any
 other comfort of life their sufferings and conduct
 have been such as much as the greatest
 attention I have not given receipts to the orators
 people for the Prisoners nor will not until
 they bring up all the Soldiers baggage, lately
 they have behaved very ill tho with a good deal
 of seeming respect.

I have the honor to be &c.

Yours Truly
 Thos Dallas

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

From Mr Ogilby

The General arrived

Vellore Sunday last

Dallas 1600 Page

H B President & Governor -

My Lord

I have been honored with

yours

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Fort St George April 1784.

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Your two letters of the 23^d and 24th and have
only to me to inform your Lordship that all
the prisoners are in and about Vellore in
great good spirits and not so many such
as I expected. Captains Cuppage's house and mine are
full of Officers as well as every Gentleman in the Fort
we shall make it out very well Mr Dallas
marches again tomorrow to meet the men are
very orderly and under good command I
went myself yesterday to Chervaram and
Saw them want supplied gave Mr Dallas
the 1000 Pagodas your Lordship left with me
and as soon as the money arrives your Lordship
mentions to have sent I will let every Corp
have a little taking the receipts of the heads
of every Corp as my vouchers.

As soon as I am a little better
I will reply fully to your Lordship's letter &
respecting the Rent in the meantime I have
taken the steps directed to secure the fines of
the Corps. I have the honor to be
Sir

Vellore

^{fr}
26 April 1784.

Yours &c
Lieut. Thos. Eggleston

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Fort St George April 9 1784.

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney KB

President and Governor of the Island of Madras

Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have received your commands -

respecting the Prisoners under date the 23^d Instant and have the pleasure to inform you that Lieut Dallas with the Escort arrived here this morning having left all the sick in the Hospital at Villor.

I shall as soon as possible make the necessary arrangements among the Sepoys both of the Madras and Bombay Establishments agreeable to your orders on that head.

as your Lordship has not given me any directions with respect to the disposal of the Europeans and as I should find much difficulty in providing for the whole of them at present I have determined to retain at this place such as belong to his Majesty's 73^d Regiment and to the Madras Establishment and have directed Lieutenant Dallas

From General Lang
Lieutenant Dallas
arrives with the
Prisoners detain the
Europeans belonging
to the 73^d Regiment
Madras Establishment

Dallas

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Fort St George April 1784.

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To the Store Keepers of the out Garrison
[as entered in Miscellaneous Books] desiring them not to
make up any Store -

To Mr Burdett as entered in MSB with
permission to proceed to Bengal.

Dispatched the following Letters.

To the Honble William Pattle.

To Mr Pattle Secretary
to the restoration of
Trincomalee.

Counsellor Extraordinary in India and
Governor of the Island of Ceylon.

Sir

By the letter which you have done
me the honor to write to me on the 7th Instant
I am informed of some Arrangement made by Mr
de Suffren in relation to Trincomalee but
which must have been temporary only and Subordinate
to the Engagements made by his Lordship as included
in a Public Treaty with Great Britain of your
mention that Mr de Suffren's arrangements
to Subst only till the pleasure of his Court should
be known which pleasure is sufficiently apparent
by the Public Treaty it has made, and which puts
an end to Mr de Suffren's arrangements. The
Capture of Trincomalee by the French was known
in Europe long before the Conclusion of the Definitive
Treaty.

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Fort St George April 1841

Treaty between these two Powers. If it was not meant to be included in the Clause for the mutual Recitation of the Plans taken, & superseded, from each other, the Exception must have been expressly inserted in the Treaty. But on the contrary no such Exception or Difficulty of any kind was made by the Court of France, when the Draft of the subsequent Instructions intended to be sent to India was communicated to that Court, and in which instructions the restoration of Trincomalee to the English is particularly mentioned and this particular mention leaves it not in any manner to declare inserting on such restoration immediately. The Dutch Government is perhaps more essentially interested in the performance of this part of the Treaty between Great Britain and France than even the English Government, for it is probable that by the Definitive Treaty between Great Britain and the United Provinces as mentioned in the Posthumous Settlement between these two Powers the former will be bound to deliver Trincomalee to the latter which it cannot do without having previously received it back from the French.

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who having engaged to deliver it to the English
can have no Engagement to deliver it to the Dutch
The Clauses of the Treaty are reciprocal what Great
Britain is to restore I am ready to restore as to
receive what I am intitled to demand. But these Acts
must accompany each other This adherence to my
Duty has not prevented me from taking a Pleasure
in Accommodating myself in other respects to the
wishes of his de Bussy, and the Anxieties of the
Subjects of his most Christian Majesty. It would
be a peculiar Satisfaction to me to have an occasion
of testifying to you my Regard for those ancient
friends and Allies whom you represent in this
part of India and with how much Esteem

Fort St George
April 28 1784

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours
J. Macartney

To the Honble Warren Hastings Esq.

Governor General & Council
Fort William

In Bengal advising of
the appointment of
Commissioners to execute
the part of the definitive
Treaty which concerned
the Bussy with some
reasons

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the honor to acknowledge
your Letter of the 18th ultimo and to Instant

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Pursuant to the receipt of the forms we had in conformity to the orders from home appointed Commissioners to execute the parts of the Defensive Treaty which concerned us and Mr de Bussy having acquainted us that he was ready to receive them & to execute the parts of the Treaty which concerned the French our Commissioners proceeded to Pondicherry early in this month. The absence of our President on an excursion to the Westward of Vellore in order to make arrangements for the reception of the prisoners from Tippoo's Country, occasioned some delay in writing to you upon this subject.

As we had already given our Commissioners full Instructions for their conduct with respect to the time when the mutual Cessions & restorations stipulated in the Treaty should take place we judged it advisable to avail ourselves of the authority you gave us to withhold the Letter to the Marquis de Bussy enclosed in your Letter to us of the 12th ultimo and only to send Copies of both to our Commissioners at Pondicherry. It would probably require several months to make the

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28 previous arrangements necessary for restoring all the places together including those on the Malabar Coast and we should of course be kept as long out of Trincomalee and the French out of Pondicherry and Caricac are imagined therefore it would be more convenient to both parties to begin with restoring the places of the greatest consequence and nearest to hand Pondicherry and Caricac to the French at the same time that Trincomalee and Cuddalore should be restored to us and we instructed our Commissioners accordingly By a Letter since received from them we were informed that the Marquis de Bussy evaded the immediate restitution of Trincomalee to us by declaring that altho he was fully convinced that it ought to be restored to us yet as he had not yet directly nor indirectly received orders from his own Court relative to the execution of the definitive Treaty he could not at this moment restore Trincomalee to us He said however that as he expected orders every day by a frigate and considering the positive declaration which he had made on this point he thought that the other objects of the

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Fort St George April 1781

²⁸ The Treaty should be begun upon according to
these orders in the Definitive Treaty without the
restoration of Trincomalee being made a precondition.
But as our Instructions are particular upon this
Subject point we have directed - our Commissioners
not to proceed to make the Accession on the part
of Great Britain whilst the Margins de Dupin
should decline fulfilling the reciprocal obligations
on the part of the French and that if he should
still persist in withholding an order for the Accession
of Trincomalee they would declare to him our de-
termination for their return to the Presidency
without delay, as soon as we know the Issues
of this Business we shall not fail to communi-
cate it to you.

Respecting the Subject of your Letter
of the 5th Instant we have the Honor to inform
you that in all probability the number of our
Commissioned officers & men belonging to the
King's Regiment exceed those who may choose
according to His Majesty's permission to recruit
in the Regiments that remain well not to by
any means sufficient to complete the latter

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There however be any surplus and that they prefer
the Bengal Service We shall agreeably to your
desires receive them as recruits for your Establishment.

The Detachment of your Troops under
the Command of Colonel Pearce marched from
their encampment near the place on the 22^d Instant
on their return to Bengal with a field Train of
2 Guns the remainder of the Artillery and Carriages
will be sent by Sea as soon as proper Vessels can
be procured for that purpose.

We have advanced Colonel Pearce
nearly the whole Sum that remained in our
Treasury and sent orders to the Subordinate
Settlements and Garrisons to cause ample Supplies
of provisions to be procured at the different places
in his route.

We have also given a bill on Masulpha-
nam for the Lack of Rupes which you had
formerly remitted to us but as the further Remittance
which you promised to send us on that place has
not been made and as the bill for the Lack
of Rupes upon Fort St George at this time exceeds
of two months due has not been paid we
(request

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Fort St George April 1781

I request that you will continue some means of
 Lending money to Colonel Pearson on his account
 as so far from our being able to assist them we
 stand in need of all the assistance for which
 Since the death of Sir Eyre Coote we have been
 so earnestly soliciting you We have now in
 addition to former demands upon us to provide the
 funds necessary for paying near 1200 European
 Troops arrived here in the Squadron from the
 other Coast besides all the Prisoners from Tippu
 Sultan consisting of upwards of 1200 Europeans
 & about 3000 Sepoys at Bellary & the Environs &
 Considering our Situation the Situation of
 Bombay, and of your Government we can't avoid
 expressing our anxiety for the speedy return of
 the Treaty with Tippu confirmed and ratified
 by you Till that arrives we will probably
 entertain doubts of our Security, and act with
 much more reserve and Caution than when
 the Treaty shall have been fully completed
 A Correct List of the Prisoners is herewith enclosed
 We also send you Copy of our General Orders
 expressing our Sense of the Services of the

nds

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28 Bengal Detachment and of the officers who
so ably commanded them

We have the honor to be Sirs

Signed Macartney &
Lieut Committee

Fort St George
28 April 1784

Despatched the following Letter to

the Commissioners at Pondicherry with a Copy of
the Right Honorable President's Letter of this
date to the Governor of Mysore.

To Messrs Floyd
Dalrymple
& Fallofield
at Pondicherry

Gentlemen

Late last night our President

received the enclosed Letter from Mr Falk &
Governor of Mysore by which you will observe that
He and the French seem already to have understood
one another with respect to Trincomalay but Mr
Falk does not seem to understand the meaning
of the Word *Provis* of the Treaty that as all
Treaties are to be executed liberally His reasoning
that

To the Commissioners
enclosing Letter from
the Governor of Mysore
to the President together
with the sentiments of
the Committee respecting
the restoration of
Trincomallee

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Fort St George April 1784

28 That there is no necessity for our restoring possession
of Trincomalee because of its being to be restored
to them must fall to the ground even supposing
the fact to be exactly as the States it which is not
the case We by the Preliminary Treaty are
bound to restore it to the Dutch at a certain
Period or Epoch and we cannot restore it until
it is first delivered into our hands by the Dutch
according to the 19th Article of the Treaty. We have
declined entering into any Controversy with the
Dutch upon the Subject. We have nothing to
do with them at present upon this point our business
is with the French who have acknowledged
and declared our rights under the Treaty but
have evaded the granting them to us.

Enclosed is a Copy of our President's
Letter to the Dutch by which and what is
mentioned above you will clearly see the line
to be adopted with regard to the Dutch on the
Subject of Trincomalee.

Fort St George
April 28 1784

We are &c &c
Signed C Macartney &c
Secret Committee

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Fort St George April 1784

Received the following Letter & Enclosure
from the Messrs Flouys Dalrymple and a
Tallofield

To the Right Hon^{ble} Geo Lord Macartney
H. B. & Co.

From the Commissaries
enclosing the copy of
a Letter they had
addressed to the French
Commissaries relative
to the release of
Prisoners accompanied
by several Extracts
from the Correspondence
between the Marquis
de Lamoignon & the President

President and Governor & Select Committee
at

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

We have the honor to transmit
to your Lordship & Co. enclosed Copy of our
answers to the Letter addressed to us by the
French Commissaries under date the 28th Instant

We have the honor to be with the

greatest Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Pondicherry
21st April 1784.

Your most Obedient
Humble Servants

(Signed) Charles Flouys
Wm Dalrymple
Ed Tallofield

To

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Fort St George April 1784.

To Charles Monneron Esq.

Brigadier General Contremaître

and

Norain Esq. Knight of the Royal and

Military Orders of St Louis

Gentlemen,

We had had the honor to receive
your Letter dated the 25th Instant Copy of which
accompanied our Address to the Right Honorable
the Governor and Select Committee at Fort St George
by the Tappies which were dispatched from this
Place on the same night.

When we had the honor to propose
to your Gentlemen at the first Conference the
restitutions of the Forts, Towns, Ports and Harbors
of Trincomalay, and it is Dependence to his
Britannick Majesty, in virtue of the 19th Article
of the late definitive Treaty with France which
provides for the mutual restitution of all places
taken during the war which were not express'd
in the said Treaty, neither under the Title of
Cession nor under the Title of restitution without
difficulty and without exacting compensation

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we conceived you were fully authorized to confer
upon, and to settle with us all the several
Articles stipulated by the definitive Treaty
between our respective Sovereigns which related to
the West Indies. In this Belief we were the more
convinced by the Letter of that tenor our
Possessor from the Marquis de Bussy to
Lord Macartney of date the 14th March last
in which the Marquis de Bussy expressly
tells Lord Macartney that he was ready to
carry into Execution that part of the Treaty
which concerned them But as you were pleased
to inform us, that you had no orders from the
Marquis de Bussy to accede to this Proposition
and that you wished to have time for receiving
his instructions the first Conference was
necessarily adjourned Previous to the adjourn-
ment however we had the honor to inform
you Gentlemen that we were then prepared
to offer such Propositions to you respecting
all the other Articles of the Treaty as we
persuaded ourselves would evince our earnest
desire to fulfill every Condition therein
stipulated between the two Crowns last year

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did not think ourselves at Liberty to enter
 upon those Propositions until you should be
 authorised to accede to the Restitution of Trincomallé
 at the second Conference which was held
 on the 21st Instant you were pleased to give us that
 information Gentlemen relation to the Restitution of
 Trincomallé from the authority you then proposed
 from the Marquis de Bussy, which is fully and
 particularly repeated in the Letter you did us the
 honor to write to us after the Conference was adjourned.
 To such information we replied that we had made
 the Proposition for the restitution of Trincomallé
 in Conformity to the orders of our Superior. We
 produced and read to you a Letter from ^{the} Marquis
 de Bussy to Lord Macartney dated the 24th of
 March last the purport of which has been
 already mentioned in this Letter: we repeated
 what had past at our first Conference concerning
 the Propositions we had framed, and were prepar-
 -ed to offer to you for a final adjustment of all
 matters stipulated in the definitive Treaty
 concerning our respective nations in the East
 Indies we at the same time observed that
 altho the Marquis de Bussy had been pleased
 to empower you Gentlemen to assure us that

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28^a he was fully convinced that this institution ought to be made to us. He did not at present think himself authorized to assist Trincomallee for want of orders from his Court for the Execution of the Definitive Treaty which however he was in daily expectation of receiving by a Frigate & as the Marquis de Dupleix was of opinion that the Business with which we were mutually involved might notwithstanding be begun in the order in which the several Articles are named in the Definitive Treaty, we likewise observed we could not think ourselves justified in proceeding farther with your Gentlemen until we had laid the present State of our Conference before our Superiors, and had obtained their orders in consequence.

In regard to the Situation in which your Represented Trincomallee to be at this time from the separate Authorities of your nation and that of the United States of Holland, in the exercise of the military and Civil Government thereof we had the honor to observe that we could not admit of any claims nor any interference.

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interference in matters on the part of the latter
in the present negotiation. For as Francisco de
was undoubtedly in the position of your nation,
it was with your nation alone we came to treat
for the restitution of that place and its dependences
and from the representatives of your nation alone
were we to receive it, according to the express
Conditions of the 19th Article of the definitive Treaty.

Altho' the Marquis de Bussy did in
his Letter of the 16 of marche last request of
Lord Macartney to impart to him the orders of
our Company, which had been communicated
to the Court of France for the Execution of the
definitive Treaty, which concerned the two
nations in India yet certain it is Gentlemen
that the Marquis de Bussy without having
secured the information he had desired and
eight days after the date of two said Letters of
the 16th marche last did on the 24th of that month
address the Letter to Lord Macartney, which has
been already remarked.

We have the honor to July join Extracts
of the Correspondence between Lord Macartney
and the Marquis de Bussy of dates the 9th
16th & 26th of marche last. as they became the
subject

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Fort St George April 1784

20th Subject of our Conference and have been pointed out to us by your Gentlemen in your Letter of the 24th Instant.

Extract of a Letter from Lord Macartney, to the Marquis de Bussy, dated 9th March 1784.

"The day before yesterday Sir &
"Majesty's Frigate the *Endeavour* arrived here and
"are now completely authorised to execute every part
"of the definitive Treaty, we suppose that you will
"have been furnished with Full Powers for the
"execution of yours. a Copy of the orders sent to
"us relative to the definitive Treaty, has been
"furnished to your Court. If you have not yet
"received them I shall have the honor of
"communicating them to you, you may expect
"in a very few days to hear from me fully, upon
"this subject in the meantime I have the honor
"to transmit to you a Copy of the definitive
"Treaty"

Extract of a Letter from the Marquis de Bussy, to Lord Macartney, dated 10th March 1784.

"I have received your Letter of the 9th Inst with the definitive Treaty enclosed. By your will

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Fort St George April 1784

28 "Accept my thanks and be ~~convinced~~ I am as
 "anxious as yourself to consummate the Business of
 "the restitutions you will find in me as I have
 "had the honor to write you with Inclination &
 "Spirit and disposition to maintain harmony
 "union and friendship between our two nations

"I have not hitherto received any accounts
 "from my Post regarding the Treaty I will be
 "very much obliged to you for the Instructions
 "which have been sent to you on this subject
 "and which have been communicated to the Post
 "of France

Extract of a Letter from Mr Bussy to Lord Macartney
 24 March 1784

"I replied to your Letter of the 9th Inst
 "immediately after I received it and have to day
 "received yours of the 18th advising of your having
 "appointed Commissioners to execute that part of
 "the Definitive Treaty which concerns you &
 "that they are ready to set out immediately you
 "learn I am prepared for their reception - It rests
 "with you to regulate their departure I am ready
 "to fulfill that part of the Definitive
 "Treaty

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Fort St George April 21

28 Treaty which regards us -

at the Translation -

Signed / J. Chase

French Translation -

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The following Letter was this day received
by the Secretary from the Paymaster at Vellore -

To John Huddleston Esq.

Secretary to the Military Department

Sir,

From the Paymaster
at Vellore acknowledging
the receipt of 4000 Payas
of which he had sent
2000 Payas to Mr Welch
in pursuance of the orders of
Government respecting
the Hospital which
he had spent in
the best manner he
was able

I was favoured with yours without date
yesterday accompanying 10000 Payas for the
use of the Prisoners which came most seasonably
to give every Officer in want of little the sufficient
to carry them to Madras and at Mr Dallas's
request by direction of the Commander in Chief
I this morning sent to Mr Welch at Arcot
500 Payas to supply those who had been left out
here and to assist in carrying the detachment to
Madras as Mr Dallas might direct -

I sent a supply of Amack and Rice with the
Detachment sufficient for two days when they
would meet a supply from the Agent and I
sent of slaughtered Cattle sufficient for 10 days
from

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from their leaving Vellore, which was yesterday night.

It is unnecessary to write to Lord Saib respecting the Conduct of the Kildar of Sant Chur as he delivered the Box of Stationary to Mr. Dallas upon his coming there.

I request to be favoured with the orders of the Right Honorable the Committee respecting a hundred sick men left in the Hospital here both Kings and Companies including Lamen a particular return I suppose will be sent by Captain Cuppage - I have been obliged to furnish them with rice and Mutton daily the Surgeons not having it in their power to procure either for these two years past. I have also advanced them half a Pagoda each man which has satisfied them till I get the orders of Government.

I have the honor to be Sir

Yours Thomas C. Ogilvie Esq.

Despatched the following Letter to the

Chief of Council at Masulipatam -

To James Daniel Esq.

Chief of Council at Masulipatam

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter and

Vellore
25 April 1784.

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Fort St George April 1784.

To Mr. Macartney
 and of opinion that
 Captain Armstrong's
 Province as Paymaster
 does not extend to the
 payment of the surgeons
 accounts - since they
 will accommodate
 matters, & keep up a
 good understanding
 with the King's Troops.

Enclosures of the 14th Instant.

It will be proper that you should
 inform Captain Armstrong that his province as
 Paymaster of the 10th Regiment does not extend to
 the discharging the surgeons accounts of disbursements
 for the sick but merely to the pay or subsistence of
 the Regiment but we earnestly recommend that you
 endeavor to accommodate such matters in an
 equitable manner without the necessity of a reference
 to us or entering into disagreements with His Majesty's
 officers which must tend to injure and impede the
 public service.

Ensign Hamilton has our permission to proceed
 to the Presidency.

We are &c &c

Signed Macartney &c
 Select Committee.

Friday 30
 April 1784.

At a Select Committee present
 The Right Honble Lord Macartney
 His President
 Anthony Ladler Esq. & Alex. Davidson Esq.
 Robert Haunsell Esq.

Lieutenant General Lang absent upon business

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Fort St George 30th April 1784.

The Minutes of the last Committee read
and Approved.

Read the following Letter from Col:
Knox with enclosures lodged in the Office.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney R.S.

From Colonel

Knox regarding

the Pay and

allowance to the

men of 36th Regt

returned from

Bombay.

President and Governor &c. Club Committee

Fort St George.

My Lord & Sirs

I had the honor to receive your letter
informing me of the Resolution you have come to
respecting the pay and allowances due to that
part of the 36th Regiment lately returned from the
Malabar Coast.

You have been pleased to say that
the Subsistence has already been issued to his
Majesty's 36th Regiment and that orders have been
given for discharging the Gratuity; you have also
been pleased to say that when the Batta shall
have been ascertained you will use your endeavours
to discharge it here but that the Fort Money and
Staff Allowances can only be paid by an order
from the

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authenticated account and Draft from the
Bombay Government

In respect to the Subsistence and
Gratuity there can be no difficulty and I have
accordingly directed that the proper Chits shall
be given in, so far as the remainder of the Regiment
has been paid -

To ascertain the Batta does not seem
to me difficult. - that allowance being indisputably
due from the day on which we landed at Tellicherry
the 20 October 1839 and from that period I trust
your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Select
Committee will give orders for Batta being issued
to the Detachment of the 36 Regiment for the
the expression you are pleased to make use of
on that subject admits of a Latitude in Estimate
- I can not suppose that it will be so
construed as to increase our Difficulties who have
already sufficiently suffered of an almost
total want of money for seven months can come
under that description

Your Resolution respecting the

Fort Money and Staff allowances bears hard
upon

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Fort St George 30th April 1844.

upon the Officers, but to that we must submit it certain however that when an answer returns from Bombay to the demands, we are now obliged to make, they will be fully discharged.

I do myself the honor to enclose Copies of a Letter from General Macleod to the Field Officers of the Troops ordered for embarkation and their answer

you will there see the distressing situation into which General Macleod was thrown and the impossibility of better security being offered to the Troops.

Your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee have stated very fully the objections to which the Bills drawn by General Macleod are liable.

The Field Officers were well aware of the irregularity of them: the objections which could be raised against them were evident: but anxious to prevent the ill consequences which might have ensued, had we shown distrust we were instrumental in deceiving the Army into an opinion that the Bills they had received were sufficient

and

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and that no difficulty would be found in obtaining payment.

I understand that no Account properly official has come to this Presidency of what money has been issued to the Troops on Account of Subistances Gratuity and Batta: as no respect has been paid to what General Macleod has certified I can not sup-

pose that any Certificate of mine will avail much;

As Commanding Officer of the 36th Regiment I think

it however necessary to declare that no Substances or Gratuity or Batta has been issued to that part of the Regiment under my immediate command during

our service on the Malabar Coast and that the

Scanty Supply which was dealt out to us and which was drawn on Account at large was by

my directions placed to the particular Account

of Tent Money; and I do further declare that

the sum so drawn does not amount to one

third of what the Bombay Presidency allows

under that head

As my reason for desiring the

money issued to the Detachment to be placed

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to the Account of Tent Allowance. I beg leave to inform your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee, that the whole of the Tent allowance ought to have been paid on our arrival at Tellicherry; and that the Bombay Troops who were sent from the Presidency to the Southward were accounted with in that particular before they embarked.

I beg your Lordship and the Gentlemen of the Select Committee to consider that the Detachment Command expects every hour to be ordered to proceed on its march from the Mount to Arnot and that the Officers will be able to provide themselves with the necessary articles for a march until you are pleased to give orders for the Payment of the Gratuity and Batta.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Knox

Major 36th Regiment

(Lieutenant Col. in India)

Resolved that the men of the 36th and 52nd Regiments who came round from the Malabar Coast under the Command of Colonel Knox be paid their Gratuity of the Months of Nov^r Decem^r & Janu^y.

Gratuity

Madras

April

29th 1784.

Minute Union

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Gratuity to the Officers for November and Battalion from
the 20th October to the 31st December - Colonel Know to be
desired to cause the necessary Abstracts of the Strength
of his Regiment and of the Battalion and Gratuity due
to be prepared and sent to the Military paymaster
General

Read the following Letter from the paymaster
of mellers

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney K.B.

President & Governor &c. Members of the Select
Committee

of Fort St George.

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have had the honor to receive your
Several Letters under date of the 5th 18th and 22nd Instant.

In obedience to your Commands I

applied to the Writer to receive back the Rice and
other articles in store at Calcutta and Endeavour on
the conditions proposed by your Lordship &c. and

I gave him to understand that you expected he
would not hesitate moment or make any difficulty
in doing it. He accordingly sent for the Boultbee People
from whom he had purchased them and if he may
be credited left no means untried to induce them to a
compliance

From Mellers regarding
the paddy at Calcutta
& Endeavour requesting
orders respecting Captain
Ricketts's Corps &
Mr Buehner's

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compliance, but he was unable in the course of three days
Conversation to prevail on them to take them on any
the most favorable terms. They observed that the
different Articles had been taken from them by force
and at a time when they could have been sold to much
greater Advantage than what has paid by him
and that they never would consent to repay the
money they had received - They further observed
that if he compelled them to return the purchase
money, most of them would be nearly ruined, not
having any prospect of retaking the Articles at
Calicut for more than half of their original Cost
and that the Value of them at Mellore would
not defray the expense of carriage - The Gentles
having also refused to receive them in consequence
directed the Amocoblies to dispose of them to the
best advantage since when I have been informed
that they have not sold to the Value of one Pyoda
they offered to sell any part of them to the Inhabitants
at one Months Credit, but to no purpose. If the Carriage
Bullocks remain under my Charge some time longer
I shall employ them in bringing away the Bull
from Shou Blau Gondewar being only 20 Miles
from Ramabatom.

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Sufficiency of Paddy, to be beaten into Rice for Colonel
Pearse Detachment and proposed as soon as the
Bullocks that were sent to Aramapettah returned
here to have sent them on that Service but in consequence
of some disturbances occasioned by the In-
cursions of a Party of Meer Kummer and deers Cows
Horse into the Districts of Canagery, the Inhabi-
tants deserted the Fort and rendered the execution
of my measures abortive - I am sorry that they
happened so unseasonably as such another favo-
rable opportunity of Disposing of the Rice will
not again occur - Very few of the Inhabitants of
Condecory of the adjacent Villages eat Rice: They
prefer a Small sort of Grain called Vatchery -
Should your Lordship's Y^{rs} deprive me of the
means of bringing it away, either by directing me
to deliver over the carriage Bullocks to Colonel
Pearse or ordering them Speedily to Madras I
must again repeat my apprehensions that the
agreatest part of the Paddy / some of it two years
old / will soon become unsalable The quantity sold
in this Month does not amount to $\frac{3}{8}$ of a Gane
and he was obliged to give the Purchasers 2 day's Credit

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The cattle returned from Annamapattin
on the 24th in the evening and they were this day
despatched with a like quantity to Ramiahattam
I expect they will have returned hither before the
Bengal Detachment arrives. The Renter's People
are not over expeditious in providing a stock of
Firewood.

I have particularly attended to your
Lordship's Commands relative to the discontinu-
-ance of the Charges of Patta and every other extra-
-allowance to the Troops in Yellow.

I must beg your immediate Instruc-
-tions regarding Lieutenant Brackmays & Col.
-letons Cooks. Since they returned from Angole
they have not been considered as under the orders of
the Commandant of Yellow although they have
been paid by me. Since that time Captain Brindell
previous to his resigning the Command issued an
order rendering them Independent of his authority
his motive I suppose was to prevent Lieutenant &
Brackmays the most senior officer upon the spot
from succeeding to the command. They are
enrolled

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encamped near to this Place and of course will
conceive themselves intitled to full Ration while
they remain there: if they are not put upon the
same footing as the Troops in this Garrison I
apprehend the latter will remonstrate against
what they may deem an act of partiality, in
favor of a Set of Men who do no kind of Duty,
The Sepoys at Rampoor and Calcutta having
expressed a wish to provide their own Rice I
have complied herewith consequently there will
be no necessity to delay upon stocks of Rice for
nine months Consumption in those Garrisons -
I am uninformed whether Captain Campbell ever
represented to your Lordship the extreme
unhealthfulness of those Places but lest he should
have omitted so essential a part of his Duty
(which I can scarcely suppose) and among
mentioning it may be the means of saving the
Lives of some brave men I shall not stand
upon punctilios on this occasion by confining
myself to what the Military may be pleased

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to learn the Line of my Duty. The Leprosy doing
Duty at Calcutta are subject to a disease peculiar
to that Spot. Their Bellies are swollen to a great size
and their Legs waste away in such a manner as to be in-
capable of supporting their Frames. They are relieved
from that Command once in three months generally,
one half of them return in the Situation I have
Described Forty out of 100 were lately unfit for
Duty. Belous Malignant Fever prevail at
Rampore I take the liberty to mention that
the Dismission of the Pambaddys Cattle would
be a considerable saving to the Company.

I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Humble servant.

J. P. P. P.

Agreed that the former part of the above

Letter be referred to the Committee of Assigned

Revenue. The Grain should have been disposed

Nellor.

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of as it grew old and replaced with new - it must now be sold for whatever price it will fetch.

Captain Donald Campbell who is appointed to the Command of mellores will receive Instructions relative to the Forts of Rampour and Alway & Captain Bruckmire's Corps the latter to proceed to the Presidency and be disbanded the Garrison of Alway to be recalled and Captain Campbell to make enquiry whether the Garrison of Rampour can be withdrawn without prejudice to the service.

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant

Lundt.

My Lord & Gentlemen,

From Lieutenant Lundt enclosing List of Stores found in Chendurpur & explaining the manner in which they have been disposed of regarding the Grain found there.

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit as return of the stores and Grain found in the Garrison in which I have been delayed thus long owing to the large heap of rubbish with which they were intermixed. A large quantity of the grain has been destroyed by the last monsoon and the granary, will require some repairs to prevent the whole from being lost in the next.

The Right Honorable Board will doubtless wish to know how the large quantity of valuable stores formerly contained in this Garrison has been disposed of.

Independent of what has been carried off by the enemy, the late Rajah has taken away one half

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Malabar 18 ft. Two English 3 ft. one of brass the other of iron
 40 Gungall pieces 30 Bullets lead of Ammunition with a large
 quantity of intricating tools and other small stores. In short
 he has left hardly any thing that was worth taking away. It is
 best known at the Presidency whether he was authorised in this
 procedure. I only consider it my Duty to mention the circumstance
 and I should imagine it was a duty equally incumbent on
 Krishna Rao, but I fear the Rajah and this man understand
 each other too well: he was well informed that the Honorable
 Company paid for the Services of 500 men and the testimony of
 the most respectable inhabitants authorises me to affirm that
 there were seldom more and often less than half that number.
 Indeed I fear it will not be found expedient to retain these
 people in the Honble Company's Service for any length of time.
 They are so totally void of every Idea of order or obedience that
 it is impossible to place the smallest dependence on them for
 the performance of any Duty, in short, were any actual
 Service to be executed I should gladly exchange the 400 for
 one complete company of Sepoys, my force would then be
 certainly very inadequate to the duty of the works on the hill,
 but might effectually defend the upper fort if reduced in extent.
 which I imagine might be done at an inconsiderable expense
 without impairing its strength.

I have the honor to be.

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient
 humble servant.

Isaac. Smith Comd.

Return

Chanderragur.

April 24 1784.

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Return of Stores Grain &c found in the
Garrison of Chandernagerry April 10 1784

Guns.

12 lb	6 lb	4 lb	18 lb	3 lb	1 lb	2 lb	15 lb	9 lb
2	1	1	1	3	1	1	15	9
12 lb	6 lb	4 lb	18 lb	3 lb	1 lb	2 lb	15 lb	9 lb

Remarks

want more Carriages
burst at the muzzle
may be used in case of necessity
want a Carriage
Matalabar -
large Matalabar
Matalabar unfired

Total 2. 7 - 1 15 11 9

Grain

Spot	Remarks	Company's	Remarks
11 lb	11 lb	1264	5 Grog
2 lb 14	2 lb 14	965	3 Grog
12 lb 83	12 lb 83	2952	10
1 lb 251	1 lb 251	old Iron	300 lb
1 lb 40	1 lb 40	Lamp Oil	6 lbs
1 lb 40	1 lb 40	Iron	1 lb
1 lb 40	1 lb 40	Hammonds	3 large baskets Damaged
1 lb 40	1 lb 40	Butter	1 small Jar
1 lb 40	1 lb 40	Chiles	2 small Jars Damaged
1 lb 40	1 lb 40	Salt	11 small Jars bad
1 lb 40	1 lb 40	minerals	6

Boxes of Bones - 2 Damaged
Pera port 1 lb
Boxes of Blue light 2 lb
Primestone 150 lb
Salt Petre 60 lb
white salt 1 large basket
quantity of black salt in
bills Damaged

J. J. Sundt
Commanding

agreed

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Agreed that Lieutenant Smith be directed to take care of the Horses till further orders and send in a return of the horses of the Garrison the oldest to be served out to the Garrison and the rest to be kept for the present.

Read Letter from Lieutenant Griffin presented in Miscellaneous Books no 1 representing that he brought out despatches from the Board of Directors in the year 1778 that it being customary prior and subsequent to the present occasion to confer a certain Gratuity for persons conveying despatches to India, that as he has never either here or at Bombay received a Shilling either of Gratuity or reimbursement, he hopes his present appeal will not be too late for a compensation for the trouble and time taken in his Service, that he has for many months deprived of his allowance of Battah by his involuntary separation from his Corps by Sickness, representing also a deduction made of his additional pay, as an Officer of Cavalry and stating some circumstances relative to his removal from the Cavalry to vince the Claim. to the pay of a Cavalry Officer.

It does not appear from the records to have been customary as Mr Griffin mentions

Griffin's Honor
Thomas Smith Griffin
representing that
he brought out
Despatches & hopes for
compensation for his
trouble representing
his situation with
regard to his rank
in the Cavalry.

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to confer Gratitudes on persons charged with packets
from England and if there were such a custom the
Committee must still decline taking cognizance
of Mr Griffin's Claims after so many years have
elapsed since the Transaction on which it is
founded - that part of Mr Griffin's Letter can
only be referred to the honorable Court of Directors
as to his other claims it has not been customary
for Officers in such Quarters to draw Pay
nor does it appear from the Circumstances stated
by Mr Griffin that he is entitled to the pay of
a Cavalry Officer -

Read the following Letters -

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

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I have the honor to transmit
you a Copy of a Letter from Vincent Row sent
of letters to Mr Francis Lord Paymaster of
this

From letters giving
an account of a party
of Horse having plundered
some villages in the
Northward

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This Garrison and I should wish to have your
Orders how to act on this occasion.

I have the honor to be

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

Lionel D. Miller

A Copy of a Letter from Vincent Van Antwerp
written to Mr Francis Lord Pymester

Mr Just now received a Letter from the
Council of Pondicherry informing me that about
100 Horses belonging to Tippoo Sultan came to
the Northward of the Narasingole District,
belonging to Pondicherry, plundered about 20
Villages and Drove away the cattle, and
halted in a Village called Parandary, wherefore

I do hereby inform you whether you must send
this news to Madras or what must be done.

Saturday Even

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney
H. B. Governor President of the Select Committee
My Lord & Gentlemen Fort St George

I did myself the honor to be

From Anglo-Indians representing
the ill treatment of the
People belonging to
the Government and
the Crown.

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former letter to inform you with Mr Ammer
Deer Cains conduct towards the Vincatagarry &
Calastay, Koyahs. His people still continue their
depredations in a most shameful manner and
have been guilty of such acts of cruelty that the
inhabitants of some parts of this are so much
alarmed as to leave their villages and every
assurance of mine is insuff^{ce} to prevail on them
to return - I have the honor to be with great respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble servant

Edward Edmonds

Capt. & commanding

Angole
24th April 1784.

Minute thereon

Letters have already been written both
to Mr Moyun and Mr Fawn and Tappo
Luttan on the subject of the disturbances
committed to the northward by Mr Fawner
and deer fawn, and it is hoped the matter in
dispute with the Vincatagarry will soon be
settled - agreed that Lieutenant Miller
be directed to endeavour to keep his neg blackhead
quiet

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quiet and discourage the poligars from taking
up Arms, as they are apt to do on slight pretences
and often for the sake of plunder or private revenge;
also to be careful always to ascertain, as nearly as
possible, the exact truth of the reports that may be
made to him / Lieutenant Miller / by the writers
of the ravages committed in the Country, which they
are some times apt to exaggerate in order to obtain
abatement in their Fists - Orders that Letters to
the above purport be written to Lieutenant Miller
and Captain Edmonds -

Trust the following Letter from
Richard Johnson

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

K B president & Members of the
Select Committee
at
Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

I understand from the Secretary to
the Governor General & Council in their Secret
Department that my appointment to proceed

From Mr Richard
Johnson arrived
at Bangalore in his
way to Hyderabad
wishes to have the
Treaties of 1764 &
1768 with the
Nizam sent him
in Person with
understand with
the Government.

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to the Court of the nabob Nazam had been communicated to your Honorable Board. — It is now incumbent upon me to inform your Lordships & that I am thus far on my way, which I am prosecuting with every convenient dispatch I have this day received from Calcutta authentic copies of your last Statements of the Accounts with His Highness the Subahdar and his late Brother the Nabob Bysalut Jung — I shall esteem myself much honored by any direct communications from your Honorable Board upon such points as you may deem connected with the duties of my Appointment. In particular my business would be much facilitated by a Copy of the original Treaties with the Nabob Nazam ali Khan of 1766 & 1768 in Persian & the English Translations with which I have been furnished do not supply me with the precise terms to be used in speaking to his Highness upon them, I therefore take the liberty to request you will order the two above mentioned Copies to be transmitted to me upon arrival here I heartily thank the conclusion of peace with the Nabob Tippoo Sultan, I beg leave to offer my congratulations upon the Success of that Negotiation I am

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I am instructed to correspond with your
Honorable Board, an injunction which I shall
most cheerfully and punctually obey, as often
as the objects of my Commission may afford me
a plea for such intrusion, involving as it does, not
only a duty, but an Honor & Satisfaction to
myself, and I beg leave here to add that I
shall receive your commands with all the
respect that is due to them, Influenced as
they cannot fail to be by the same general
interests they must thence equally weigh with
those of my more immediate Superiors

I have the honor to be with
great Respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most Obedient &

humble Servant

John R. Johnson

Resident at Hyderabad

Resolved that Copies in possession
of the original Treaties with the rajah of
1766 and 1768 together with a copy of
the Treaty lately concluded with Tippoo
Sultann

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Letter to Mr Johnson with the following
Answer to his Letter.

To Richard Johnson Esq.

Resident at
Hydrabad.

To Mr Johnson
with the papers he
required with com-
municate to him
every necessary information
& will be glad to receive
accounts from him.

Sir
We have had the honor to receive your
Letter of the 10th Instant from Pungam -
on your Mission being announced
to us from Bengal we wrote to you and enclosed
Statements of the Company's accounts with the
Nizam and Basat Jung, comprising the Pindar
dues for the Northern Circars till the 1st March 184.
and the Rent of the Pindar Circar from the Death
of Basat Jung to the 25th March 184 with an
Account of the charges incurred by the Company
in disbursements for the detachment sent into that
Circar for his protection. These papers were sent
under cover to Mr Grant who, on leaving Rajah-
mundry, delivered them for you to Mr Daniel
the Chief of Manipatam.

We now agreeably to your request
enclose

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enclose you Copies in Persian of the original
Treaties with the Nizam of 1766 & 1768 to
which we have added a Copy of the Treaty
lately concluded with Tippoo Sultan.

We receive with great Satisfaction
your Assurance of a punctual Correspondence
with this Government, you may rely on the
same punctuality on our part, and that we
shall most readily furnish you from time
to time with every Information that can tend
to assist your endeavours in the execution of
the important trust with which you are
charged, your Appointment, and the
permission you have received to communicate
with us, are extremely satisfactory to us, as we
shall thereby obtain that Knowledge of the
views and conduct of the Subah, which it is essential
that we should possess, but from which this
Gentlemen at Bengal have long thought
proper to preclude us.

We have the pleasure to inform
you that of our Prisoners who were with
Tippoo Sultan, the number of nearly 1200
Europeans

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Europeans including about 200 Officers and
3000 Sepoys, are Arrived in the Carnatic, and
his Troops have passed the Ghauts.

O We have the honor to be

Fort St George
May 1 1784.

Yours most Obedient
& most Humble Servants

Signed J Macartney &
Lieut Commelle

Read the following Letter from Chief
and Council of Masulipatam.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

H. B. President and Governor & Lieut Commelle

Fort St George

From Masulipatam
with information of
preparations being made
in the Quarter Circle for
troops supposed to be
in consequence of the
approach of the Bengal
Detachment

My Lord & Gentlemen

O We received a letter some days

ago from Captain Montgomery Commanding
at Hooged, informing us that a Khasnah had
arrived from Ganjam with Intelligence that the
Head men of each Village in that Circle, had
received orders to keep a Quantity of Grain by
them which they are on no account to dispose of

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dispose of, but to lodge it in places of security;
That a Body of Horse were on their march
thither from the Commanet River, and from
the Preparations which were making, it was
generally believed that a large body of horse
was to be assembled there.

On the receipt of Captain Montgomery's
letter, a Copy of it was transmitted to Mr Danell
who was just informed us in reply of his having
received Intelligence from Puntoor & Warrahpetta
which differs in some respects from that sent us
by Captain Montgomery, That he believes the
orders to the Head men of the different Villages
for securing the Grain to be nothing more
than an Annual licence given them after the
Settlement of their Sumnabundy, and his
[Mr Danell's] Followers have not reported it
That he has about 5000 Cavalry, and Infantry,
are in Puntoor and about 7000 at Warrahpetta
which is 36 Cos to the south of Commanet
on the other Side of the River — Mr Danell
has no doubt that the Nizam's apprehensions
at

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at the Expected approach of the Bengall Detachments had occasioned the assembling of those at Warrahpelle but that, without the number mentioned to be with Syfa. Jang, he would not venture among the Zamindars of that District, some of whom are Powerfull in their way, and their Troops little Inferior to those of the Foulat.

We have to inform your Lordship &c in Confirmation of what is abovesmentioned that Mr Hodges has also received Intelligence from the Juntoo Area which agrees with what Mr Daniell and Captain Montgomery have informed us, and altho we cannot suppose that the Nizam can have the Smallest intentions against the Company's Possession at this time yet we thought it expedient to give your Lordship &c this Information more especially as it was Mr Daniell's particular request that we should.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed)

James Hodges

John Peter Boileau

Thos. Barnard

Sam. Gatham

Maulepatam

23 April 184.

accounts

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Accounts similar to those contained.

in the above Letter have been received from

Several Quarters but the Letters from Bengal.

and the Commission of Mr Johnson to Mysore

had leave no reason to apprehend that the
Soubah intends any thing hostile to the Company.

The Committee approve of the Gentlemen at

Masulipatam sending every Information that

they Judge material, and it is agreed that

they be desired to communicate every thing

they can depend on to the Resident at Hyderabad.

Read the following Letter from the Governor

General of Batavia

Translation from the Dutch.

To His Excellency Mr Lord Macartney

From the Governor of
Batavia with

congratulations on
the Union of arms;

the True Princes
allowed to repair

where

Right Honorable Sir

Having read with the utmost satis-
faction the letter dated 23 July 1783 with

which your Excellency has been pleased to

honor me to communicate to me the Union

of arms agreed upon between the Crown of

great Britain and the States of the Netherlands

and

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and to convey the declaration thereof, I do so with
my most sincere acknowledgements of gratitude
for that favor. May I presume wish you with me
of your Excellency that these may speedily
followed by an equitable and durable definitive
Treaty of peace. Assuring your Excellency that
the most agreeable tidings for me to hear shall be
the restoration of the former amity between the
English and Dutch and its Confirmation by
real proof of Trust good Disposition and
Inclination toward one another and to be able to
contribute to it on my Side by all means in
my power.

I am particularly obliged to your
Excellency and bound to acknowledge it for the
Effects of these friendly dispositions, by granting
and entire liberty to the Dutch Prisoners of
War, of which some by their arrival here have
felt the happy Effects. I have likewise the
Satisfaction to acquaint your Excellency that
I seized with eagerness the first opportunity to
give proofs of my good dispositions in the
Speedy dispatch good treatment and aid
given to the Honorable the English
Companys

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Companys Ships The Ranger, the London, the
Haw Britton, the Sandwich, and the Hunt;
who touched in their voyage to China at the
port of Batavia, and my Granting them all
the favours, assistance, and Demands which
the Captains have asked for and required. &
So that the commanders sailed from hence
fully contented, the Council has likewise willingly
consented in the staying here of the ship Haw
Britton with his whole crew on account of its
being very leaky, to have her tarred and
repaired, and although it gives me pain
that it cannot be executed with the speed
I desire, for reason of several hinderances. It
pleases your Excellency, to remain persuaded
that I shall do my utmost endeavours, there
to, and to oblige those who command her.

I have the honor to be with great
consideration

Batavia the
10th Decr 1789.

Right Honble Sir,
your Excellency's

Most Obedient Servant.

J. M. A. Atting
J. M. A. Atting

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Minute then.

agreed that a Letter be written to Mr. Atting by the first opportunity, that offers in answer to the foregoing expressing our sense of his attention to our Affairs and our Satisfaction at the reconciliation and renewal of Friendship which have taken place between our respective Nations and our desire to cultivate and promote a good understanding and friendly Intercourse with the Dutch Governments in India -

Read the following Letter from the Surgeon General.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

From the Surgeon General recommends Mr Trotter to be sent to Pomeroon of Mr Laird & Mr White to Langore.

H. B. President & Governor & Select Committee -

Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen

agreeable to your Orders I have acquainted Mr Laird of your appointment and directed him to proceed to Pomeroon till further orders, as Mr Trotter who, during the War has been with

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with the Army, and is fitter for a Separate
charge. Recommend him to have your ap-
pointment to that Garrison: that he said
may be able to come here to the Presidency and
attend to the practice of the Senior Surgeons in
this Hospital, as a useful introduction to the service.
And while being at Vellore with the
other Prisoners recommend his being restored
to his former Station, not only as Mr Rolles
health obliges him to be here and leave the
Garrison of Tanjore with only one Surgeon but
likewise as an immediate provision for Mr White.

I have the honor to be with all
due respect

My Lord & Gentlemen
your most obedient servant.

J. A. Anderson
Surgeon General

ordered to lie on the Table

Fort St George

April 29th 1844

Mr Rudinow
admitted into the
Service as youngest
Surgeon.

Agreed that Mr Rudinow, who has for
many years acted as Surgeon with the natives &
Cavalry, be admitted as youngest Surgeon in the
Service.

The appointments of the Europeans to
the different Stations deferred till the Army
arrives.

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Arrangements take place

Read the following letter from Captain

murhead

To the Right Honorable Lord Macartney

Rt Hon President of Secret Committee

My Lord & Gentlemen

As the 20 Battalion is now so much

Dispersed that I apprehend I cannot be of
material service with any particular part of it

may I request you will permit me to provide to

the Command to which you did give the Honor of

appointing me and that the 20 Battalion may

be ordered there under the Senior officer whom you

think proper it should be selected and ordered

for that purpose.

I have the honor to be with respect

My Lord & Gentlemen

Your most obedient

humble servant

L murhead.

Agree that Captain
murhead

Madras

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Respectfully

has been permitted to proceed to his station at Madras agreeably to his request and that the Secretary communicate to him our approbation of his conduct in the service lately entrusted to him.

Read the following Letter from the officers of the native cavalry who were lately admitted into the Honorable Company's Service.

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

From the Officers of the native Cavalry respecting the rank intended to be given them in the Company's Service.

With the utmost deference to your decision respecting our rank, and the firmest reliance that decision will be guided by non-partisanship. We take the liberty of representing a few circumstances that the Board of Officers may be unacquainted with & which we hope will entitle us to some indulgence from your honorable Committee.

We are confident that the arrangement recommended by the Board of Officers that the Native Officers should be

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Should be admitted into the Company's Service as youngest of their respective Ranks. has been dictated by an equitable desire of doing Justice to both Services and as it has been the made & observed on the admission of King's Officers we are sensible of the impropriety of introducing a Precedent that might in future be attended with disagreeable Consequences. We cannot however help observing that we conceive our Situation to be very different from any Officers of His Majesty that have hitherto been admitted into the Company's Service and we might presume to hope that a Body of Troops received upon the Strength of any Establishment ought not to be subject to the same inconveniences that Individuals voluntarily submit to. His Majesty's officers have also an option of Service. But in the present Situation of the Nabob's Affairs what alternative is left for us? We humbly conceive that these Arguments will serve to point out the unhappy Situation in which we are placed and will we hope recommend us to your generous attention as the resolution of the Board of Officers seems to be the plan adopted for our

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our gaining admittance into the Company.

Sir, We place our greatest Reliance on the Candor
& Justice of your Lordship &c: and presume that
They will be excited in alleviating the hardships
which this mode Subjects us. The General's
Order of the 25th Inst. leads us to dread the most
humiliating Circumstances from such a Plan
being adopted. & which must ever affect
the feelings of an Officer in the most tender point,
that of being superseded by those Officers of the
Company, who have been acting with the Cavalry,
& who have always been considered as under
our Command - The Commissions by which they
acted in the Cavalry, were granted them by
the Nabob & we humbly conceive that if they are
now admitted upon the strength of the Cavalry establish-
ment, they ought to be included as Nabob's Officers.
This is with respect to the Lieutenants now returned
upon the Nabob's Cavalry List. The Cornets will
suffer still greater hardships by the adoption of the
present mode, & after having served all this tedious
& fatiguing War & some of them for five years,
they will be admitted as the youngest Officers
in the Army.

It is with the greatest deference that
we have offered our sentiments on this subject to

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to your honorable Committee I request that
you will honor them with your consideration.
Our hopes and future Prospects in Life depend on
your decision. - I've humbly rely on your granting
us admittance into the service upon such terms as
will allow us to serve without injuring our feelings

We have the honor to be

Signed Robert Downey, Lieut

W. St. J. Frimley, Lt.
Baronet

Wm. Sherill, Lieut

En. Haile, Lieut

Edw. Wilson, Lieut

A. Rollerton, Lieut

C. Dighton, Cornet

J. Berens

Cornet

Genl. Deluente, Cornet

The Committee find nothing in the
above Letter to make it necessary or proper to alter
the Arrangement for the adorning of the Officers of the
native Cavalry into the Company's Service adopted at the
recommendation of a Board of Officers appointed to consider
the Subject & report their opinion thereon

The Right Honble the President
lays before the Committee for their Consideration
the following draft of an Establishment for the
Army upon this Coast with the reductions that
may be made of the additional Corps
raised for the service of the late War -
Proposed

Minute Wilson

President's proposed
Establishment of
troops on the Coast

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Proposed Establishment of Troops for the Coast
of Choromandel.N^o. Men. Native. Estimated Monthly Charge.

Cavalry	One Troop of Europeans to stand as at present without any augmentation of men or horses, and to act as the Commander in Chief's Body Guard.	58	64	343/8
	Four Regiments of natives of 500 each including Officers. The Artillery & Light Infantry at present attached to the Cavalry to be taken from them and incorporated with the Native Artillery and Sepoy Battalions.	2000	2044	23032
Artillery	One Regiment of European Artillery	630	—	2464
	One Battalion of Native Artillery	800	—	2000
	One Battalion of Artillery Europeans	433	—	866
European Infantry	Two Regiments of two Battalions each	2288	—	7855
	Native Battalions to be called Coast Sepoys without any distinction of Caste and to be ranked agreeably to seniority and discipline accordingly.	23760	—	52680
Sepoys	NB. The remaining 6 Battalions including Routinable Whalers Corps of Light Infantry to be reduced as also all the Independent Companies and irregular Corps whatever.			
	The Men to be drafted into the other Sepoy Battalions and the Black Officers to be put on half Pay till otherwise provided for.			
Pioneers	One Corps upon the Plan it is established at present.	220	—	500
Sibboudies	Four Battalions of Tanyon Sibboudies upon the Pay and allowances first established for these Corps each to consist of 450 Men with 2 Officers 1 Lieutenant and 1 Ensign. The Ensigns to be the Adjutants.	1800	—	2000
	4 Corps.			
Engineers Corps	One Troop of Cavalry & Corps of Light Infantry	180	70	1300
Governors				
Body Guard	NB. The European Officers are not included in the above Statement except those with the 12 Regiments of Cavalry.			
Artificers	Tent Carriers			
	Doolies			
	Bullocks			
	Oreas Sibboudies & Hengst			
	Topography Battalion			

Signed

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Minute thereon.

agreed that the consideration and determination upon the Subject be ~~referred~~ till the return of the Commander in Chief to the Presidency and in the mean while that the paper be sent to the Military paymaster General with directions to ascertain and state the exact pay of the several corps therein proposed.

Committee of
Officers appointed to
examine and Report
the State of the Forts
in the Province.

Resolved that a Committee of Officers be appointed to proceed to the different Forts in the Carnatic on this side the Coleroon to examine their Situation and strength and report to the Government their opinions which are proper and useful to be kept and repaired and which may be destroyed without disadvantage to the defence of the Country or giving an Enemy advantage in invading it. Resolved that the said Committee be composed of the following Officers Brigadier General Horne, Lieutenant Colonel Ross and Captain Pringle, that they be directed to proceed on the service as soon as convenient and that the Commander in Chief be informed of their appointment and desired to order a proper Guard to attend them.

The President lays before the
following letter from General Lang

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and as I have received from the Accountant upon
its being referred to him.

The Right Honble Lord Macartney K B

Y^r Y^r Y^r

Fort St George

My Lord.

Upon applying to the Accountant
for Bills for the Gratuity, ordered to be discharged
I find that he has calculated my, Share therein
for the rank of Colonel for the whole year
which he acquaints me cannot be attended to
without an Order from the Select Committee as
it has ever been customary to allow the Commander
in Chief Officers share. I request that your
Lordship will give directions that my proportion
may be made out agreeably, thence from the
day I was appointed in order to take the
Chief Command

There appears to me to be a great
inconsistency in the present distribution of
Gratuity to the Field Officers in which the
Lieutenant Colonel's shares are considerably
more than the Colonel's when the order for the
distribution was originally given Eight shares
were

From General Lang
respecting the distribution
of Gratuity to Field
Officers -

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were allotted to the two Colonels and $12\frac{1}{2}$ Shares
to the Lieutenant Colonels. The number of
Colonels is now doubled without any increase in
the number of Shares assigned them - this is a
matter which should be rectified, and I would
propose to your Lordship that it be done in the
following way: The two youngest Colonels to share
as Lieutenant Colonels - the two youngest Lieut
Colonels as majors, and the two youngest Majors
to be excluded from any Share in the Gratuity
as Field Officers - this mode will reduce the
number of Claimants to the original Establishment
and prevent the inconsistency that I have above
pointed out of the Lieutenant Colonels receiving
a greater proportion than those of higher Rank
nor with the Junior Majors be in a worse state
than they would have been on the former
Establishment, agreeable to which their Promotion
would not as yet have taken place and they
in consequence not entitled to Gratuity

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,
your Lordship's most obedt
humble servant

Lyned Ross Barr

Orders
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To the Right Honble Lord Macartney

From the account of
the allowances to
Commander in
Chief

My Lord

When your Lordship was pleased
to refer to me General Ligonier's Letter to you of
the 18th Instant upon the Subject of the Gratuity of
the Commander in Chief and Field Officers that
I might point out the orders of the Honorable
the Court of Directors by which I had been
regulated in making out the account I
mentioned to your Lordship the Court's orders
of the 23rd March 1770. by which the distribution
of Gratuity to the Civil and military Officers
on this Coast has ever since been regulated
In regard to the 11 Shares allowed to Brigadier
General Smith it is directed that the same
shall not be continued to any person who
may be appointed to Succeed him, without
their express leave. Sir Robert Fletcher obtained
an order from the Court for the same allowance
upon his Succeeding to the Command in Chief
& the like appointments were in same manner
granted to General Stuart.

When I had the honor of stating

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the above to your Lordship. I was ignorant of the orders lately received in a Letter from the Court of Directors under date the 25th Sept. 1783. by which I conceive that Lieutenant General Cary is entitled not only to the same allowances that were enjoyed by General Joseph Smith but also to the Sum of 600 pag.^{rs} of month from the time he was appointed Commander in Chief untill the Army shall be reduced to a Peace establishment.

The following is Copy of the Para.

"In consideration however of the Extraordinary expenses which General Stuart may incur by entertaining at his Table, so great a number of the Kings Officers, we direct that he be paid the Sum of 600 Pag.^{rs} of month to Commence from the 27th September 1783 the day he took the Command of your Forces. in addition to the salary and Emoluments which were allowed to General Joseph Smith so long as war continues on the Coast of Comandet. and untill your Army shall be reduced to a Peace Establishment but when such reduction shall have taken place it is our positive order that General Stuart or such other

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"Officer as may be in the Command of our Army
at your Presidency be paid the same allow-
ances only as were enjoyed by General Joseph
Smith amounting to £3200 p annum and
that you do not exceed that sum on my account
or procure whatsoever."

I have the honor to be

My Lord

your most obedient humble Servant

Lieut Geo. Moubray
accountant

Resolved that Lieutenant General

minutes regarding
the allowances to
the Commander in
Chief

Dary shall receive the same share of the Gratuity
that was enjoyed by General Joseph Smith &
exclusive of 600 Pagodas p month from the date
of his appointment to the Chief Command to the 1st
May 1784 and exclusive of his pay as Colonel of
Infantry)

Read the following Letter from the Gov.
General & Council

The Right Honble George Lord Macartney

President of Council

at Fort St George

My Lord & Gentlemen,

Our accountant General

From Bengal
requiring accounts of
all advances made
to any of the Bengal
Troops on this point.

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having represented to us that in order to give you due Credit for the Sums advanced by you on account of this Government, as well as to enable our Military Paymaster General to settle the accounts of that Part of our Army, which has been on Service under your Presidency, it is necessary, he should be furnished with an account of the Sums advanced from your Treasury, to the Paymasters of the Detachments commanded by Sir Eyre Coote and C. F. Duane Pearce, also of the advances made by the several Chiefs at your Subordinates to Colonel Pearce's Detachment and to Captain Black who commanded the Cavalry. Drafts sent for the purpose of mounting Sir John Burgoyne's Regiments and of any other advances which may have been made to officers of the Bengal Army, since they quitted their Provinces, we have to request you will direct these accounts to be prepared and transmitted to us, with as little delay as possible.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Edward Wheler

John Macpherson

John Hobbs

Agreed that orders be sent to the Army, Paymasters and to the subordinate

Fort William

the 12 March 1784.

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Minute Mission
to sent accordingly

Settlements to the northward to find in used
Statements of the sums advanced by them &
respectively from time to time to the paymaster
or Deputy Paymaster of the Troop from
Bengal during the War or to any other
person or persons for the use of the said Troops

G. H.

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Dallas to march with the remainder of the
Europeans Soldiers and Garrison for the Presidency
tomorrow morning

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I have the honor to be Y^r Obedt^{serv}

Signed / Robt Lang.

To the Right Honble Lord Macartney RLB

From Captain Cuppage
gives a receipt for the
Prisoners to D Dallas.

Y^r Obedt^{serv}

Fort St George

My Lord

I had the honor ^{yesterday} to receive your

Lordships Letter of the 24th Instant and have
given Mr Dallas agreeable to your Lordships
Orders a receipt for the prisoners as certified by him
to me which he sent to Tippoo Sultan's officers
last night as there was none of them came on
this Side of Brimageram

Mr Dallas has left in this Garrison
upwards of 110 fresh Soldiers and Garrison

I beg leave to return your Lordship
my sincere thanks for the honor you have
done me in appointing me to the command of a
Cres Battalion

I have the honor to be Y^r Obedt^{serv}

Signed / John Cuppage

J Villers

27th April 1784